



Minutes of the November 17, 2011 Regular Board Meeting

Minutes of the November 17, 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 7:17 PM.

Members Present: Larry Scherger, Chairman
Darrel Faulkner, Vice-Chairman
Glen Hahn, Treasurer
David Livingston, Secretary

Members Absent: Muriel French, PR&I

Others Present: Don Gray, County Commissioner
Brian DeVetter, NRCS District Conservationist
Kasey Taylor, A7 Assistant State Conservationist
Dean Schrandt, Water Plan Coordinator
Tom Johnston, District Technician

Approval of Meeting Agenda – A motion was made by Faulkner, seconded by Hahn, to approve the November 2011 meeting agenda with the following additions: concrete certification training and Mower SWCD contract for services. The motion carried unanimously.

Approval of the October 20, 2011 Board Meeting Minutes – A motion was made Livingston, seconded by Hahn, to approve the October 20, 2011 regular board meeting minutes as mailed. The motion carried unanimously.

Approval of the Treasurer's Financial Statements and Payment of New Bills – Hahn reviewed the treasurers' financial statement with the Board. After discussion, a motion was made by Livingston, seconded by Faulkner, to approve the treasurers' financial statement as presented and to also approve payment of the presented bills which total \$1,186.08. The motion carried unanimously.

Unfinished Business

CIG Grant Update – Dean Schrandt reported that two sites were tentively selected for installing “edge of field” monitoring stations. Will need to contact the landowners again when the selections are finalized and agreements are received.

Water Plan Service Plan Agreement – Schrandt reported that he has scheduled a “committee of the whole” with the county commissioners at 9:00 am November 22nd to discuss with them and answer any questions they may have concerning the water plan service agreement. Scherger and Livingston indicated they would attend the meeting with Schrandt.

New Business

County Commissioner’s Report – Don Gray reported on the following items:

- There was a meeting of the Ripley Ditch JPB.
- Jim Hruska and the county engineer toured the Ripley Ditch system recently.

New Area 7 Assistant State Conservationist – Kasey Taylor reported on the following subjects:

- Offered to do a power point presentation for the county commissioners and county administrator to help them better understand the role the SWCD plays in leveraging federal funds for conservation projects within the County.
- Discussed the NRCS budget. There is a mandated 10% reduction. That is why Area 6 and Area 7 have been combined.
- Is on a committee to hopefully make improvements to the current RIM/WRP program to make a more level playing field for application ranking/selection.
- Discussed wetland compliance and wetland certified determinations.
- Reported on the filling of several NRCS positions and the retirement of the area resource conservationist.

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

- An EQIP sign-up is currently in progress. 7 contracts have been developed so far. There will be 3 ranking periods for the current this sign-up.
- It looks like an additional RIM/WRP project will be funded in the county.
- Had a good response for the CRP CP38E practice this past year and several additional filterstrips were signed up
- One additional landowner has signed up for the CSP program.

Meeting Reports

- **Cedar River Watershed District** - Livingston reported that there are 3 proposed MN CC projects in the watershed. The adopted rules for the CRWD will go into effect December 1, 2011. A proposed permit fee schedule was tabled for further evaluation. There are three CP39 wetland creation projects in progress in the watershed. The Mower SWCD has asked to meet with the CRWD board on November 28th to discuss finances.

Correspondence – The Board acknowledged to following correspondence:

- MCIT annual report.

Other New Business

Concrete Certification Course – Pete Fryer has recommended that it would be beneficial for Blaine Delzer to be certified in concrete inspection. A two day certification course will offered in Rochester in February at accost of \$380. After discussion, there was a motion by Livingston, seconded by Faulkner to authorize payment of the registration fee for the course. The motion carried unanimously.

Mower SWCD Contract for Services Agreement – The board reviewed and discussed the agreement. A motion was made by Hahn, seconded by Livingston, to authorize the chairman to sign the contract for services agreement contingent on the review by the county attorney. The motion carried unanimously.

Culvert Survey – Livingston asked if anyone knew who was performing the culvert survey in the CRWD? Schrandt indicated that the Mower SWCD was doing it.

Adjournment

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by Chairman Larry Scherger at 9:14 pm on motion by Hahn 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 December 15, 2011 at 1:15 p.m. in the conference room of the USDA Service Center building, 916 2nd St. SE, Dodge Center, Minnesota.

Approved _____ Date _____ Recorder _____