



## **Minutes of the July 7, 2011 Regular Board Meeting**

Minutes of the July 7, 2011 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 7:22 PM.

**Members Present:** Larry Scherger, Chairman  
Darrel Faulkner, Vice-Chairmen  
Glenn Hahn, Treasurer  
David Livingston, Secretary  
Muriel French, PR&I (entered the meeting @ 8:54 pm)

**Members Absent:** None

**Others Present:** Dean Schrandt, Dodge County Water Plan Coordinator  
Brian DeVetter, District Conservationist  
Thomas Johnston, District Technician

**Approval of Meeting Agenda** – A motion was made by Faulkner, seconded by Livingston, to approve the June 2010 meeting agenda as mailed with the following additions: bio-reactor update, amendment #1 to cost-share contract FR1-2011, FY 2009 cost-share program final financial report and local work group letter. The motion carried unanimously.

**Approval of the June 16, 2011 Board Meeting Minutes** – A motion was made Livingston seconded by Hahn, to approve the June 16, 2011 regular board meeting minutes as mailed. The motion carried unanimously.

**Payment of New Bills** – After review, a motion was made by Livingston, seconded by Faulkner to pay all the presented bills which total \$300.00. The motion carried unanimously.

### **Unfinished Business**

**Bio-reactor Update** – Schrandt updated the board on the status of the new bio-reactor to be installed on the Dan Welsh property. A field day will be held July 27<sup>th</sup> @ 10:00 AM.

**2012 Budget** – Schrandt discussed the following with the Board:

- The “Farm Bill Assistant” funding request was turned down for 2012.
- He met with Mark Gamm, Jim Elmquist and Don Gray yesterday to discuss the proposed SWCD budget request from the County and one SWCD staff scenarios compared to two SWCD staff. The County has funds for ½ time person to be used for feedlot and septic enforcement or water plan program efforts.
- The need to better define SWCD staff job functions and work tasks which are performed by each staff.
- Which SWCD programs the Board sees as “high value” to the county as well as which programs produce income for the District.
- The SWCD is on the agenda from 9:00am-9:30am for the July 26<sup>th</sup> county commissioner’s meeting.

Schrandt left the meeting @ 8:15 pm

The Board further discussed SWCD staffing scenarios and possible SWCD program eliminations. The Board asked Johnston to prepare a listing of SWCD programs and the income generated from each program.

The Board then reviewed and discussed the District’s 2012 proposed budget. A motion was made by Livingston, seconded by Faulkner to approve the District’s 2012 budget as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

**Conservation Landowner** – After discussing candidates, a motion was made by Faulkner, seconded by Livingston, to choose Bill Smith as Dodge County’s 2011 conservation landowner. The motion carried unanimously.

**New Business**

**County Commissioner’s Report** – None

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

- Kasey Taylor is the new area 7 assistant state conservationist.
- Funding for contribution agreements with SWCD’s is available again.
- The meeting of the EQIP Local Work Group has been set for July 21<sup>st</sup> from 10:00am-12:00 pm. Discussed ranking pool changes and WRP program issues.
- Area 7 food drive from June 1<sup>st</sup>-Aug.30<sup>th</sup>.
- One CRP contract submitted and approved for sign-up 41
- CRP re-enrollments
- The grassland reserve program is available to landowners in the Root River watershed.

(French entered the meeting at 8:54 pm)

**Meeting Reports**

**Cedar River Watershed District** – Livingston reported that the meeting is later in the month. He has not heard whether Kevin Kiser will be replacing Richard Fuller as Dodge County’s representative on CRWD.

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

- Letter from MASWCD announcing an increase in the standard mileage rate effective July 1, 2011.

**Other New Business**

**State Cost-share Contract FR1-2011 Amendment #1** – The Board reviewed amendment #1 to cost-share FR1-2011 requesting an additional \$780.00 in c-s funds to re-route a 12” drainage tile. A motion was made by Livingston, seconded by Hahn, to approve amendment #1 to c-s contract FR1-2011. The motion carried unanimously.

**FY 2009 Cost-share Program Final Financial Report** – After review, a motion was made by Scherger, seconded by French, to authorize the treasurer to sign the FY 2009 final financial report report. The motion carried unanimously.

**Invite** – DeVetter ask the board if they would like to meet the new area 7 assistant state conservationist. The board felt that would be a good idea.

**Adjournment**

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by Chairman Larry Scherger at 9:45 pm on motion by Faulkner and a second by Hahn.

**Next Meeting**

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Dodge Soil and Water Conservation Districts’ Board of Supervisors will be August 18, 2011 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 \_\_\_\_\_