



Minutes of the March 19, 2009 Regular Board Meeting

Minutes of the March 19, 2009 Dodge Soil and Water Conservation Districts' Regular Board of Supervisors' Meeting held in the conference room at the USDA Service Center building in Dodge Center, Minnesota.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson, Muriel French at 1:15 pm.

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

Others Present: Brian DeVetter, District Conservationist
Jim Hruska, District Technician

Oath of Office – Darrel Faulkner took his “Oath of Office”.

Approval of Meeting Agenda – A motion was made by Hahn, seconded by Scherger to approve the March 2009 meeting agenda as mailed. The motion carried unanimously.

Approval of the February 19, 2009 Board Meeting Minutes – A motion was made by Livingston, seconded by Scherger to approve the February 19, 2009 regular board meeting minutes as mailed. The motion carried unanimously.

Approval of the Treasurer's Financial Statement and New Bills – Hahn reviewed the financial statement with the rest of the Board. He had concern on how our budget is looking. After some discussion, a motion was made by Livingston, seconded by Faulkner to approve the February 2009 treasurer's financial statement and to pay all the presented bills which totaled \$2,812.32. The motion carried unanimously.

New Business:

District Conservationist's Report – DeVetter reported on the following items:

- PII (Personally Identifiable Information)
- FOIA (Freedom of Information Act)
- Reviewed Attachment C and section 1619 of the Farm Bill

After some discussion, the Board of Supervisor's each signed an “Attachment C”, a certification of Natural Resources Conservation Service Conservation Cooperator.

The Natural Resources Conservation Service is working on a Memorandum of Understanding between the two agencies

Commissioner Klaus Alberts entered the meeting at 2pm.

- Current status of the EQIP program
- Emergency Watershed Protection Program
- Nutrient Management Initiative Program

DeVetter left the meeting at 2:08pm.

Meeting Reports:

- Livingston reported on the Cedar River Watershed meeting. The draft management plan is out for the 60 day reviewal process. He mentioned several different activities the watershed district is planning.
- Livingston mentioned the new supervisor orientation meeting.
- Hahn talked about an issue that the Feedlot Advisory Committee was looking at.
- Hruska reported on his employee activities since the last Board meeting.

Commissioner's Report – Alberts discussed the aggregate tax that the Commissioners were dealing with. He also mentioned that the Commissioners received Hruska's letter.

Livingston left the meeting at 2:45 pm.

Annual Report was reviewed. Hahn asked who all gets the report and would like to see the report expand more on the District's activities. After discussion, a motion by Faulkner, seconded by Hahn to approve the 2008 annual report. The motion carried unanimously.

Alberts left the meeting at 3:05pm.

Correspondences – French read a letter from a concerned landowner in Dodge County about all the wind farms that were happening within the county. Discussion followed.

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by Chairperson French on a motion by Faulkner and seconded by Hahn at 3:22pm. The motion carried unanimously.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Dodge Soil and Water Conservation Districts' Board of Supervisors will be April 16, 2009 at 7:15 p.m. in the conference room at the USDA Service Center building at 916 2nd St. S.E. in Dodge Center, Minnesota.

Approved _____ Date _____ Recorder _____