



## **Minutes of the November 19, 2009 Regular Board Meeting**

Minutes of the November 19, 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 7:18 PM.

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

**Members Absent:** Glenn Hahn, Treasurer

**Others Present:** Klaus Alberts, County Commissioner  
Dean Schrandt  
Brian DeVetter, District Conservationist  
Tom Johnston, District Technician

**Approval of Meeting Agenda** – A motion was made by Faulkner, seconded by Scherger, to approve the November 2009 meeting agenda as mailed with the following addition: new cost-share contract, #8-2009, approval. The motion carried unanimously.

**Approval of the October 15, 2009 Regular Board Meeting Minutes and the October 20, 2009 Special Board Meeting Minutes** – A motion was made by Scherger, seconded by Livingston, to approve the October 15, 2009 regular board meeting minutes and the October 20, 2009 special board 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 Scherger, to approve the October 2009 treasurer's financial statements as presented and to pay all the presented bills which total \$947.62. The motion carried unanimously.

### **Unfinished Business**

**Securities Update** – No report

**Final Draft-Feedlot and Wetland Services Agreement With Dodge County** – After review and discussion, a motion was made by Livingston, seconded by Faulkner, to authorize the chairperson to sign the feedlot and wetland services agreement with Dodge County. The motion carried unanimously.

## **New Business**

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

- There were 45 applications for the county administrator position. The field has been narrowed down to 10 and interviews are currently taking place.
- The ice arena contracts with Dodge Center and Claremont have been terminated.
- Nursing home update.
- H1N1 vaccine will be available for children November 23 at the City Hall in Dodge Center.

**District Conservator's Report** – Brian DeVetter reported on the following items:

- The native grass demonstration plot planted at the Service Center.
- Gave an update concerning CSP.

DeVetter left the meeting at 7:59 pm

**Dodge County Environmental Educator Report** – Dean Schrandt reported on the following items:

- Status of the “Farm Bill Technician” funding.
- Updated the Board on the “Cover Crop “and “Strip-Tillage” grant proposals.
- “Small Feedlot Fixes” grant status.
- Reviewed the revised District budgets for 2009 and 2010.
- Discussed potential CRWD/ ZWP projects for next year.
- Bookkeeping services.

## **Meeting Reports**

- Zumbro Watershed Partnership (French) – The meeting was held at Quarry Hill. The ZWP's treasurer position needs a replacement. The ZWP will focus on education and fund raising. A presentation concerning the gulf hypoxia situation and excessive nutrient loading of the Mississippi River was given.
- Cedar River Watershed District (Livingston) – The 10 year watershed management plan was approved by BWSR. Discussed two grants which the CRWD has applied for. Reported on the Nicholville project. The Dobbins Creek modeling project should be done by the end of December. The EPA paid a visit to Blooming Prairie recently. Four projects in Minnesota were chosen for the “Healthy Watersheds Initiative” grants. The Cedar River was one of the four.

**Revised 2009 and 2010 budget approvals** – After further review and discussion, a motion was made by Livingston, seconded by Scherger to approve the revised 2009 and 2010 District budgets as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

**Cost-share Voucher FR1-2009 Payment** – After review, a motion was made by Faulkner, seconded by Livingston, to make payment on cost-share voucher FR1-2009 in the amount of \$7,160.55. The motion carried unanimously.

**New State Cost-share Contract Approval** – After review, a motion was made by Livingston, seconded by Faulkner, to approve contract 8-2009 in the amount of \$4,381.00 for the installation of a grass waterway. The motion carried unanimously.

**Correspondence** – The Board acknowledged the following correspondence:

- MCIT 2008 annual report and 2009 annual meeting notice.
- Semi-annual report from Wells Fargo.

**Other New Business** - None

### **Adjournment**

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by Chairperson Muriel French at 9:11 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 December 17, 2009 at 1:15 p.m. in the conference room of the USDA Service Center building, 916 2<sup>nd</sup> St. SE, Dodge Center, Minnesota.

Approved \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ Recorder \_\_\_\_\_