



NICOLLET SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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MINNESOTA SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICTS

Minutes of the Nicollet Soil and Water Conservation District, 501 7th Street, Nicollet, Minnesota,
September 5, 2018.

Meeting was called to order by Chair – Kral at 8:38 A.M.

Members Present: Chair, John Kral
Vice Chair, Tim Braun
Treasurer, Robby Gieseke
Secretary, Bruce Hulke – Absent

Others Present: District Manager, Kevin Ostermann
District Watershed/Farm Bill Technician, Eric Miller
District Technician, Blake Honetschlager
Administrative Assistant, Judy Beetch
NRCS, April Sullivan – Absent
Great River Greening, Susie Carlin
County Commissioner, John Luepke

Upon a motion by Gieseke and seconded by Braun, it was moved to approve the agenda. Ayes Braun, Kral, Gieseke. Carried.

Upon a motion by Braun and seconded by Gieseke, it was moved to approve the minutes of the August 1st, 2018 meeting. Ayes Braun, Kral, Gieseke. Carried.

Upon a motion by Gieseke and seconded by Braun, it was moved to approve 49 paid bills for August 2018 totaling \$51,656.60 (Checking Account), and 1 bill for \$1,518.00 for August 2018 (Grants Account). Ayes Braun, Kral, Gieseke. Carried.

Upon a motion by Braun and seconded by Gieseke, it was moved to approve the September 2018 Treasurer's Report, subject to audit. Ayes Braun, Kral, Gieseke. Carried.

Old Business: None

New Business:

Conservation Farmer: A motion was made by Gieseke and seconded by Braun, to nominate Chuck and Nick Peters as Conservation Farmers of the Year. Ayes Braun, Kral, Gieseke. Carried.

Weather Stations: Eric Miller, District Watershed/Farm Bill Technician, presented information on 2 weather stations that were recently placed in Nicollet and St. Peter. They update every 5 minutes and report wind, humidity, precipitation and barometer readings. These were purchased through the EPA – 319 Grant from GAC. There will be one more weather station purchased that will be placed in the 7 Mile Creek area. This was informational, and no motion needed.

Nicollet/Sibley Farm Bill Technician Agreement: A motion was made by Braun and seconded by Gieseke, to enter into an agreement with the Sibley SWCD to share costs of employing the Farm Bill Technician. Ayes, Braun, Gieseke, Kral. Carried.

Nicollet Chamber of Commerce Membership: Upon a motion by Braun and seconded by Gieseke, it was moved to approve joining the Nicollet Chamber of Commerce at the Business Membership level for an annual fee of \$100.00. Ayes, Braun, Gieseke, Kral. Carried.

Cost Share:

A request was presented to the Board to amend Contract TW 25(15) with Chuck and Nick Peters for Buffer Strips on their property. The original estimated cost of the project was for 22.1 acres at \$74,035.00. Upon a motion by Braun and seconded by Gieseke, it was moved to amend Buffer Strip Contract TW 25(15) with Chuck and Nick Peters to 19.35 acres for \$61,829.64 with the remainder being covered by Landowner Match. Ayes Braun, Gieseke, Kral. Carried.

A request was presented to the Board for final payment for Contract TW 25(15) with Chuck and Nick Peters for Buffer Strips on their property. Total estimated cost of the project for 19.35 acres is \$61,829.64. Upon a motion by Gieseke and seconded by Braun, it was moved to approve final payment for Buffer Strip Contract TW 25(15) with Chuck and Nick Peters for \$61,829.64. Ayes Braun, Gieseke, Kral. Carried.

A request was presented to the Board for final payment for Contract TW 16(15) with RRG Properties for Buffer Strips on their property. Total estimated cost of the project for 3.25 acres is \$10,725.00. Upon a motion by Gieseke and seconded by Braun, it was moved to approve final payment for Buffer Strip Contract TW 16(15) with RRG Properties for \$10,725.00. Ayes Braun, Gieseke, Kral. Carried.

A request was presented to the Board for final payment for Contract TW 31(15) with Tom Martens for Buffer Strips on their property. Total estimated cost of the project for 12.9 acres is \$43,083.50. Upon a motion by Braun and seconded by Gieseke, it was moved to approve final payment for Buffer Strip Contract TW 31(15) with Tom Martens for \$43,083.50. Ayes Braun, Gieseke, Kral. Carried.

A request was presented to the Board to enter into an agreement with Ron and Scott Rudenick for Livestock Pit Closure on their property. Total estimated cost of the project is \$14,800.00. Upon a motion by Braun and seconded by Gieseke, it was moved to approve assistance for Livestock Pit Closure TW 32(15) with Ron and Scott Rudenick for \$14,800.00. Ayes Braun, Gieseke, Kral. Carried.

A request was presented to the Board for final payment on Buffer Cost-Share Contract with Bill Zins 6(18) for buffer installation on his property. Total cost of the project is \$452.25 and technical assistance cost of \$150.75. Upon a motion by Braun and seconded by Gieseke, it was moved to approve final payment for \$603.00 or 100% of the total cost of Buffer Cost-Share Contract 6(18) with Bill Zins. Ayes Braun, Gieseke, Kral. Carried.

Termination for Kenneth Drill, Contract 12(18) for Buffer Cost-Share, was brought to the Board. Upon a motion by Gieseke and seconded by Braun, it was moved to terminate Buffer Cost-Share 12(18) for Kenneth Drill. Ayes Braun, Gieseke, Kral. Carried.

NRCS Report: n/a. April Sullivan did not attend.

Supervisor & Staff Report: Reports from staff were presented and included in the meeting packets. Susie Carlin of Great River Greening reported on her current efforts, primarily to seek funds through various grants. Kevin Ostermann, District Manager, provided details of the final budgeted and actual figures for the Nicollet office remodel and move.

Other Business: None

Next Meeting: October 3rd, 2018 at 8:30 A.M.

Adjourn: A motion was made by Gieseke and seconded by Braun to adjourn the meeting. Meeting Adjourned at 9:40 A.M. Ayes Braun, Kral, Gieseke. Carried.

Approved: _____ **Secretary** _____