

Tuesday, October 20, 2020 MCSWCD Board Meeting Minutes - ZOOM

In attendance were:

Supervisors

- Chair, Dallas Conder
- 2nd Chair, Whitney Schlegel
- Keith McConnell
- Georgia Davis
- Ryan Conway

Staff/Partnership

- Martha Miller, District Mgr.
- Cara Bergschneider, NRCS
- Nathan Stoelting, ISDA
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Motion to approve September meeting minutes as presented was made by MC / 2nd by RC / Passed

Motion to pay claims as presented was made by GD / 2nd by RC / Passed

After discussion the following 2021 Nomination Committee was agreed upon: Keith McConnell will service as chair, Whitney Schlege, Dallas Conder and Ryan Conway will all serve as members. Georgia Davis has agreed to the nomination to serve as a Supervisor another three year. Any additional candidates will need to have all their information to Martha no later than Tuesday, November 24 due to the Thanksgiving Holiday.

Approval of the following Partnership Grants is as follows:

Field/Pasture Improvement to control erosion motion by GD / 2nd RC / Passed

Removal of heavy infestation of invasives motion by RC / 2nd GD / Passed

Invasive Control motion by KM / 2nd GD / Passed

Stormwater Erosion Control/Culvert motion by GD / 2nd RC / Passed

Croplands Revegetation/Erosion Control motion by GD / 2nd RC - Passed - 1 abstained

Martha will remove the current Partnership Grant application from the website and will replace it with a statement that says for them to contact the office for further information. This will be done until the board and staff can get the current application updated for future use.

A request for \$1000 to be budgeted for 2021 for use at Detimer Farm Park Urban/Soil Health Demonstration Site became a motion by KM for \$500 to be budgeted for 2021 Detimer Farm Park Project and revisited in the future once the board sees how the project evolves / 2nd by GD / Passed

Motion by KM to move \$15,000 for the checking into the TrustIN account / 2nd by GD / passed

A request was made for \$600 to be budgeted for 2021 for the use of Advertising through Facebook Boosts and Mass Text Messaging Services Motion by RC to budget \$600 for 2021 for Advertising via FB and Mass Text Messaging / 2nd by GD / passed

Recommendation to Suspend the following agenda items until the November meeting was agreed upon:

Grant application review and matrix development

Approval of Board Policy Manual

Scheduling a Long Range Planning Meeting

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NRCS UPDATE SUMMARY

- A Soil Conservationist has been selected for the Bloomington Field Office and the individual, Allison Shoaf, has accepted the position. She does not have a start date yet. This position will serve Brown, Greene and Monroe Counties.
- An application has been approved and is in contract through the Wetland Reserve Program for restoration of 35 acres of hydric soil to permanent wetland in Monroe County.
- I have been getting into the field and have completed 11 site visits for EQIP 2021 potential projects. We currently have 35 customers interested in EQIP from Monroe County and 18 customers in Brown County. I will start telling new customers from Monroe County that their applications will most likely be planned for fiscal year 2022 but I will still plan projects for fiscal year 2021 for new Brown County customers in an attempt to balance EQIP applications between Brown County and Monroe County.

These Minutes were approved on date November 17, 2020

Dallas Conder, Chair

Whitney Schlegel, 2nd Chair

Keith McConnell

Ryan Conway

Georgia Davis