



Minutes of the May 20, 2010 Regular Board Meeting

Minutes of the May20, 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 7:19 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

Poster Judging – The Board judged posters submitted by the area 5th & 6th grades for the District's poster contest competition. The following is a list of the winners:

5th Grade:

1st Place \$30.00 Makenzie Johnson – Kasson/ Mantorville

2nd Place \$20.00 Gunner Scott - Hayfield

3rd Place \$10.00 Michelle Carranza - Triton

Honorable Mentions: \$5.00

Carson Johnson - Triton

Maikayla Becker - Hayfield

Andrina Hasz - Kasson/Mantorville

6th Grade (all from Hayfield):

1st Place - \$30.00 - Tyler Tittington

2nd Place – \$20.00 - Tyler Dietrich

3rd Place – \$10.00 - Melanie Egger

Honorable Mention \$5.00 – Katelyn Robinson

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

Approval of the April 15, 2010 Board Meeting Minutes – A motion was made Hahn, seconded by Livingston, to approve the April 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 French, seconded by Hahn to approve the April 2010 treasurer’s financial statements as presented and to pay all the presented bills which total \$980.86. The motion carried unanimously.

Unfinished Business

Principal Securities Update – Hahn reported that the securities were transferred to New York Life Securities and from there were sold and put into a money market account. There is still an issue concerning several outstanding dividend checks. He and French will be meeting at the bank tomorrow afternoon to sign some additional paperwork that should resolve this issue.

MN Data Practices Act Compliance – Johnston reported that he has not done any more work on this project since last meeting.

Soil Stewardship Week – The material for soil stewardship week were distributed to area businesses.

Resolutions - None

New Business

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

- The County budget process has started.
- Commissioners approved location for a concrete batch plant for the Hwy. 56 project.
- The “Board of Appeals and Equalization” meeting will be June 15th at 7:00 pm.

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

- Don Baloun was chosen as the new state conservationist. He will be visiting the Dodge Center field office June 3rd from 8:00 am-12:00pm. Brian gave a little background information about Mr. Baloun.
- The CSP signup #2 is in progress. The cutoff date for this signup’s ranking is June 11th. Several new enhancements were added and several old ones were dropped.
- Updated the Board concerning CP-38 and CP-21 sign-ups and also the field work which is going on.

- RIM/WRP update – One landowner in the County has signed an application which if approved would enroll 545 acres into this program.

(DeVetter left the meeting at 8:51 pm)

State Cost-share Vouchers 5-2008 and 8-2009 – After review and discussion, a motion was made by French, seconded by Livingston, to approve payment of cost-share vouchers for contract 5-2008 in the amount of \$485.00 and contract voucher 8-2009 in the amount of \$4,108.98. The motion carried unanimously.

Meeting Reports

- French reported on the State Envirothon she attended at Chesterwoods Park as a judge. Rushford-Peterson won the competition.
- Cedar River Watershed District (Livingston) – Dave reported that he has attended two CRWD meetings since the last board meeting. The April 21st meeting was well attended by the public. Many of the public attendees as well as several board members voiced their concerns with the proposed draft rules. The CRWD cost-share program was approved. Greg Eggers from the DNR gave a Dobbins Creek modeling update. At the May 19th meeting, Bev Norby reviewed an MRBI grant she has submitted for funding. The grant is for \$1,575,670. \$85,000 has been budgeted over the next five years by the CRWD for the implementation of the grant if funded.
- Livingston reported he attending the Ripley Ditch JPB meeting April 28th. Concerns/issues of a landowner within the Ripley Ditch system were heard and addressed.

Correspondence – The Board acknowledged the following correspondence:

- Letter from MASWCD President Steve Sunderland .

Other New Business - None

Adjournment

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by Chairman Larry Scherger at 9:24 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 June 17, 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 _____