

**Minutes of the meeting of the  
Rock County Soil and Water Conservation District  
Monday, April 18, 2022**

A meeting of the Rock County Soil and Water District Board was held Monday, April 18, 2022 at 8:00 AM at the Prairie Service Center with the following members present: Josh Ossefoort, Dave Esselink, Jim Veldkamp, Roger Hoff, County Commissioner Stan Williamson, Dylan Bartels, NRCS, Director Eric Hartman, Assistant Director Doug Bos and Office Manager Mary Thompson. Absent: Gene Cragoe

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

**NRCS**

Bartels requested signatures from those who have not signed the Civil Rights Responsibilities. Cragoe is left to sign. Dylan will contact him directly.

Bartels asked for input for a date for the local work group meeting. It was decided after the SWCD meeting on June 20.

Bartels also shared the CSP ranking deadline is April 22. All in Rock County have been ranked.

**One Watershed One Plan Policy Update**

Bos reviewed updates to the cost share policy stating Cover Crops were at a cap of \$8,000, amended to \$10,000 to help with the cost of multi-species. Structural practices needing approval from the joint powers board had been amended from \$50,000 to \$30,000 and is now back to \$50,000 due to the increase in the cost of tile. High/medium high projects remain at 90%, med/medium low/low have been changed back from 50% to 75%. Producers need to apply for EQIP and Water Quality Certainty program to receive enough points for 75%. Pasture Management was bumped to 80% along creeks. There were minor changes to the grant work plan and once approved there is another 1 million allotted for project dollars. Rock County has 12 qualified practices waiting for funding.

**TSA Potential Conservation Agronomist**

Bos shared the possibility of hiring a conservation agronomist through a TSA grant application to NACD. Carbon and nitrous oxide credits are coming and the conservation agronomist can be a facilitator for cost share programs. Minnesota currently has 2 counties that have hired and 2 considering. New Vision has approached Rock SWCD. The position would be funded through NACD (75%) and New Vision (25% plus pick-up and computer). Staff would be housed at New Vision and will work with TSA and SWCD staff.

**RIM/CREP Update**

Arlyn Gehrke stated there are 20 completed RIM/CREP easements with 5 in process. There is one RIM Grassland project in process for 53.7 acres and one revision to a pending easement taking 57 acres out.

**Bills:**

Thompson presented the following bills for approval and pre-approval:

**Regular Checking:**

A/P Date	Vendor Number	Vendor Name	Total Amount
04/18/2022	1045	Al's Upholstry	\$122.00
04/18/2022	437	DEWITT COMPANY INC	\$1,287.01
04/18/2022	12060	LUVERNE/CITY OF	\$28.00
04/18/2022	638	MILMORE CONSOLIDATED	\$120.00
04/18/2022	2169	OSSEFOORT/JOSH	\$350.00

Total: \$ 1,907.01

**Cost Share Checking:**

<b>A/P Date</b>	<b>Vendor Number</b>	<b>Vendor Name</b>	<b>Total Amount</b>
04/18/2022	4195	TAKE 16 BREWERY	\$236.00

Total: \$241.91

**Pre-Approve:**

Forestry Suppliers - \$1,212.87

extendable rod for sampler and sampling bottle funded through MPCA SWAG Grant

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

**Financial Reports:**

Hartman presented the financial statements for February. Motion to approve by Ossefoort, second by Esselink. All ayes, no opposes, motion carried.

Hartman presented the financial statements for March. Motion to approve by Esselink, second by Veldkamp. All ayes, no opposes, motion carried.

**Minutes**

December 20, 2021 minutes were tabled. Approval required by two board members present at the 12/20 meeting. Only one present at the 4/18 meeting.

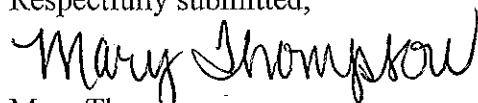
After review, motion to approve the March 21, 2022 minutes by Ossefoort, second Esselink. All ayes, no opposes, motion carried.

**Upcoming Meeting**

No regular meeting in May due to planting.  
Next meeting, Monday, June 20, 20022

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

Respectfully submitted,



Mary Thompson  
Office Manager