

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

A meeting of the Rock County Soil and Water District Board was held Monday, July 18, 2022 at 8:00 am at the Prairie Service Center with the following members present: Gene Cragoe, Dave Esselink, Jim Veldkamp, Roger Hoff, Josh Ossefoort, Director Eric Hartman, Assistant Director Doug Bos and Office Manager Mary Thompson. Absent: 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 Ossefoort second by Veldkamp. All ayes, no opposes, motion carried.

One Watershed One Plan Update

Thompson gave a project update stating there were 4 new project contracts approved in June. Three waterway contracts, one with two landowners, and a basin contract.

Bos presented a first round fund update and snapshot of the breakdown of funds spent. Total grant 1.3 million, project dollars 1.1 million, project development \$6,000, technical assistance \$55,000, administration to date \$77,000. There have been 59 waterway and 74 water and sediment control basins funded along with 151 field walkovers.

Bos gave an update on the 2022 funds stating the One Watershed One Plan Joint Powers board upon the recommendation of the Technical Committee has made revisions to the cost share policy with some changes to encourage non-structural conservation practices such as cover crops. Second round funds of 1.3 million have been received of which \$100,000 has been designated toward cover crops.

Cost share for cover crops provides funding toward seed and application with a maximum amount of \$10,000. The max for multi-species is approximately 80 acres at a rate of \$42.67 per acre for 3 years. The max for single species is approximately 96 acres at a rate of \$34.90 per acre for 3 years. Producers may also opt to apply for a comparison study grant through the MN Department of Ag in which the producer will work with an agronomist. Producer will receive \$1,000 per year and agronomist \$500 per year for 3 years.

The cost share policy on farmable terraces has been changed to the non-farmable rate to allow for more projects to be completed with the funding.

High priority concerns and issues (chosen by 1W1P board and committee, SWCD boards and the public) are:

- Elevated nitrates in drinking water
- Sediment and phosphorus levels in streams and rivers
- Surface runoff – vegetative cover and field residue
- Loss of functioning wetlands
- Loss of fish and wildlife habitat
- Land stewardship – increasing soil health

Conservation Use Acre Contracts

The board approved the following conservation use acre contracts:

CUA-57 Wynia – 6 acres/600.00 in Mound Township, Section 1, NW ¼, waterway project. Motion to approve by Esselink, second by Ossefoort. All ayes, no opposes, motion carried.

CUA-58 VerSteeg – 5.5 acres/550.00 in Mound Township, Section 1, NE ¼, waterway project. Motion to approve by Veldkamp, second by Ossefoort. All ayes, no opposes, motion carried.

Bills:

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

Bills for Approval 7-18-2022

A/P Date	Vendor Number	Vendor Name	Total Amount
07/18/2022	2736	BOMGAARS SUPPLY INC	\$17.99
07/18/2022	12060	LIVERNE/CITY OF	\$28.00
07/18/2022	13092	MVTL LABORATORIES INC	\$945.00
07/18/2022	100	SUNSHINE FOODS	\$14.97

Total: \$ 1,005.96

Post Approve – Paid 7/8/22:

A/P Date	Vendor Number	Vendor Name	Total Amount
07/08/2022	13092	MVTL LABORATORIES INC	\$541.10
07/08/2022	18751	ROCK COUNTY LAND MANGEMENT	\$750.00

Total \$1,291.00

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

Financial Reports:

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

Minutes

After review, motion to approve the December 20, 2021 minutes by Ossefoort, second Cragoe. All ayes, no opposes, motion carried. Minutes have been tabled each month since January for lack of two board members present at the December meeting present to approve.

After review, motion to approve the June 20, 2022 minutes by Esselink, second Veldkamp. All ayes, no opposes, motion carried.

Upcoming Meeting.

Next meeting, Monday, August 17, 2022

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

Respectfully submitted,



Mary Thompson
Office Manager