



NICOLLET SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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MINNESOTA SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICTS

Minutes of the Nicollet Soil and Water Conservation District, 424 South Minnesota Avenue, St. Peter, Minnesota, August 3, 2016.

Meeting was called to order by Chair – Gieseke at 5:00 p.m.

Members Present: Chair, Robby Gieseke
Treasurer, Eldon Brown
Member, Bruce Hulke
Vice Chair, John Kral - Absent
Secretary, Pat Pehrson

Others Present:

District Manager, Kevin Ostermann
District Watershed Technician, Eric Miller - Absent
Administrative Assistant, Melissa Lancaster - Absent
District Technician, Blake Honetschlager - Absent
District Intern, Max Rykhus
Seven Mile Creek Watershed Coordinator, Karen Galles - Absent
NRCS, Chris Schmidt
Sibley Board Member, Paul Wiemann

Upon a motion by Hulke and seconded by Pehrson it was moved to approve the agenda as presented. Ayes Brown, Hulke, Gieseke, Pehrson. Carried

Upon a motion by Hulke and seconded by Brown, it was moved to approve the minutes of the June 29, 2016 meeting. Ayes Brown, Hulke, Gieseke, Pehrson. Carried

Upon a motion by Brown and seconded by Gieseke, it was moved to approve 3 paid bills for June 2016 totaling \$29,866.03 (Grants Account) and 40 paid bills for June 2016 totaling \$193,544.55 (Checking Account). Ayes Brown, Hulke, Gieseke, Pehrson. Carried

Upon a motion by Brown and seconded by Hulke it was moved to approve 2 paid bills for July totaling \$9,674.50 (Grants Account) and 24 paid bills for July totaling \$29,899.15 (Checking Account) Ayes Brown, Hulke, Gieseke, Pehrson. Carried

Upon a motion by Hulke and seconded by Brown, it was moved to approve the June 2016 Treasurer's Reports subject to audit. Ayes Brown, Hulke, Gieseke, Pehrson. Carried

Upon a motion by Brown and seconded by Pehrson, it was moved to approve the July 2016 Treasurer's Report subject to audit. Ayes Brown, Hulke, Gieseke, Pehrson. Carried

Old Business: None

Cost Share:

The District received a request for Cost-Share assistance from Craig Hanson MNDOT 8(12), for repair on his existing Water and Sediment Control Basin. Total estimated cost of the project is \$4,000.00 with project Cost-Share up to 100%. Upon a motion by Pehrson and seconded by Brown it was moved to allocate \$4,000.00 from the MNDOT FY2012 cost-share. Ayes Brown, Hulke, Gieseke, Pehrson. Carried

Cost-Share contract CWF 23(13) for Dana Michels Filter Strip is complete. Landowner is requesting final payment. Total cost of the project was \$941.60. Upon a motion by Brown and seconded by Hulke it was moved to approve Cost-Share CWF 23(13) Dana Michels for final payment of \$941.60. Ayes Brown, Hulke, Gieseke, Pehrson. Carried

The District received a request to amend CWF 19(13) contract for Don Dallman. Due to an increase of seed cost, implementation cost needs to be increased from \$318.81 to \$886.90. Upon a motion by Brown and seconded by Pehrson it was approved to amend Cost-Share Contract CWF 19(13) Don Dallman to \$886.90. Ayes Brown, Hulke, Gieseke, Pehrson. Carried

The District received a partial payment request for CWF 19(13) for Don Dallmann in the amount of \$436.90. Total cost of the project is \$886.90. Upon a motion by Hulke and seconded by Pehrson it was moved to approve the partial payment in the amount of \$436.90. Ayes Brown, Hulke, Gieseke, Pehrson. Carried

The District received a request from Andrea Ballman CWF 27(13) to enter into a Cost-Share contract for Filterstrips on 2.3 acres of her land. Estimated cost for the project is \$6,200.00 (2.3 acres at \$300/acre) with implementation cost of \$2,079.00. Upon a motion by Brown and seconded by Pehrson it was moved to approve Andrea Ballman CWF 27(13) for \$6,200.00. Ayes Brown, Hulke, Gieseke, Pehrson. Carried.

Seven Mile Creek Cover Crop Policy: Upon a motion by Hulke and seconded by Brown it was moved to approve the 7-Mile Creek Cover Crop policy. See attached for complete information. Ayes Brown, Gieseke, Hulke, Pehrson. Carried.

Seven Mile Creek Watershed Program Policy on Cover Crop Incentives

Nicollet SWCD will provide assistance to landowners in the Seven Mile Creek watershed wishing to incorporate cover crops into their farming practices. Landowners are encouraged to also seek financial assistance from NRCS. Cover crop practices must adhere to accepted NRCS technical specifications unless otherwise agreed upon by landowner and SWCD technical expert. Nicollet SWCD encourages participating landowners to:

- Choose cover crop varieties that over-winter to generate maximum benefit for water quality
- Select diverse cover crop mixes to generate maximum soil health benefits
- Use cover crop N credits (when applicable) when planning future applications of organic and inorganic fertilizers

Incentive Structure:

- If applicants enroll acres into EQIP cover crop programs:
 - Nicollet SWCD will provide an additional incentive of \$10/acre OR
 - Nicollet SWCD will match the EQIP payment rate on UP TO an equal number of acres

- If applicants do not enroll acres into EQIP cover crop programs:
 - Nicollet SWCD will provide an incentive of \$30/acre

Cover crop incentive payments are contingent upon available funding.

Date Approved: 8-3-2016

Robby Gieseke, SWCD Board Chair

The District received a request from Dave and Mary Mogensen TW 12(15) to enter into a Cost-Share contract to plant cover crops on 210 acres of their property. Total estimated cost of the project is \$13,650.00 (incentive rate of \$65.00/acre). Upon a motion by Pehrson and seconded by Brown it was moved to approve Dave Mogensen TW 12(15) for \$13,650.00. Ayes Brown, Gieseke, Hulke, Pehrson. Carried

The District received a request from Nick Peters TW 11(15) to enter into a Cost-Share contract to plant cover crops on 465 acres of his property (Incentive rate of \$45.43/acre). Total estimated cost of the project is \$26,803.70 with total incentive payment of \$21,124.95 (EQIP+Targeted Watershed) and \$5,678.75 (Total Targeted Watershed Incentive payment). Upon a motion by Brown and seconded by Pehrson it was moved to approve Nick Peters TW 11(15) for \$5,678.75 Ayes Brown, Gieseke, Hulke, Pehrson. Carried

Staff presented 3 proposals for 2017 CWF to the Board. Projects include: A Treatment Train Approach to Nitrate and Sediment Reduction in the Rogers Creek Watershed (Grant ID – C177572), Project Scale Prioritization and Planning for Ravine Stabilization in Nicollet County (Grant ID – C17-2408), Nitrate Source Reduction in the Rogers Creek Watershed (Grant ID C17-7572). Upon a motion by Brown and seconded by Pehrson it was moved to approved the application for these grants. Ayes Brown, Gieseke, Hulke, Pehrson. Carried

August 8th Regional Buffer Workshop: Upon a motion by Hulke and seconded by Pehrson it was approved for all staff and supervisors to attend the Regional Buffer Workshop. Ayes Brown, Gieseke, Hulke, Pehrson. Carried

Conservation Farmer Award: Upon a motion by Pehrson and seconded by Hulke, it was moved to select Wayne & Dawn Molitor as the 2016 Conservation Farmers for Nicollet County. Ayes Brown, Hulke, Gieseke, Pehrson. Carried

2017 Budget: Ostermann presented the 2017 budget to the supervisors. Upon a motion by Brown and seconded by Pehrson it was moved approve the presentation of the budget to the County. Ayes Brown, Hulke, Gieseke, Pehrson. Carried.

NRCS Report: See Attached

Supervisor & Staff Report: None

Other Business: None

Next Meeting: September 7, 2016 at 5:00 P.M.

Adjourn: Meeting Adjourned at 5:40 P.M.

Approved: September 7, 2016

Secretary _____

September 1, 2016				
<u>PROGRAM</u>	CASH BAL <u>8/1/2016</u>	<u>RECEIPTS</u>	<u>DISBRMS</u>	CASH BAL <u>8/31/2016</u>
District Funds	\$ 137,413.13	\$ 13,470.30	\$ 17,444.18	\$ 133,439.25
Certificate of Deposit #1	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
County Funds	\$ 13,046.48	\$ 0.00	\$ 13,046.48	\$ 0.00
SWCD Service Grants	\$ 0.00	\$ 35,988.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 35,988.00
BWSR Capacity Grant	\$ 176,402.63	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 176,402.63
Buffer Grant	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 20,000.00
Close Share MNDOT	\$ 129,945.73	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 129,945.73
BWSR Targeted Watershed	\$ 584,592.47	\$ 24.59	\$ 10,241.60	\$ 574,375.46
Clean Water Grant 2012	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Clean Water Grant 2013	- \$ 27,164.62	\$ 0.00	\$ 1,378.50	- \$ 28,543.12
Cost-Share Work	\$ 198,569.53	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 198,569.53
Total	\$ 1,232,805.35	\$ 49,482.89	\$ 42,110.76	\$ 1,240,177.48
Use of Cash				
Checking Acct.	\$ 283,771.88			\$ 305,694.93
Savings Acct.	\$ 364,441.00			\$ 364,487.43
Grants Acctt.	\$ 584,592.47			\$ 569,995.12
Certificate of Deposit #2	\$ 0.00			\$ 0.00
Total	\$ 1,232,805.35			\$ 1,240,177.48
Accounts Payable				
	\$ 0.00			
Accounts Receivable				
		Total Net Worth		\$ 1,240,177.48
	\$ 0.00	Accts. Payable		\$ 0.00
		Accts. Receivable		\$ 0.00
		Actual Net Worth		<u>\$ 1,240,177.48</u>
September 7, 2016				
Approved			District Treasurer	