



Minutes of the October 20, 2011 Regular Board Meeting

Minutes of the October 20, 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-Chairman
Glen Hahn, Treasurer
David Livingston, Secretary
Muriel French, PR&I

Others Present: Dean Schrandt, Dodge Co. Water Plan Coordinator
Tom Johnston, District Technician

Approval of Meeting Agenda – A motion was made by French, seconded by Faulkner, to approve the October 2011 meeting agenda as mailed with the following additions: action on cost-share voucher FR3-2011, 2012 BWSR Grant Agreement and farmbill assistance letter. The motion carried unanimously.

Approval of the September 15, 2011 Board Meeting Minutes – A motion was made French, seconded by Hahn, to approve the September 15, 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 September 2011 treasurer's financial statement with the Board. 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 French to approve the September 2011 treasurer's financial statement and to pay all presented bills which total \$1,226.08 (\$1,001.08 + \$225.00). The motion carried unanimously.

Unfinished Business

Farmbill Assistance Letter – The Board reviewed a letter to Tabor Hoek asking for information concerning the ranking of Districts for farmbill assistance funds. A motion was made by Livingston, seconded by Hahn to authorize the chairman to sign the letter. The motion carried unanimously.

CIG Grant – Dean Schrandt discussed with the Board an opportunity to participate in a 3 year MDA sponsored project. The project consists of testing a new version of an “edge of field” monitoring station at one site in Dodge County. The station will monitor nutrients and sediment leaving a small watershed area. The District would be responsible for approx. 40 hours of in-kind hours. Several sites have been identified in the county. One site will need MDA approval.

Agreement with Dodge County for Water Plan Services – Schrandt reviewed the agreement with the Board. A motion was made by Livingston, to tentatively approve the agreement. French seconded the motion but requested further discussion. After further discussion, Livingston withdrew his original motion and made a motion to authorize the chairman to sign the agreement with several discussed changes to section II paragraph 6. The motion carried unanimously.

The agreement will be presented to the county commissioners at their committee of whole meeting Nov.22, 2011 at 9:00 am

Schrandt left the meeting at 8:24 pm

New Business

County Commissioner’s Report – None

District Conservationist’s Report

- French reported on the invasive species workshop she attended in Dodge County. The workshop was sponsored by the NRCS, DNR and Extension.
- The new Area 7 NRCS assistant state conservationist is planning on attending the November board meeting.

State Cost-share Vouchers – The Board reviewed two state cost-share vouchers. Voucher for contract FR 3- 2011 requesting a partial payment of \$5,735.77 of cost-share funds and voucher for contract FR5-2011 requesting \$1,266.14 of cost-share funds. A motion was made by French, seconded by Livingston, to make payment on the two presented cost-share vouchers. The motion carried unanimously.

Resolutions

Board members reviewed, discussed, and voted on the 2011 resolutions.

Cost Benefit Cost Worksheet – The Board reviewed a revised cost benefit worksheet which is used for SWCD technical reimbursement. After discussion, a motion was made by French, seconded by Livingston to accept the presented cost benefit worksheet as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

Meeting Reports

- **Zumbro River Watershed Partnership** – French reported that the Fun Float and River Cleanup were very successful. A presentation was done by Norman Senjem.

Other New Business

- **2012 BWSR Grant Agreement** – After review and discussion, a motion was made by French, seconded by Faulkner, to authorize the chairman to sign the 2012 BWSR grant agreement. The motion carried unanimously.

- MASWCD State Convention – After discussion, Faulkner indicated that he would be attending the convention on Tuesday Dec.6th along with the 2011 Dodge Co. conservation landowner.

Adjournment

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by Chairman Larry Scherger at 10:24 pm on motion by French and a second by Faulkner. 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 17, 2011 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 _____