

DISTRICT REGULAR BOARD MEETING

Thursday, April 15, 2021

4:30 P.M.

Conservation Building

912 Houston Street

Preston, MN 55965

MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT: Kathy Tesmer, Dwyane Ostrem, Travis Willford, Eunice Biel,
Tim Gossman (Zoom)

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Laura Christensen, Mindy Williamson, Duane Bakke (Zoom)

Vice Chair Gossman called the meeting to order at 4:30 PM. A quorum is present.

Bakke Entered meeting at 4:30 PM.

I. Approval of Agenda

Motioned by Ostrem seconded by Tesmer to approve the agenda.

Affirmative: Gossman, Biel, Ostrem, Tesmer. Opposed: none. Motion carried.

II. Treasurer's Report

A. Approve March 18, 2021 treasurer's report

Motioned by Ostrem seconded by Biel to approve the March 2021 Treasurer's report, subject to audit. Affirmative: Biel, Ostrem, Tesmer, Gossman. Opposed: none. Motion carried.

B. Approve January-March, 2021 Supervisor's Vouchers.

Motioned by Tesmer seconded by Biel to approve the January - March 2021 Supervisor's Vouchers. Affirmative: Biel, Ostrem, Tesmer, Gossman. Opposed: none. Motion carried

III. Consent Agenda

A. Secretary's Report March 18, 2021 Regular Board Meeting Minutes

Motioned by Gossman seconded by Biel to approve the Secretary's report for March 18, 2021 Regular Board Meeting Minutes.
Affirmative: Biel, Tesmer, Gossman, Ostrem. Opposed: none. Motion carried.

IV. Reports

A. Supervisor's Activity Reports

Willford –

Tesmer – Attended regular board meeting and an education committee meeting

Gossman- Check signing

Ostrem – Statement Opening

Biel – Regular board meeting, check signing and education committee meeting

B. Staff Reports

A written report was included in the board packets.

C. Administrator's Report

NACD Youth Photo Contest Winners – Fillmore Central Students Madison Simon took 1st place and Jeremy O'Connor took 2nd place in the Ag/Conservation Across America category in the NACD Youth Photo Contest.

D. NRCS Report

A written update was provided by Jessica Bronson. NRCS is currently developing contracts for the preapproved EQIP applications and construction has started on several USDA/NRCS projects. USDA is halfway through the fiscal year and all mid-year reviews have been conducted. NRCS celebrated 5 million acres enrolled into the USDA Easement Programs. Winona County SWCD has organized a self-guided cover crop tour. There are 9 sites along with sign at each site explaining the mix and their goal for the cover crops along with the management system in place. There is opportunity to win a prize by attending the sites and taking a photo and submitting it to the local Winona SWCD.

E. County Report

Bakke informed the board that the county received an award for their work creating a land bridge on County 5 using recycled ground up tires as fill.

Bakke wanted to note that Christensen is presenting the One Watershed One Plan slide to the County Board and appreciates all her hard work putting it together.

V. Old Business

Willford entered meeting at 4:41 PM.
Chair Willford took over the meeting.

VI. New Business

A. Consider longevity pay for employee #23002 for 35 years of services in the amount of \$840.00.
Motioned by Gossman seconded by Tesmer to approve longevity pay for employee number 23002 for 35 years of service in the amount of \$840.00

B. Consider length of service step increase for Employee #23039 from Grade 10, Step 5 to Grade 10, Step 6 effective May 6, 2021
Motioned by Biel seconded by Tesmer to approve step increase for Employee #23039 from Grade 10, Step 5 to Grade 10, Step 6 effective May 6, 2021.
Affirmative: Willford, Biel, Ostrem, Gossman, Tesmer. Opposed: none. Motion carried

C. Consider verbiage addition to Section 2 of the Fillmore County Soil and Water Conservation District Personnel Policy Handbook.
Motioned by Tesmer seconded by Ostrem to approve verbiage addition to Section 2 of the Fillmore County Soil and Water Conservation District Personnel Policy Handbook.
Affirmative: Willford, Biel, Ostrem, Gossman, Tesmer. Opposed: none. Motion carried

D. Consider payments to edge of field producers for participation in the MDA Field to Stream Partnership

Terrance Pfaff	\$ 250.00
Todd Hendrickson (road access)	\$ 250.00
Kent Dornink	\$ 1,000.00
Wayne DeWall (2 sites)	\$ 2,000.00
Richard Johnson	\$ 1,000.00

Motioned by Tesmer seconded by Ostrem to approve payments to edge of field producers for participation in the MDA Field to Stream Partnership

Affirmative: Willford, Biel, Ostrem, Gossman, Tesmer. Opposed: none. Motion carried

- E. Consider high school scholarship recipient per recommendation of the Education Committee
Motioned by Gossman seconded by Tesmer to award the 2021 High School Scholarship to Kaylor Soiney from Mabel Canton High School
Affirmative: Willford, Biel, Ostrem, Gossman, Tesmer. Opposed: none. Motion carried
- F. Consider options for District business credit card and discontinuation of use of U.S. Bank business credit card
Motioned by Tesmer seconded by Ostrem to discontinue use of the US Bank credit card and apply for a new card with Merchants Bank in Winona MN. The number of cards to TBD by Christensen and Williamson at a rate of \$25.00 annually per card.
Affirmative: Willford, Biel, Ostrem, Tesmer. Abstained: Gossman. Opposed: none. Motion carried
- G. Consider Percent Based Conservation Practice Assistance Contract DWP-WS-21-021 for the Drinking Water Protection in SE MN grant, Jason Rudlong, Well-Sealing, in the amount of \$1,500.00.
Motioned by Tesmer seconded by Gossman to approve Contract DWP-WS-21-021 for the Drinking Water Protection in SE MN grant, Jason Rudlong, Well-Sealing, in the amount of \$1,500.00.
Affirmative: Willford, Biel, Ostrem, Gossman, Tesmer. Opposed: none. Motion carried.
- H. Consider Flat Rate Conservation Practice Assistance Contract DWPG-CP-2021-20 David Hovey, Nitrogen Rate Trials in the amount of \$1000.00 per plot per year over two years, totaling \$2,000.00 over the contract lifespan for the Drinking Water Protection in SE MN grant.
Motioned by Biel seconded by Tesmer to approve Contract DWP-CP-2021-20 David Hovey, Nitrogen Rate Trials in the amount of \$1000.00 per plot per year over two years, totaling \$2,000.00 over the contract lifespan for the Drinking Water Protection in SE MN grant.
Affirmative: Willford, Biel, Ostrem, Gossman, Tesmer. Opposed: none. Motion carried.
- I. Consider Flat Rate Conservation Practice Assistance Contract DWPG-CP-2021-21 Shane Bunne, Nitrogen Rate Trials in the amount of \$1000.00 per plot per year over two years, totaling \$2,000.00 over the contract lifespan for the Drinking Water Protection in SE MN grant.
Motioned by Tesmer seconded by Ostrem to approve Contract DWP-CP-2021-21 Shane Bunne, Nitrogen Rate Trials in the amount of \$1000.00 per plot per year over

two years, totaling \$2,000.00 over the contract lifespan for the Drinking Water Protection in SE MN grant.

Affirmative: Willford, Biel, Ostrem, Gossman, Tesmer. Opposed: none. Motion carried.

- J. Consider Flat Rate Conservation Practice Assistance Contract DWPG-CP-2021-22 Kurt Raaen, Nitrogen Rate Trials in the amount of \$1000.00 per plot per year over two years, totaling \$2,000.00 over the contract lifespan for the Drinking Water Protection in SE MN grant

Motioned by Tesmer seconded by Ostrem to approve Contract DWP-CP-2021-22 Kurt Raaen, Nitrogen Rate Trials in the amount of \$1000.00 per plot per year over two years, totaling \$2,000.00 over the contract lifespan for the Drinking Water Protection in SE MN grant.

Affirmative: Willford, Biel, Ostrem, Gossman, Tesmer. Opposed: none. Motion carried.

1. Consider Flat Rate Conservation Practice Assistance Contract DWPG-CP-2021-23 Todd Leiding, Nitrogen Rate Trials in the amount of \$900.00 per plot per year over two years, totaling \$1,800.00 over the contract lifespan for the Drinking Water Protection in SE MN grant

Motioned by Tesmer seconded by Gossman to approve Contract DWP-CP-2021-23 Todd Leiding, Nitrogen Rate Trials in the amount of \$900.00 per plot per year over two years, totaling \$1,800.00 over the contract lifespan for the Drinking Water Protection in SE MN grant.

Affirmative: Willford, Biel, Ostrem, Gossman, Tesmer. Opposed: none. Motion carried.

VII. Accounts Payable

- A. Approve April accounts payable

Motioned by Biel seconded by Willford to approve the April 2021 payables.

Affirmative: Willford, Biel, Ostrem, Gossman, Tesmer. Opposed: none. Motion carried.

- B. Supervisor volunteer for statement opening and check review

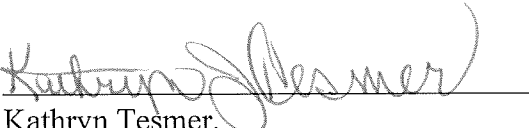
Willford asked for a volunteer for the statement opening and check review on Monday May 3, 2021. Tesmer volunteered.

VIII. Adjournment

Motioned by Tesmer seconded by Biel to adjourn the meeting. Affirmative: Gossman, Tesmer, Biel, Willford, Ostrem. Opposed: none. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:44 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,


Kathryn Tesmer,
Fillmore SWCD Board Secretary