



Minutes of the June 18, 2009 Regular Board Meeting

Minutes of the June 18, 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 7:26 PM.

Members Present: Muriel French, Chairperson
Darrel Faulkner, Vice-chairman
David Livingston, Secretary
Glenn Hahn, Treasurer
Larry Scherger, PR&I (entered the meeting at 8:24 pm)

Members Absent: None

Others Present: Klaus Alberts, County Commissioner
Brian DeVetter, District Conservationist
Michelle Schaefer, BWSR Board Conservationist
Tom Johnston, District Technician

Approval of Meeting Agenda – A motion was made by Livingston, seconded by Faulkner, to approve the June 2009 meeting agenda as mailed with the following additions: c-s voucher FR2-2009 approval and DNR Well Monitoring Agreement approval. The motion carried unanimously.

Approval of the May 21, 2009 Board Meeting Minutes – A motion was made by Hahn, seconded by Livingston, to approve the May 21, 2009 regular board meeting minutes as mailed with the correction of the spelling of **Nicolville** in the Cedar River Watershed District meeting report. The motion carried unanimously.

Approval of the Treasurer's Financial Statements and New Bill Payments – After discussion, a motion was made by Livingston, seconded by Hahn to approve the May 2009 treasurer's financial statements as presented and to pay all the presented bills which total \$763.23. The motion carried unanimously.

Unfinished Business

2009 Resolutions - None

2010 Budget Review – The Board reviewed and discussed the District’s 2010 to be presented to the County for approval. A motion was made by Livingston, seconded by Hahn to approve the District’s 2010 budget as presented. The motion carried unanimously. The Board requested from Klaus Alberts to be put on the County Commissioner’s July 14th meeting agenda to discuss the District’s budget.

New Business

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

- The County will be facing \$500,000 in cuts from the State for 2010.
- Negotiations are going on to purchase the old elementary school in Mantorville.
- The County Health Dept. has moved to its new location in Dodge Center.

District Conservationist’s Report – Brian DeVetter distributed a handout and reported on the following items:

- EQIP update- As of May 22nd, \$105,000 has been obligated in Dodge County; 23 million State wide; Mn NRCS is requesting additional funds.
- Updated the Board on CRP re-enrollments in the County.
- Reported on the “Grassland Reserve Program” sign-up which is currently in progress.

BWSR Report – Michelle Schaefers, Board Conservationist, reported on the following subjects:

- Briefly discussed the upcoming “Performance Review and Assessment Program” review.
- District budgets – pointers for a more successful presentation to county commissioners and setting priorities.
- Reviewed and discussed the “2010-2011 Legislative Summary” with the Board.

Schaefers left the meeting.

State Cost-share Voucher Approvals – The board reviewed two cost-share vouchers submitted for payment; voucher 2-2009 requesting payment of \$3,770.00 for the installation of a grass waterway and voucher FR2-2009 requesting \$34,786.43 for streambank stabilization. A motion was made by Livingston, seconded by Hahn, to approve payment of cost-share vouchers 2-2009 and FR2-2009. The motion carried unanimously.

Fy 2007 State Cost-share Final Financial Report – After review, a motion was made by Scherger, seconded by Livingston, to authorize the treasurer to sign the report. The motion carried unanimously.

Board Meeting Date Change – After discussion, a motion was made by Scherger, seconded by Livingston to change the date of the July 2009 board meeting from July 16th to July 8, 2009. The motion carried unanimously.

Correspondences

- Area 7 MASWCD resolutions meeting notice and agenda.
- SWCD Supervisors and Employee Orientation and Refresher conference July 14-15th in St. Cloud.
- Legislative summary – New “Rural Preservation Property Tax Program” that will require some Districts to take on new responsibilities.

Alberts left the meeting at 9:35 pm

DNR Ground Water Level Monitoring Agreement – After reviewing the agreement, a motion was made by Faulkner, seconded by Hahn, to authorize the chairperson to sign the agreement with the DNR. The motion carried unanimously.

Meeting Reports

- Cedar River Watershed District Mtg. (Livingston) – Ten-twelve people showed up for the public input meeting for the CRWD’s 10 year comprehensive plan; The board of managers approved the \$30,000 loan agreement to Red Rock Twp. for the septic upgrades in Nicolville; Barr Engineering presented flood reduction proposals and estimates; Dave Peterson was hired as the facilitator for the final hearing of the CRWD’s 10 year plan.
- Zumbro Watershed Partnership Mtg. (French) – The partnership did receive its grant from the McKnight Foundation; Approved a new position description for a part-time out-reach coordinator; Upcoming fund raising events and demonstration tours were discussed.

County Fair Booth – The theme for this year’s fair booth will be “Rain Gardens”

Other New Business

None

Adjournment

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by Chairperson Muriel French at 10:08 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 July 8, 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 _____