

**Minutes of the meeting of the
Rock County Soil and Water Conservation District
Monday, June 20, 2022**

A meeting of the Rock County Soil and Water District Board was held Monday, June 20, 2022 at 8:00 AM at the Prairie Service Center with the following members present: Gene Cragoe, Dave Esselink, Jim Veldkamp, Roger Hoff, Director Eric Hartman, Assistant Director Doug Bos and Office Manager Mary Thompson. Absent: Josh Ossefoort, County Commissioner Stan Williamson

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 Local Work Group Meeting

The date of the NRCS Local Work Group meeting has been changed to July 18 following the SWCD Board Meeting due to NRCS being closed June 20 for the Juneteenth Holiday.

One Watershed One Plan Policy Update

Bos shared Jon Shea, Nobles County, has taken a position with the MN Board of Soil and Water Resources. Scott Runck has taken his position. Contract approval and payments and reporting will remain with Nobles SWCD. Thompsons shared an update on project status. 5 new waterway contracts and 4 new cover crop contracts were approved May 18. There is one remaining basin/waterway project with FY20 funds remaining to be constructed and paid.

Conservation Use Acre Contracts

The board approved the following conservation use acre contracts:

CUA-51 Fluit – 10 acres/1,000.00 in Kanaranzi Township, Section 31, NE ¼, waterway project – FY22-MRWP-05. Motion to approve by Esselink, second by Cragoe. All ayes, no opposes, motion carried.

CUA-52 Jansma – 10 acres/1,000.00 in Beaver Creek Township, Section 14F, SE ¼, waterway project – FY22-MRWP-02. Motion to approve by Veldkamp, second by Esselink. All ayes, no opposes, motion carried.

CUA-53 - Nuffer – 7 acres/900.00 in Martin Township, Section 14, NE ¼, waterway project – FY22-MRWP-04. Motion to approve by Cragoe, second by Veldkamp. All ayes, no opposes, motion carried.

CUA-54 Smith – 9 acres/900.00 in Martin Township, Section 14, NE ¼, waterway project – FY22-MRWP-03. Motion to approve by Esselink, second by Cragoe. All ayes, no opposes, motion carried.

CUA-55 – Hamann - 10 acres/1,000.00 in Luverne Township, Section 6, E 1/2 , waterway project – FY22-MRWP-55. Motion to approve by Veldkamp, second by Cragoe. All ayes, no opposes, motion carried.

CUA-56 Feikema – 10 acres/1,000.00 in Mound Township, Section 9, NW ¼, waterway project – FY22-MRWP-06. Motion to approve by Esselink, second by Veldkamp. All ayes, no opposes, motion carried.

Bills:

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

Post Approve from 5/6/22		
Rock LMO	\$500.00	Knutson, RIM WCA Restoration
Bomgaars	\$60.95	Supplies
Schumacher's Nursery	\$483.96	Trees - \$7,069.90 pre-approved 3/21/22
Total	\$1,044.91	
Post Approve from 5/20/22		
Big Sioux Nursery	\$55.94	50 boxelder trees
Bomgaar's	\$21.09	Supplies
Cottonwood SWCD	\$8.00	4 cottonwood trees
G & S Auto	\$50.00	Mount tree planter tires
City of Luverne	\$59.85	Tree trailer electric
Rock County Hwy. Dept.	\$748.86	Labor on tree planter
Rock County Land Records	\$184.00	Fick Trust and B. Scott RIM Recordings
Schumacher Nursery	\$132.95	75 hybrid willows
Titan Machinery	\$39.86	drill maintenance
Hach Company	\$239.89	Add'l for SWAG sampling equip., \$2,131.29 approved 3/21/22
Total	\$1,540.44	
Post Approve from 6/3/22		
Connor Hoffman	\$48.00	Refund on trees & matting
Millborn Seeds	\$7,715.20	Olivier & spoil piles seed - US F & W
Reker Construction & Aggregate	\$6,942.00	Oldre oxbow - US F & W
MN Valley Testing Lab	\$626.40	SWAG sampling results
Total	\$15,331.60	
Approve 6/20/22		
City of Luverne	\$77.69	Tree trailer electric
Sunshine Foods	\$4.99	Ice - SWAG sampling
MN Valley Testing Lab	\$181.50	ARS Labels
Hach Company	\$201.08	Sodium Chloride
Total	\$465.26	

Motion to approve by Cragoe, second by Veldkamp. All ayes, no opposes, motion carried.

Outstanding Conservationist

Nominees for Outstanding Conservationist were presented. Brad Petersen has been selected for 2022.

MASWCD Call for Resolutions

The board reviewed the Call for Resolutions and the guidelines. After discussion, are no resolutions to be submitted.

Financial Reports:

Hartman presented the financial statements for April. Motion to approve by Esselink, second by Veldkamp.

All ayes, no opposes, motion carried.

Hartman presented the financial statements for May. Motion to approve by Veldkamp, second by Esselink.

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 6/20 meeting.

After review, motion to approve the April 18, 2022 minutes by Veldkamp, second Esselink.

All ayes, no opposes, motion carried.

After review, motion to approve the June 6, 2022 minutes by Cragoe, second Esselink.

All ayes, no opposes, motion carried.

Upcoming Meeting.

Next meeting, Monday, July 18, 2022

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

Respectfully submitted,



Mary Thompson
Office Manager

