



Minutes of the July 15, 2010 Regular Board Meeting

Minutes of the July 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 8:04 PM.

Members Present: Larry Scherger, Chairman
Darrel Faulkner, Vice-Chairmen
Glenn Hahn, Treasurer

Members Absent: David Livingston, Secretary
Muriel French, PR&I

Others Present: Klaus Alberts, County Commissioner (left before the start of the mtg.)
Dean Schrandt, Dodge County
Brian DeVetter, District Conservationist
Thomas Johnston, District Technician

Approval of Meeting Agenda – A motion was made by Hahn, seconded by Faulkner, to approve the June 2010 meeting agenda as mailed. The motion carried unanimously.

Approval of the June 17, 2010 Board Meeting Minutes – A motion was made Faulkner, seconded by Hahn, to approve the June 17, 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 Faulkner, seconded by Hahn to approve the June 2010 treasurer's financial statements as presented and to pay all the presented bills which total \$4,820.28. The motion carried unanimously.

Salary Reserve Change – Before a decision was made concerning changing the Districts salary reserve from three months to six months, the Board heard from Dean Schrandt concerning an updated status and projection model of the District’s projected financial future through 2015. If approved by the SWCD board, he would present the model to the county commissioners at their July 27th regular meeting. After discussion, a motion was made by Glenn, seconded by Faulkner, to have the model presented to the county commissioners at the July 27th meeting and to authorize two supervisors to attend the meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

The Board tabled a decision on a change of the salary reserve.

(Schrandt left the meeting at 8:41 pm)

Unfinished Business

Dividend Update – No update

MASWCD Dues Balance – After discussion, a motion was made by Scherger, seconded by Hahn, to pay the balance of the MASWCD dues. The motion carried unanimously.

Conservation Landowner – After reviewing and discussing a listing of candidates, a motion was made by Faulkner, seconded by Hahn, to choose Ron Behounek as Dodge County’s 2010 conservation landowner. The motion carried unanimously.

New Business

County Commissioner’s Report – None

Cedar River Watershed District Cost-share Program – An information fact sheet was looked at by the Board concerning this program.

Budget Status and Projection Models – Presented after the treasurer’s report earlier in the meeting.

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

- Discussed an RC&D proposal he has prepared for funding a community greenhouse.
- Has checked with the Dodge Co. food shelf about them accepting excess produce from the area community gardens.
- Updated the Board concerning the Mississippi River Basin Initiative.
- Updated the Board concerning a letter he sent out to targeted landowners informing them about the EQIP program.

(DeVetter left the meeting at 9:35 pm)

2011 Proposed Budget – After review and discussion, a motion was made by Hahn, seconded by Faulkner, to approve the 2011 proposed budget as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

There was additional discussion about possible ways to cut expenditures. A motion was made by Hahn, seconded by Faulkner, to have staff prepare a “request for proposal” to be sent out to area accounting firms and to the county finance director. The motion carried unanimously.

State Cost-share Contract Vouchers – The Board reviewed cost-share vouchers for contracts FR4-2008 and 6-2009. A motion was made by Faulkner, seconded by Hahn, to make payment on voucher FR4-2008 in the amount of \$14,205.58 and voucher 6-2009 in the amount of \$2,317.73. The motion carried unanimously.

BWSR Reimbursement Agreement – After review, a motion was made by Hahn, seconded by Faulkner, to authorize the chairman to sign a BWSR Reimbursement Agreement for technical services on the Vivian Johnson wetland bank. The motion carried unanimously.

Meeting Reports

- Hahn commented on problems with enforcement of building setbacks and building permit requirements in his area.
- Faulkner and Scherger reported on the Area 7 MASWCD resolution meeting held June 30th.

Correspondence – The Board acknowledged the following correspondence:

- A letter from Don Baloun, State NRCS Conservationist, extending an open invitation to participate in any of the upcoming MN State Technical Committee meetings.

Other New Business - None

Adjournment

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by Chairman Larry Scherger at 10:50 pm on motion by Hahn and a second by Scherger.

Next Meeting

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Dodge Soil and Water Conservation Districts' Board of Supervisors will be August 19, 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 _____