

**Minutes of the meeting of the
Rock County Soil and Water Conservation District
Monday, September 16, 2019**

A meeting of the Rock County Soil and Water District Board was held Monday, September 16, 2019 at 8:00 a.m., at the Prairie Service Center with the following members present: Gene Cragoe, Roger Hoff, Dave Esselink, Jim Veldkamp, Josh Ossefoort, County Commissioner Stan Williamson, LMO Director Eric Hartman, Office Manager Mary Thompson. Excused absence Office Manager Lynette Jauert.

Chair Hoff called the meeting to order and asked for any additions to the agenda. Motion to approve as proposed by Cragoe, second by Ossefoort. All ayes, no opposes, motion carried.

RIM Alteration Request – City of Luverne

Holly Sammons, Economic Development Director, City of Luverne, presented a RIM alteration request. The City of Luverne is currently undergoing a \$14,281,000 Waste Water Treatment Plant expansion project. In order to provide space for the new facilities and to allow for long-term growth over the next 50 years, an additional 4.318 acres of land is needed for future development. In this same area, the Luverne Loop is a non-motorized trail that encircles the city and provides residents and visitors of all ages with a safe, natural place for healthy recreation and transportation that connects areas of interest in Luverne and Rock County. An additional 0.498 acres of land is needed to complete the final phase of this trail project. The City of Luverne respectfully requests to alter the RIM easement by removing 4.816 total acres out of the RIM easement and agrees to pay \$18,000 per acres plus all other required costs.

The RIM easement, maps of the proposed projects, a soils map and a letter to Alan Lais, Water/Wastewater Supervisor, from TKDA summarizing the projected land use requirements for the facility expansion were also presented and reviewed by the board.

The request will be submitted to the Board of Soil and Water Resources and Department of Natural Resources as well.

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

Grant Agreements

Thompson presented the FY2020/2021 SWCD Programs and Operations Grant Agreement. Motion to approve by Ossefoort, second by Esselink. All ayes, no opposes, motion carried.

Thompson presented the 2020/2021 Natural Resources Block Grant Agreement. Motion to approve by Esselink, second by Veldkamp. All ayes, no opposes, motion carried.

Tree Trailer

Hartman stated there has been a request to rent the tree trailer. He contacted MCIT and was advised by MCIT that the trailer has a single purpose. Renting would require a contract from an attorney to be signed by the SWCD and renter and compensation. Renting poses liability and possible increase in insurance. The trailer is not licensed and DOT inspected. The trailer has a refer system that was no longer functional and now has an electric system to cool for the tree season only. Motion to not provide the trailer for rent by Ossefoort, second by Esselink. All ayes, no opposes, motion carried.

Cost Share

Thompson presented the following contract amendments:

Flood Relief

FY18-FR4-2 for Gary Bush for a grassed waterway in the NW and SE ¼ of Sections 24 and 28. Cost share amount amended from \$43,110.23 to \$65,784.09.

Buffer Cost Share

FY18-BCS-4 for Ron Gath for a waterway in the NE1/4 of Section 7, Springwater Township. Cost share amount amended from \$13,896.00 to \$20,863.04.

Thompson presented the following contracts:

Flood Relief Cost Share

FY17-FR3B-17 for Carol Boelman for a grassed waterway in the NW1/4 of Section 7, Kanaranzi Township. Cost share in the amount of \$7,786.80. Motion to approve by Cragoe, second by Ossefoort. All ayes, no opposes, motion carried.

FY17-FR3B-16 for Carol Boelman for farmable water and sediment control basins in the NW1/4 of Section 7, Kanaranzi Township. Cost share in the amount of \$19,647.69. Motion to approve by Esselink, second by Veldkamp. All ayes, no opposes, motion carried.

FY17-FR3B-18 for Gloria Boelman for a farmable water and sediment control basin in the NW1/4 of Section 7, Kanaranzi Township. Cost share in the amount of \$7,510.97. Motion to approve by Esselink, second by Ossefoort. All ayes, no opposes, motion carried.

FY17-FR3B-19 for Dorothy Klosterbuer for a grassed waterway in the SW1/4 of Section 7, Kanaranzi Township. Cost share in the amount of \$11,463.66. Motion to approve by Veldkamp, second by Ossefoort. All ayes, no opposes, motion carried.

FY17-FR3B-20 for Monte Zwaan for a grassed waterway in the SE1/4 of Section 7, Kanaranzi Township. Cost share in the amount of \$15,891.02. Motion to approve by Ossefoort, second by Esselink. All ayes, no opposes, motion carried.

FY17-FR3B-15 for Ivan Bouw for a water and sediment control basins in the NW1/4 of Section 7, Kanaranzi Township. Cost share in the amount of \$101,998.70. Motion to approve by Esselink, second by Ossefoort. All ayes, no opposes, motion carried.

FY17-FR3B-21 for Morris Fick for a grassed waterway in the NW1/4 of Section 12, Martin Township. Cost share in the amount of \$24,736.38. Motion to approve by Veldkamp, second by Ossefoort. All ayes, no opposes, motion carried.

FY18-FR4-4 for Dave Tilstra for a grassed waterway in the NW1/4 of Section 24, Martin Township. Cost share in the amount of \$11,331.09. Motion to approve by Ossefoort, second by Veldkamp. All ayes, no opposes, motion carried.

State Cost Share

FY19-02 for Doreen Miller for a grassed waterway in the NE1/4 of Section 32, Kanaranzi Township. Cost share in the amount of \$5,397.75. Motion to approve by Esselink, second by Ossefoort. All ayes, no opposes, motion carried.

Thompson presented the following payment vouchers:

Flood Relief Cost Share

FY18-FR4-2 for partial payment of \$47,073.07 to Gary Bush for a grassed waterway in the NW and SE ¼ of Sections 24 and 28, Magnolia Township. Motion to approve by Ossefoort, second by Cragoe. All ayes, no opposes, motion carried.

State Cost Share

FY16-02 for final payment of \$3,823.05 to Kevin Hunstad for a grassed waterway in the NW ¼ of Section 5, Denver Township. Motion to approve by Esselink, second by Ossefoort. All ayes, no opposes, motion carried.

Buffer Cost Share

FY18-BCS-4 for final payment of \$20,863.04 to Ron Gath for a grassed waterway in the NE ¼ of Section 7, Springwater Township. Motion to approve by Cragoe, second by Ossefoort. All ayes, no opposes, motion carried.

FY18-BCS-3 for final payment of \$26,027.92 to Ron Gath for a water and sediment control basins in the NE ¼ of Section 7, Springwater Township. Motion to approve by Esselink, second by Ossefoort. All ayes, no opposes, motion carried.

FY18-BCS-6 for final payment of \$25,861.11 to Craig Bosch for a water and sediment control basins in the SE ¼ of Section 7, Springwater Township. Motion to approve by Veldkamp, second by Ossefoort. All ayes, no opposes, motion carried.

FY18-BCS-5 for final payment of \$6,772.74 to Jeff Petterson for a water and sediment control basins in the NW ¼ of Section 7, Springwater Township. Motion to approve by Esselink, second by Ossefoort. All ayes, no opposes, motion carried.

Conservation Use Acres – Prevent Plant

The board was asked to consider conservation use acre payment to Gary Bush for the crop that had to be destroyed in order to construct his waterway project. Once into construction the waterway had to be wider than estimated. After discussion and presentation of the project the board agreed to pay the recommended 4.2 acres at \$100 per acre. Contract and payment to be approved at the next meeting. Motion to approve by Ossefoort, second by Esselink. All ayes, no opposes, motion carried.

The board reviewed conservation use acre contract CUA-2 for Mark Gath for acres near the Springwater 7 project. Nothing was ever planted, therefore, the board denied payment for conservation use acres. Motion to deny by Ossefoort, second by Veldkamp. All ayes, no opposes, motion carried.

Conservation Use Acre Payments

CUA-3 for Mike Hunstad in the amount of \$460.00. Motion to approve by Cragoe, second by Esselink. All ayes, no opposes, motion carried.

CUA-16 for Rentschler Farms in the amount of \$540.00. Motion to approve by Esselink, second by Ossefoort. All ayes, no opposes, motion carried.

Bills for Approval

Thompson presented the bills for approval as follows:

Paid between July & Sept Mtg – post payment approval

Bomgaar's - supplies	100.93
CMRS-FP – Postage – Reimbursed by LMO	500.00
Rock Aud/Treas – sales tax	190.00
City of Luverne – June tree trailer electricity	104.12
Total	895.05

To Be Paid:

City of Luverne – tree trailer elec facility fees	52.00
Milmore Consolidated – website maintenance	170.00
Total	222.00

After review, motion to approve by Esselink, second by Ossefoort. All ayes, no opposes, motion carried.

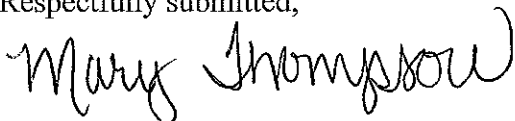
Hartman presented the Financial Statements for July and August. Motion to approve by Ossefoort, second by Esselink. All ayes, no opposes, motion carried.

The board reviewed the minutes of the July 15 meeting. Motion to approve by Esselink, second by Ossefoort. All ayes, no opposes, motion carried.

The board reviewed the minutes of the July 19 meeting. Motion to approve by Esselink, second by Ossefoort. All ayes, no opposes, motion carried.

With no further business, motion to adjourn by Cragoe, second by Ossefoort. All ayes, no opposes, meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,



Mary Thompson
Office Manager