



Minutes of the August 20, 2009 Regular Board Meeting

Minutes of the August 20, 2009 Dodge Soil and Water Conservation Districts' Regular Board of Supervisor's meeting, conference room, USDA Service Center, Dodge Center, Minnesota.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Muriel French at 7:16 PM.

Members Present: Muriel French, Chairperson
Darrel Faulkner, Vice-chairman
David Livingston, Secretary
Glenn Hahn, Treasurer
Larry Scherger, PR&I

Members Absent: None

Others Present:
Klaus Alberts, County Commissioner
Jim Hruska, District Technician
Tom Johnston, District Technician

Approval of Meeting Agenda – A motion was made by Livingston, seconded by Scherger, to approve the August 2009 meeting agenda as mailed with the following additions: NRCS Contribution Agreement Release approval, LAN/WAN/VOICE Contribution Agreement approval, approval of drill repairs and district manager update. The motion carried unanimously.

Approval of the July 8, 2009 Board Meeting Minutes – A motion was made by Faulkner, seconded by Hahn, to approve the July 8, 2009 regular board meeting minutes as mailed. The motion carried unanimously.

Approval of the Treasurer's Financial Statements and New Bill Payments – After review and discussion, a motion was made by Livingston, seconded by Hahn, to approve the June 2009 and July 2009 treasurer's financial statements as presented and to pay all the presented bills which total \$3,356.54. The motion carried unanimously.

Unfinished Business

Health Insurance Renewal – Johnston reported that he and Hruska had met with the District’s insurance agent and chose a plan with the current carrier which was within the 2009 budget.

New Business

County Commissioner’s Report – Klaus Alberts reported on the following subjects:

- Commissioners went on a tour to view FEMA flood repair projects.
- The Dodge County Rail Authority rejected the south by-pass route proposal.
- Reported on a manure application demonstration he attended Aug. 17th.
- The nursing home employee’s salary step increases have been frozen.

District Conservationist’s Report – None

Meeting Reports

- Hiawatha RC&D (Faulkner) –The budget for is uncertain at this time; the annual meeting will be held in Cloquet this year; Diana Strain has resigned her position to take another job; 700 rain barrels have been sold; the “Added Value Conference” will be January 21-24, 2010.
- Cedar River Watershed District Mtg. (Livingston) – The final 2010 levy hearing was held. Two people turned out for the hearing. The levy was approved. Also approved was a 2 year contract with the Mower SWCD to act as the CRWD administrator. Discussed public waters map vs. protected waters map. Gave an update of the Nicolville community sewer project. The State bonding committee will be in SE Minnesota Sept. 2nd to view project sites, three of which are in Mower Co. On Sept. 16th a meeting will be held to establish a rules committee. Candidates from the townships, county and a citizen at large within the Dodge Co. watershed are needed. After discussion, a motion was made by Hahn seconded by Scherger, to encourage the following officials and citizen to seek membership on the CRWD rules committee: County Commissioner Erickson; Hayfield township officer Ron Behounek; Westfield township officer Julie Peterson and Jason Louks for citizen at large. The motion carried unanimously.

Supervisor Voucher Approvals – After review and discussion, a motion was made by Faulkner seconded by Livingston, to pay the 1st half - 2009 supervisor vouchers as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

BWSR 2010 Base Grant Approval – After review and discussion, a motion was made by Livingston, seconded by Faulkner, to authorize the chairperson to sign the “BWSR FY2010 Base Grant Agreement”. The motion carried unanimously

New State Cost-share Contract Approvals – After review and discussion, a motion was made by Faulkner, seconded by Scherger, to approve state c-s contract #6-2009 in the amount of \$1,696.50 and contract #7-2009 in the amount of \$650.00. The motion carried unanimously.

Letter to County Fair Board – The Board reviewed a letter composed by Jim Hruska to the County fair board. The Board authorized Hruska to send the letter and to mention a concern about the cost of the booths in the letter.

Correspondence – The Board acknowledged the following correspondence:

- MCIT – 2009 dividend allocation and 2010 annual renewal notice.
- Area 7 Fall MASWCD meeting notice.
- Letter from the Keane company.

Other New Business

LAN/WAN/Voice Agreement Approval – After review, a motion was made Hahn, seconded by Livingston, to authorize the chairperson to sign the NRCS LAN/WAN/Voice agreement as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

NRCS Final Release of Claims Form – After review and discussion, a motion was made by Faulkner, seconded by Scherger, to authorize the Chairperson to sign the NRSC “Final Release of Claims” form. The motion carried unanimously.

Drill Repairs and Update – Hruska reported about the drill use so far this year and the need to replace the disc openers and scrapers on the drill. The total cost would be approximately \$1,560.00 plus tax. After discussion, a motion was made by Livingston, seconded by Hahn, to authorize the purchase of new disc openers and scrapers. The motion carried unanimously.

District Manager Update – Livingston updated the Board concerning the possibility of a part time manager for the District.

Adjournment

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by Chairperson Muriel French at 10:25 pm on a motion by Faulkner and a second by Livingston.

Next Meeting

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Dodge Soil and Water Conservation Districts’ Board of Supervisors will be September 17, 2009 at 7:15 p.m. in the conference room of the USDA Service Center building, 916 2nd St. SE, Dodge Center, Minnesota.

Approved _____ Date _____ Recorder _____