



Minutes of the October 21, 2010 Regular Board Meeting

Minutes of the October 21, 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-Chairman
Glen Hahn, Treasurer
David Livingston, Secretary
Muriel French, PR&I

Others Present: Klaus Alberts, County Commissioner
Dean Schrandt, Dodge Co. Environmental
Brian DeVetter, NRCS District Conservationist
Jim Hruska, District Technician

Approval of Meeting Agenda – A motion was made by Faulkner, seconded by Livingston, to approve the October 2010 meeting agenda as mailed with the following addition: action on cost-share voucher #9-2008. The motion carried unanimously.

Approval of the September 16, 2010 Board Meeting Minutes – A motion was made Hahn, seconded by Livingston, to approve the September 16, 2010 regular board meeting minutes as mailed. The motion carried unanimously.

Approval of the Treasurer's Financial Statements and Payment of New Bills – Hahn commented on the salary reserve hasn't changed from three months to six months. After discussion the Board felt this should show up on next month's financial statement. The additional bill was the NACD annual dues. Last year the District paid \$225. There was a motion by French, seconded by Livingston to approve a payment of \$225 to NACD for this year's dues. There was a motion by Livingston, seconded by Faulkner to approve the September financial statement and to pay all presented bills which total \$1,077.96, (\$852.96 + \$225.00). The motion carried unanimously.

Dean Schrandt enter the meeting at 7:28pm

After more discussion on the budget there was a motion by Livingston, seconded by French to pursue other options for the District's bookkeeping. The motion carried unanimously.

Unfinished Business

Dividend Update – Livingston distributed to board members a copy of a letter sent to Paul Kiltinen, Dodge County Attorney, from Computershare Investor Services requesting proof that Mr. Kiltinen is the Dodge Co. Soil & Water Conservation District's legal authority for pursuing the dividend check replacements transaction which the District's board of supervisors has requested from Computershare several times. Hruska made copies of Minnesota Statue 103C.321 subd. 4 for the board members review. The statue states that the county attorney of the county where the major portion of the soil & water conservation district is located is the legal attorney for the District. After discussion, a motion was made by French, seconded by Hahn, to forward a copy of Minnesota Statue 103C.321 subd. 4 to Computershare Investor Services affirming Paul Kiltinen, Dodge County Attorney, is the District's board of supervisors' legal authority and to authorize the release of all information concerning account #C001822608 to Mr. Kiltinen. The motion carried unanimously.

New Business

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

- He toured the county to assess the flood damage. We had a few newer practices fail. Johnston and he are applying for special cost share funds for these repairs.

Klaus Alberts entered the meeting at 7:50 pm

- We have few EQIP and CSP applications at this time
- If the Board hears of any erosion problems, let the office know

DeVetter left the meeting at 8:05 pm

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

- New roof for the Nursing Home was approved
- Balancing the pay increases between union and non-union employees between last year and this year
- Trying to maintain the 3% increase with the County's Budget. It stills looks like the District should get the \$80,000 they requested.

Environmental Services Update – Dean Schrandt reported on the following items:

- There's been a request proposed to hire two feedlot engineer technicians through the Joint Powers Board and have one located here in the Dodge County and the other in Wabasha County
- Submitted a grant to hire the Minnesota Conservation Corps to perform a road culvert inventory.

Resolutions

Board members reviewed, discussed, and voted on each resolution

Schrandt left the meeting at 9:25pm

Board members finished the resolution voting process

County Ditch Update – Jim Hruska reported to the Board that he is possibly retiring at the end of next year. He is going to inform the Joint Power Boards for the County Ditches of this at their annual meeting in November. The District Board and the County Commissioners need to look at a replacement at the end of next year. The Commissioners have a resolution with the District to inspect the county ditches.

Alberts left the meeting at 10:40pm

Meeting Reports

- Zumbro River Watershed Partnership – French gave a report on the Watershed’s activities
- Hiawatha Valley RC&D- Faulkner had no report, he missed the last meeting
- Cedar River Watershed District - Livingston reviewed the staff update letter with the Board. He also suggested that we should have a technical staff person attending these watershed meetings. The Board will have more discussion on this at the next District meeting.

Other New Business

- State Cost-share Voucher #9-2008 – After review and discussion, a motion was made by Livingston, seconded by French, to approve payment of cost-share voucher #9-2008 in the amount of \$1,610.36. The motion carried unanimously.
- LiDAR workshop – Hruska asked about attending a LiDAR workshop on October 29th. The workshop is full but there might be an opening if someone drops out at the last minute. The cost of the workshop is \$35. A motion by Livingston, seconded by French to allow Hruska to attend the workshop if an opening becomes available. The motion carried unanimously.
- State Convention – After discussion Hahn is looking at attending the convention

Adjournment

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by Chairman Larry Scherger at 11:20 pm on motion by French and a second by Livingston. The motion carried unanimously.

Next Meeting

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Dodge Soil and Water Conservation Districts’ Board of Supervisors will be November 18, 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 _____