



Minutes of the April 15, 2010 Regular Board Meeting

Minutes of the April 15, 2010 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 Chairman Larry Scherger at 7:18 PM.

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

Members Absent: None

Others Present: Klaus Alberts, County Commissioner
Brian DeVetter, District Conservationist
Thomas Johnston, District Technician

Approval of Meeting Agenda – A motion was made by Faulkner, seconded by French, to approve the April 2010 meeting agenda as mailed with the following additional action items: amendment #2 to c-s contract FR4-2008 and County fair booth. The motion carried unanimously.

Approval of the April 15, 2010 Board Meeting Minutes – A motion was made Livingston, seconded by French, to approve the March 18, 2010 regular board meeting minutes as mailed. The motion carried unanimously.

Approval of the Treasurer's Financial Statements and Payment of New Bills – After review and discussion, a motion was made by French, seconded by Livingston to approve the March 2010 treasurer's financial statements as presented and to pay all the presented bills which total \$753.67. The motion carried unanimously.

Unfinished Business

Principal Securities Update – Hahn reported that the securities transfer is in progress.

MN Data Practices Act Compliance – Johnston reported that he has received a copy of BWSR's Data Compliance Policies and Procedures and is reviewing it for information that will be useful to develop the District's document.

Soil Stewardship Week – Ordered materials for soil stewardship week were distributed.

New Business

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

- Reduced the number of contracted beds for the sheriff's dept. to 15.
- The County's computer system will be replaced as the old system has reached its capacity.

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

- All 15 EQIP contract sign-ups in Dodge County were approved for funding.
- CCRP update – There are approx. 6,000 acres left in Minnesota for CP-38 contracts. Filter strip re-enrollment has been going well in the County.
- RIM/WRP update – One landowner in the County is interested in possibly enrolling 148 to 550 acres into this program.
- Construction season is underway in the County.

New State C-S Contract NB1-2008 – After review and discussion, a motion was made by French, seconded by Hahn, to approve cost-share contract NB1-2008 for funding in the amount of \$8,862.75. The motion carried unanimously.

Amendment #1 to C-S Contract 6-2009 – After review, a motion was made by French, seconded by Faulkner, to approve amendment #1 to cost-share contract 6-2009 in the amount of \$1,892.46. The motion carried unanimously.

Amendment #2 to C-S Contract FR4-2008 – After review, a motion was made by French, seconded by Faulkner, to approve amendment #2 to cost-share contract FR4-2008 for additional funds in the amount of \$4,736.93 with \$1,356.83 coming from FY2008 flood relief funds and \$3,379.10 coming from FY 2009 flood relief funds. The motion carried unanimously.

Meeting Reports

- Hahn reported on the hog farming situation and contracts with slaughter plants.
- Livingston reported that Al Kording passed away. Memorials to the Dodge County Historical Society can be made in-lieu of flowers. Also, Livingston reported he will be attending a Ripley Ditch JPB meeting April 28th at 1:00 pm. This meeting was called to address concerns/issues of a landowner in the Ripley Ditch system.

(DeVetter left the meeting at 8:42 pm)

- Zumbro Watershed Partnership (French) - There will be a fundraiser July 24th in Oronoco. Gave an update on the Zumbro Lake dredging proposal. The ZWP will be submitting a grant proposal for a streambank restoration project in Oxbow Park. The booth at the Farm Show was well visited. Reported on a conditional \$6,000 grant from a citizen. This grant is to be used to address urban stormwater runoff. Rochester is due for a stormwater runoff assessment this year. The ZWP has met with the McKnight Foundation and presented a project proposal to the LCCMR
- Hiawatha RC&D (Faulkner) – RC&D is looking into developing a website. There will be 3 grazing workshops held again this year.

Correspondence – The Board acknowledged the following correspondence:

- Letter from MASWCD President Steve Sunderland concerning payment of dues.
- Resolution packet from the MASWCD.

Other New Business

- **Fair Booth** – After a lengthy discussion, a motion was made by Livingston, seconded by Hahn, not to have a booth at this year’s County Fair but instead have a booth at the Dodge County Expo next spring. The motion carried unanimously.

Adjournment

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by Chairman Larry Scherger at 9:47 pm on motion by French and a seconded by Hahn.

Next Meeting

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Dodge Soil and Water Conservation Districts’ Board of Supervisors will be May 20, 2010 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 _____