

**Minutes of the meeting of the
Rock County Soil and Water Conservation District
Monday, September 19, 2022**

A meeting of the Rock County Soil and Water District Board was held Monday, September 19, 2022 at 8:00 am at the Prairie Service Center with the following members present: Gene Cragoe, Dave Esselink, Jim Veldkamp, Josh Ossefoort, County Commissioner Stan Williamson, Director Eric Hartman, Assistant Director Doug Bos, Engineer Tech Arlyn Gehrke and Office Manager Mary Thompson. Absent: Roger Hoff

Vice Chair Ossefoort called the meeting to order and asked for any additions to the agenda. With the addition the MASWCD/Pheasants Forever Wildlife Steward Award, motion to approve by Esselink second by Cragoe. All ayes, no opposes, motion carried.

Soil Health Grant

Bos stated the MN Board of Soil and Water Resources has approved funding for a soil health grant for \$14,175.00 for cover crops. The cost share rate will be the same as EQIP; \$34.90 per acre for single species and \$42.67 for multi species. He stated cereal rye has been working well after beans and some have tried triticale. Producers will need to follow combining with planting.

FY23 Local Capacity/Buffer Implementation Grant Agreement

Thompson presented the FY23 Local Capacity/Buffer Implementation Grant agreement for approval. Total Local Capacity is \$122,845.00 with \$22,845.00 allocated to cost share for conservation practices. Buffer Implementation is \$21,500.00. Motion to approve by Esselink, second by Veldkamp. All ayes, no opposes, motion carried.

Resolution Ballots

Thompson stated MASWCD was meeting today to act on the resolutions packet and approve sending it out. Once received, it will be emailed and votes can be emailed back or dropped off. Deadline to turn in the primary ballot with all supervisors votes is November 1.

Bills:

Thompson presented the following bills for approval:

A/P Date	Vendor Number	Vendor Name	Total Amount
09/19/2022	12060	LUVERNE/CITY OF	\$28.00
09/19/2022	13092	MVTL LABORATORIES INC	\$261.00
09/19/2022	100	SUNSHINE FOODS	\$14.97

Total: \$303.97

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

Financial Reports:

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

Minutes

After review, motion to approve the August 15, 2022 minutes by Esselink, second Cragoe. All ayes, no opposes, motion carried.

MASWCD/Pheasants Forever Wildlife Habitat Steward Award

Gehrke stated the Minnesota Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts (MASWCD) and Pheasants Forever (PF) are cosponsoring the Minnesota Wildlife Habitat Steward award to honor landowners who have implemented extensive wildlife habitat management practices that result in the highest quality habitat and promote biodiversity. This award honors landowners that consistently go above and beyond to maximize wildlife habitat value on their land. He stated he felt Kyle Oldre would be an appropriate nomination for this award. He has created wildlife habitat through food plots, tree planting, wetland recreation and planting of native grasses. Motion to approve nomination by Esselink, second by Veldkamp. All ayes, no opposes, motion carried.

Upcoming Meeting

No meeting in October due to harvest.

Next meeting, Monday, November 21, 2022

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

Respectfully submitted,



Mary Thompson
Office Manager