

MINUTES
Board of Supervisors Meeting
December 7, 2022
Wilkin Soil and Water Conservation District
1150 Highway 75 North, Breckenridge, Minnesota

Gowin called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

Members Present: Kyle Gowin, Chairman
Jared Nordick, Vice Chairman
Ross Aigner, Secretary
Joshua Deal, Treasurer via Zoom
Pam Hendrickson, Public Relations & Information

Members Absent: None

Others Present: Craig Lingen, District Manager
Diane Lommel, District Clerk
Kimberly Melton, District Technician
Patrick Brejcha, Field Technician
Jamieson Volk, NRCS
Travis Doeden, NRCS
Lance Smith, NRCS
Leon Johnson, FSA
Bruce Nelson

Motion made by Hendrickson to approve the regular board meeting minutes of November 9, 2022. Seconded by Aigner. Motion carried.

Motion made by Nordick to approve the financial statements dated November 30, 2022. Seconded by Hendrickson. Motion carried.

Motion made by Nordick to offer Lingen the District Manager position effective immediately. Seconded by Hendrickson. Motion carried.

Motion made by Aigner approving the District to pay insurance benefits for all permanent employees in the amount of \$1,100.00 of premiums of the chosen insurance plan, with the balance paid by the employee. In lieu of insurance, employees shall have the option to accept \$1,100.00 per month as taxable income effective January 1, 2023. District will update policy handbook to reflect change. Seconded by Nordick. Motion carried.

Motion made by Nordick to approve the personnel committee recommendation to advance each employee one step effective January 1, 2023. Seconded by Deal. Hendrickson, Nay. Motion carried.

Motion made by Deal to approve the personnel committee recommendation to approve four (4) percent cost of living adjustment for each employee effective January 1, 2023. Seconded by Hendrickson. Motion carried.

Motion made by Hendrickson to approve Lease for Real Property with Diversion Properties, LLC effective January 1, 2023-December 31, 2023. Seconded by Nordick. Motion carried.

Motion made by Aigner to cancel state cost share contract FY21-01 (Milan Drewlow) as installation of practice had not been installed by termination date. Seconded by Hendrickson. Motion carried.

Motion made by Hendrickson to approve final cost share payment of \$146,487.71 concerning contract #CWF18-WHIO9 (Buffalo Red River Watershed District). Seconded by Aigner. Motion carried.

Motion made by Aigner to approve \$20,000.00 for engineering assistance to Buffalo Red Watershed District from clean water grant funds #C19-2653 (Whiskey Creek Gully Stabilization). Seconded by Nordick. Motion carried.

Motion made by Aigner to approve partial cost share payment of \$31,383.07 concerning contract #CWF21-WHIO1 (Buffalo Red River Watershed District). Seconded by Hendrickson. Motion carried.

Motion made by Hendrickson to approve \$15,000.00 for engineering assistance to Buffalo Red Watershed District from clean water grant funds #C21-5161 (Whiskey Creek Enhancement Project). Seconded by Nordick. Motion carried.

Motion made by Nordick to approve partial incentive payments for Soil Health Incentive Program (SHIP) contacts (See Attachment #1). Seconded by Hendrickson. Gowin abstained from (#FY21-SHIP-009), Aigner abstained from (#FY21-SHIP-024 and #FY21-SHIP-025), Deal abstained from (#FY21-SHIP-042, #FY21-SHIP-43, #FY21-SHIP-044, #FY21-SHIP-045). Motion carried.

Motion made by Aigner to approve final cost share incentive payment of \$1,745.00 for cover crop of 50 acres at \$34.90 per acre concerning contracts #FY22-CCI-007 (Bruce Nelson), #FY22-CCI-011 (Emmanuel Jerger & Sons), #FY22-CCI-012 (Darin Raguse), #FY22-CCI-014 (Cynthia Deal), #FY22-CCI-015 (Justin Deal), #FY22-CCI-016 (Deal Ag, LLC), #FY22-CCI-022 (Matt Hasbargen), #FY22-CCI-023 (Marc Hasbargen), #FY22-CCI-024 (Dave Hasbargen), #FY22-CCI-027 (Richard Scheffler), #FY22-CCI-028 (Pamela Scheffler), #FY22-CCI-039 (Joel Maack). Seconded by Hendrickson. Motion carried.

Motion made by Aigner to approve final cost share incentive payment of \$1,186.00 for cover crop of 34 acres at \$34.90 per acre concerning contract #FY22-CCI-008 (Robert Maack). Seconded by Nordick. Motion carried.

Motion made by Aigner to approve final cost share incentive payment of \$1,640.30 for cover crop of 47 acres at \$34.90 per acre concerning contract #FY22-CCI-025 (Mike Hasbargen). Seconded by Hendrickson. Motion carried.

Motion made by Hendrickson to approve final cost share incentive payment of \$1,570.50 for cover crop of 45 acres at \$34.90 per acre concerning contract #FY22-CCI-026 (Doyle Nordick Farm). Seconded by Aigner. Motion carried.

Motion made by Aigner to approve partial cost share incentive payment of \$5,537.60 for cover crop of 160 acres at 34.61 per acre concerning contract #FY21-BdSWD-WBIF-001 (Jirak Brothers, Farming). Seconded by Hendrickson. Motion carried.

Motion made by Hendrickson to approve partial cost share incentive payment of \$5,537.60 for cover crop of 160 acres at 34.61 per acre concerning contract #FY21-BdSWD-WBIF-002 (Ideal Farms). Seconded by Aigner. Motion carried.

Motion made by Hendrickson to approve partial cost share incentive payment of \$924.78 for cover crop of 160 acres at 34.61 per acre concerning contract #FY21-BdSWD-WBIF-003 (Deal Ag, LLC). Seconded by Aigner. Motion carried.

Motion made by Hendrickson to approve final cost share payment of \$14,703.26 representing 75 percent of the total cost of \$19,604.35 concerning contract #FY21-BdSWD-WBIF-004 (Champion Farms). Seconded by Aigner. Motion carried.

Motion made by Aigner to approve final cost share payment of \$89,804.24 representing 75 percent of the total cost of \$126,981.33 concerning contract #FY18-BUFF82 (Bois de Sioux Watershed District-JD12). Seconded by Hendrickson. Motion carried.

Motion made by Aigner to approve Percent Based Conservation Practice Assistance Contract #FY21-BdSWD-WBIF-005 (J&K Grain Farms). The total project cost is \$7,600.00 with cost share not to exceed \$5,700.00 or 75 percent of the total eligible cost to establish the conservation practice. Seconded by Deal. Motion carried.

Motion made by Aigner to approve final cost share payment of \$5,700.00 representing 75 percent of the total cost of \$7,600.00 concerning contract #FY21-BdSWD-WBIF-005 (J&K Grain Farms). Seconded by Nordick. Motion carried.

Motion made by Aigner to approve final cost share payment of \$1,245.00 representing 75 percent of the total cost of \$1,660.00 concerning #FY21-03 (Bryan Albertson). Seconded by Hendrickson. Motion carried.

Motion made by Aigner to sponsor St. Mary's students to attend Wolf Ridge Environmental Learning Center in the amount of \$900.00. Seconded by Nordick. Motion carried.

Motion made by Aigner to purchase Case IH Farmall 140A tractor in the amount of \$49,444.00 after trading in our Case IH Farmall 120C tractor. Also, purchase John Deere FCR Flex Wing mower for \$16,571.47 after trading in our Woods mower. Seconded by Nordick. Motion carried.

Deal left the meeting at 9:00 a.m.

Johnson, Smith and Board of Supervisors had a detailed discussion regarding office space.

Johnson reported on Farm Service Agency services and upcoming programs.

Motion made by Hendrickson to approve Lingen to attend septic system inspector workshops with all expenses paid. Seconded by Aigner. Motion carried.

Project, program, and workload updates were given by District and NRCS staff.

Motion made by Hendrickson to approve November bills as presented. Seconded by Nordick. Motion carried.

Gowin set the next meeting for Wednesday, January 11, 2022 at 8:00 a.m.

Motion made by Nordick to adjourn the meeting at 11:00 a.m. Seconded by Aigner. Motion carried.

Secretary

Date