



## **Minutes of the August 19, 2010 Regular Board Meeting**

Minutes of the August 19, 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 7:25 PM.

**Members Present:** Larry Scherger, Chairman  
David Livingston, Secretary  
Muriel French, PR&I

**Members Absent:** Darrel Faulkner, Vice-Chairman  
Glen Hahn, Treasurer

**Others Present:** Klaus Alberts, County Commissioner  
Thomas Johnston, District Technician

**Approval of Meeting Agenda** – A motion was made by French, seconded by Livingston, to approve the August 2010 meeting agenda as mailed with the following addition: district capacity score sheet review. The motion carried unanimously.

**Approval of the July 15, 2010 Board Meeting Minutes** – A motion was made Livingston, seconded by French, to approve the July 15, 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 Livingston, seconded by French to approve the July 2010 treasurer's financial statements as presented and to pay all the presented bills which total \$1,117.52. The motion carried unanimously.

Johnston reported that the new health insurance premium increased 1.5%. This increase is well below the budgeted amount and Johnston asked the Board if this savings could be used toward a salary increase. District staff has not received any type of a salary increase since 2007. No action was taken.

## **Unfinished Business**

**Dividend Update** – Johnston updated the Board concerning this matter.

**MASWCD Dues Balance Adjustment** – Johnston reported that the billing for the 2<sup>nd</sup> half of the MASWCD dues was incorrect and an additional 136.50 is due. After discussion, a motion was made by French, seconded by Livingston, to pay the balance of the MASWCD dues. The motion carried unanimously.

**Salary Reserve Adjustment** – After discussion, a motion was made by Livingston, seconded by French to table this item until the next regular board meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

## **New Business**

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

- Reported on the current status of the health and human services budget.

**District Conservationist's Report** – None

**Payment of 1<sup>st</sup> Half 2010 Supervisor Vouchers** – After review, a motion was made by French, seconded by Scherger, to approve payment of the 1<sup>st</sup> half 2010 supervisor vouchers as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

**BWSR FY 2011 Base Grant Agreement** – After review and discussion, a motion was made by French, seconded by Livingston to authorize the chairman to sign the BWSR 2010 base grant agreement. The motion carried unanimously.

**FY 2011 Base Grant Technical Assistance Option Request** – After discussion, a motion was made by Livingston, seconded by French to authorize the chairman to sign the FY 2011 technical assistance option request. The motion carried unanimously.

## **Meeting Reports**

- **Cedar River Watershed District** (Livingston) – Comments made by Dodge County concerning the proposed rules for the watershed district were not getting to everyone on the rules committee. Livingston distributed extra copies he had.

A part-time PR person was hired for \$4,800(8-10 hrs. /week) until the end of December 2010. Livingston was not impressed with his first presentation.

A public hearing was held August 18<sup>th</sup> concerning a proposed \$250,000 2011 levy. After the hearing, the levy was approved for \$225,000.

A Clean Water Amendment Fund application has been submitted for three projects in the Dobson Creek watershed.

The CRWD's rain barrel program is getting started. The rain garden at Austin's Justice Center is not yet completed due to the rainy weather. Nicolville has paid back their loan.

- **SE MN Technical JPB** (Scherger) – The budget for the JPB shows they will be solvent for two more years. A lawsuit was filed against the JPB concerning a project done in Fillmore County. A \$53,000 insurance payment was made to satisfy the suit.

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

- A letter from MCIT announcing the District will be receiving a dividend again this year.

**Other New Business**

- 2010 MASWCD District Capacity Score Sheet – After review and discussion, a motion was made by Livingston, seconded by French, to approve the District’s 2010 MASWCD district capacity score sheet. The motion carried unanimously

**Adjournment**

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by Chairman Larry Scherger at 8:49 pm on motion by Scherger and a second by French.

**Next Meeting**

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Dodge Soil and Water Conservation Districts’ Board of Supervisors will be September 16, 2010 at 7:15 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 \_\_\_\_\_