



Minutes of the May 21, 2009 Regular Board Meeting

Minutes of the May 21, 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 Vice-Chairman Darrel Faulkner at 7:23 PM.

Members Present: Muriel French, Chairperson (entered meeting at 9:26 pm)
Darrel Faulkner, Vice-chairman
David Livingston, Secretary
Glenn Hahn, Treasurer
Larry Scherger, PR&I

Members Absent: None

Others Present: Klaus Alberts, county commissioner
Tom Johnston, district technician
Jim Hruska, district technician (entered the meeting at 9:35 pm)

Poster Contest Judging – The Board began the meeting by judging posters submitted from area schools for the MASWCD poster contest. The following is a list of the winners:

5th Grade

1 st place – \$30.00	Hanna Wumow, K/M
2 nd place - \$20.00	Jacob Blair, Triton
3 rd place - \$10.00	Christy Schultz, K/M
Honorable Mentions - \$5.00	Brianna Stebbins, Triton
	Bethany Maynard, K/M
	Mary Ryan, Hayfield

6th Grade

1 st place - \$30.00	Karalee Senjem, Hayfield
2 nd place - \$20.00	Kristen Egger, Hayfield
3 rd place - \$10.00	Violet Lindquist, Hayfield
Honorable mention - \$5.00	Amelia Weber, Hayfield

Approval of Meeting Agenda – A motion was made by Livingston, seconded by Hahn, to approve the May 2009 meeting agenda as mailed with the following addition: approve payment of cost-share voucher #4-2007. The motion carried unanimously.

Approval of the April 16, 2009 Board Meeting Minutes – A motion was made by Livingston, seconded by Scherger, to approve the April 16, 2009 regular board meeting minutes as mailed with the following correction under the county commissioner's report: the Dodge County Sherriff will be retiring June 30, 2009 . The motion carried unanimously.

Approval of the Treasurer's Financial Statements and New Bill Payments – After discussion, a motion was made by Hahn, seconded by Faulkner to approve the April 2009 treasurer's financial statements as presented and to pay all the presented bills which total \$1,627.35. The motion carried unanimously.

Unfinished Business

Resolutions –None

Performance Review & Assessment Program (PRAP) – The PRAP information was distributed to the supervisors. BWSR board conservationist Michelle Schaefer will be attending the June meeting to review this information with the Board.

New Business

County Commissioner's Report – Klaus Alberts reported on the following items:

- The County budget is the main focus of the commissioners right now. The County has a fairly good fund balance for this year. Next year may a different story depending on the State budget. The commissioners are hoping to keep the levy increase to between 3-5%.
- Wind farms are generating quite a bit of interest in Dodge County.

District Conservationist's Report

- None

Meeting Reports

- **Informational Workshop** – Livingston felt the workshop between the supervisors and county commissioners went very well. He had a positive response from the county chairman the next day.

French entered the meeting at 9:26 pm

- **Cedar River Watershed District** – Livingston reported that the un-sewered community of Nicolville will be receiving 50% cost sharing and \$30,000 will be borrowed to Red Rock twp. by means of a six month loan through the watershed district to help install a complying community sewer system for Nicholville.

The rain garden at the new justice center in Austin will be installed at a cost of \$1,600. The County will donate the labor.

Comments received for the CRWD's 10 year plan have been reviewed. The final draft of the plan will be made available at a final public meeting June 17th.

Hruska entered the meeting at 9:35 pm

- **Zumbro River Watershed** – French reported that Jennifer Ronnenberg re-signed her position with the ZWP.
- **Hiawatha RC & D** – Faulkner reported that 77 rain barrels have been sold. The next value added conference will be January 21-22, 2010. The promotion of garden plots is going well. The speaker did a presentation on permaculture.
- **Feedlot Advisory Board** – Hahn reported that the advisory board met with two landowners who are proposing to expand their hog operations. Several recommendations were made by the board.

Alberts left the meeting at 9:56 pm.

Payment of Cost-share Voucher #4-2007 – After review and discussion, a motion was made by Hahn, seconded by Faulkner, to authorize payment of c-s voucher #4-2007 in the amount of \$2,947.70 for the installation of a grass waterway. The motion carried unanimously.

State Cost-share Contract Approval – After review and discussion, a motion was made by Livingston, seconded by Hahn, to approve State cost-share contract #3-2009 in the amount of \$500. The motion carried unanimously.

Supervisor Replacement Candidates – The Board reviewed a list of potential candidates that could be contacted if and when a vacancy occurs in District II.

Correspondence – None

Other New Business

None

Adjournment

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

Next Meeting

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Dodge Soil and Water Conservation Districts' Board of Supervisors will be June 18, 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 _____