

**Minutes of the meeting of the
Rock County Soil and Water Conservation District
Monday, March 18, 2019**

A meeting of the Rock County Soil and Water District Board was held Monday, March 18, 2019 at 8:00 AM at the Prairie Service Center with the following members present: Roger Hoff, Dave Esselink, Jim Veldkamp, Gene Cragoe, County Commissioner Stan Williamson, LMO Director Eric Hartman, Office Managers Lynette Jauert and Mary Thompson.

Absent: Josh Ossefoort

Chair Hoff called the meeting to order and asked for any additions to the agenda. No additions noted, motion to approve by Cragoe, second by Veldkamp. All ayes, no opposes, motion carried.

NRCS Report

Nothing to report.

SWCD Audit

Final 2017 SWCD Audit was reviewed and approved. Motion to approve by Cragoe, second by Veldkamp. All ayes, no opposes, motion carried.

Conservation Use Acres

Doug Bos presented a Conservation Use Acres proposal as an incentive for producers to plant oats, wheat or any type of cover crop next to the border of conservation projects. The incentive is for \$100 per acre for up to 10 acres. This would allow for summer construction of the conservation practices. Motion to approve by Esselink, second by Veldkamp. All ayes, no opposes, motion carried.

Ag BMP

Thompson presented an overview of activity in the Ag BMP program since January 1 explaining there has been above average activity which is currently taxing our budget. Producers can still apply and get approval for the loans but they need to be aware there may need to be some budget amendments at the state level which may delay funding. Thus far in 2019 we have funded four loans totaling \$172,998 with applications for six more totaling \$672,000.

Bills for Approval:

Thompson presented the following bills for approval. After review motion was made to approve payment of bills by Veldkamp, second by Cragoe. All ayes, no opposes, motion carried.

LUVERNE/CITY OF	\$26.00
MINNESOTA STATE AUDITOR	\$112.00

Review of Financial Report:

Hartman presented the Financial February Financial Report. Motion by Cragoe, second by Esselink. All ayes, no opposes, motion carried.

Minutes:

Motion by Ossefoort, second by Veldkamp to approve February 19, 2019 minutes. All ayes, no opposes, motion carried.

Next meeting will be Monday, April 15, 2019. The board was informed that there will be an EQIP Local Workgroup Meeting at 9:30 following the SWCD board meeting.

Motion to adjourn by Ossefoort, second by Esselink. All ayes, no opposes, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Thompson

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