

DISTRICT REGULAR BOARD MEETING

Monday, June 25, 2018

7:30 P.M.

Ed McNamara Farm

37299 171 Ave, Goodhue, MN 55027

MINUTES

ATTENDED BY: Jeff Beckman, Mark Comstock, John Jaeger, Ed McNamara, Larry Thomforde, Beau Kennedy, Glen Roberson, Thomas Steger, Mark Dietrich

I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Chairman Jaeger. A quorum is present. Those present rose and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. AGENDA

Motioned by Jeff Beckman seconded by Larry Thomforde to approve the Agenda as printed. Voting affirmative: Beckman, Comstock, Jaeger, McNamara, Thomforde. Opposed: None. Motion passed.

III. CONSENT AGENDA

Motioned by Ed McNamara seconded by Mark Comstock to approve the following Consent Agenda item:

Approve Payment on State Cost Share Contract #2017-02, Kevin Eckblad, Grassed Waterway, \$1,240.95.

Voting affirmative: Beckman, Comstock, Jaeger, McNamara, Thomforde. Opposed: None. Motion passed.

IV. SECRETARY'S REPORT

1. Approve May 29, 2018 District Regular Board Meeting Minutes

Motioned by Ed McNamara seconded by Larry Thomforde to approve the May 29, 2018 District Regular Board Meeting Minutes as printed. Voting affirmative: Beckman, Comstock, Jaeger, McNamara, Thomforde. Opposed: None. Motion passed.

V. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Mark Dietrich from the Minnesota Department of Ag discussed with the Board the SW MN Farmers Focus group with MDA concerning climate changes and the benefits of transitioning from conservation tillage to no-tilling. Other items discussed included the interaction with implement dealers and industry leaders and how we can get more products on the market.

VI. ACTION ITEMS

1. Action on MN DNR Groundwater Level Monitoring Contract FY2019

Motioned by Ed McNamara seconded by Jeff Beckman to approve the MN DNR Groundwater Level Monitoring Contract for FY2019 for the continuation of existing monitoring efforts on observation wells. Voting affirmative: Beckman, Comstock, Jaeger, McNamara, Thomforde. Opposed: None. Motion passed.

2. Action on State Cost Share Contract Application #LCF2017-09, Steve Lindstrom, Water & Sediment Control Basins (2), \$8,325.00 Based on 75% Cost Share-\$259.77 From FY17 Funds and \$8,065.23 From FY2018 Funds

Motioned by Ed McNamara seconded by Larry Thomforde to approve Steve Lindstrom's State Cost Share Contract application #LCF2017-09 for two water and sediment control basins in the amount of \$8,325.00 based on 75% Cost-Share - \$259.77 from FY17 funds and \$8,065.23 from FY2018 funds. Voting affirmative: Beckman, Comstock, Jaeger, McNamara, Thomforde. Opposed: None. Motion passed.

3. Action on State Cost Share Contract Application #2018-01, Gerard T Goering, Grade Stabilization Structure/Water & Sediment Control Basin, \$5,100.00 Based on 75% Cost Share

Motioned by Mark Comstock seconded by Ed McNamara to approve Gerard T Goering's State Cost Share Contract Application #2018-01 for a grade stabilization structure/water and sediment control basin in the amount of \$5,100.00 based on 75% cost share. Voting affirmative: Beckman, Comstock, Jaeger, McNamara, Thomforde. Opposed: None. Motion passed.

4. Action on State Cost Share Contract Application #2015CWF-14, John Allers, Grade Stabilization Structure/Water & Sediment Control Basin, \$15,390.00 Based on 90% Cost Share

Motioned by Ed McNamara seconded by Jeff Beckman to approve John Allers's State Cost Share Contract Application #2015CWF-14 for a grade stabilization structure/water and sediment control basin in the amount of \$15,390.00 Based on 90% Cost Share. Voting affirmative: Beckman, Comstock, Jaeger, McNamara, Thomforde. Opposed: None. Motion passed.

5. Action on State Cost Share Contract Application #LCF2018-01, Brent McGrath, Water & Sediment Control Basin, \$5,250.00 Based on 75% Cost Share

Motioned by Ed McNamara seconded by Mark Comstock to approve Brent McGrath's State Cost Share Contract application #LCF2018-01 for a water and sediment control basin in the amount of \$5,250.00 based on 75% Cost Share. Voting affirmative: Beckman, Comstock, Jaeger, McNamara, Thomforde. Opposed: None. Motion passed.

6. Action on State Cost Share Contract Application #LCF2018-02, Greg Hovel, Water & Sediment Control Basin, \$5,025.00 Based on 75% Cost Share

Motioned by Mark Comstock seconded by Ed McNamara to approve Greg Hovel's State Cost Share Contract application #LCF2018-02 for a water and sediment control basin in the amount of \$5,025.00 based on 75% Cost Share. Voting affirmative: Beckman, Comstock, Jaeger, McNamara, Thomforde. Opposed: None. Motion passed.

7. Action on Amendment to State Cost Share Contract #2016-04, Gerald Nelson, Additional \$3,358.77 From State Cost Share Funds Due to Additional Costs (Needed to Haul in Soil Due to Sandy Soil on Site)

Motioned by Mark Comstock seconded by Jeff Beckman to approve amendment to State Cost Share Contract #2016-04 Gerald Nelson, Additional \$3,358.77 from State Cost Share Funds due to additional costs.

Further discussion took place.

Motioned by Mark Comstock seconded by Jeff Beckman to amend the motion to include the use of 2016 Cost Share funds first then 2017 Cost Share funds and finally 2018 Cost Share funds to make up the additional request.

Further discussion took place.

Motioned by Ed McNamara to amend the amendment to the motion to state that only 50% of the additional funds requested be paid on the contract.

Motioned failed for lack of a second.

Further discussion took place.

Motioned by Jeff Beckman seconded by Mark Comstock to approve the amended motion as follows:

To amend the amendment to State Cost Share Contract #2016-04, Gerald Nelson and pay 30% of the requested additional expense in the amount of \$1,343.51 using 2016 Cost Share Funds first then 2017 Cost Share funds and finally 2018 Cost Share funds to make up the additional request.

Voting affirmative: Beckman, Comstock, Jaeger, McNamara. Opposed: None. Abstained: Thomforde

Motioned by Mark Comstock seconded by Jeff Beckman to approve the original motion to include the amended amendment as follows:

Approve the amendment to State Cost Share Contract #2016-04, Gerald Nelson, and pay 30% of the requested additional expense in the amount of \$1,343.51 using 2016 Cost Share funds first then 2017 Cost Share funds and finally 2018 Cost Share funds to make up the additional request.

Voting affirmative: Beckman, Comstock, Jaeger, McNamara. Opposed: None. Abstained: Thomforde

8. Action on Payment of State Cost Share Contract #2016-04, Gerald Nelson, \$5,998.77 Based on 75% of Eligible Costs

Motioned by Jeff Beckman seconded by John Jaeger to approve payment on Gerald Nelson's State Cost Share Contract #2016-04 in the amount of \$3,983.51, based on 75% of the original eligible costs approved amount of \$2,640.00 and the additional amended amount of \$1,343.51. Voting affirmative: Beckman, Comstock Jaeger, McNamara. Opposed: None. Abstained: Thomforde.

9. Action to Select Conservation Farmer of the Year Award

Motioned by Larry Thomforde seconded by Ed McNamara to approve the selection on Paul Rutten as the recipient of the Goodhue County SWCD 2018 Conservation Farmer of the Year Award. Voting affirmative: Beckman, Comstock, Jaeger, McNamara, Thomforde. Opposed: None. Motion passed.

10. Action to Select Wildlife Habitat Manager of the Year Award

Motioned by Larry Thomforde seconded by Ed McNamara to approve the selection on Andy Lejcher as the recipient of the Goodhue County SWCD 2018 Wildlife Habitat Manager of the Year Award. Voting affirmative: Beckman, Comstock, Jaeger, McNamara, Thomforde. Opposed: None. Motion passed.

VII. REPORTS

1. NRCS Report

The NRCS Report was presented by Thomas Steger. (See attached for details)

2. District Manager's Report

The District Manager's Report was presented by Glen Roberson. (See attached for details)

3. Supervisor Activity Report

Larry Thomforde reported that he attended the Area Meeting on June 15th

Ed McNamara reported he attended the Breakfast on the Farm on June 15th.

John Jaeger reported that he attended the Outside Agency Budget Meeting on June 12th and the Wells Creek Watershed Meeting on June 18th.

4. Other

There were no other reports at this time.

VIII. TREASURER'S REPORT/PAYABLES

1. Approve May 2018 Financial Reports

Motioned by Ed McNamara seconded by Mark Comstock to approve the May 2018 Financial Reports as printed. Voting affirmative: Beckman, Comstock, Jaeger, McNamara, Thomforde. Opposed: None. Motion passed.

2. Approve June 2018 Accounts Payable

Motioned by Larry Thomforde seconded by Mark Comstock to approve the pay the June 2018 Accounts Payable as listed to include Supervisor compensation payments. Voting affirmative: Beckman, Comstock, Jaeger, McNamara, Thomforde. Opposed: None. Motion passed.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Motioned by Ed McNamara seconded by Mark Comstock to adjourn the meeting. Voting affirmative: Beckman, Comstock, Jaeger, McNamara, Thomforde. Opposed: None. Motion passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:26 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Larry Thomforde
Secretary

ATTACH: NRCS Report
District Manager's Report