



Minutes of the September 15, 2011 Regular Board Meeting

Minutes of the September 15, 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 7:21 PM.

Members Present: Larry Scherger, Chairman
Darrel Faulkner, Vice-Chairman
Glen Hahn, Treasurer
Muriel French, PR&I

Members Absent: David Livingston, Secretary

Others Present: Dean Schrandt, Dodge Co. Environmental
Brian DeVetter, NRCS District Conservationist
Thomas Johnston, District Technician

Approval of Meeting Agenda – A motion was made by French, seconded by Hahn, to approve the September 2011 meeting agenda as mailed. The motion carried unanimously.

Approval of the August 18th, 2011 Board Meeting Minutes – A motion was made Hahn, seconded by French, to approve the July 15, 2010 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 August 2011 treasurer' financial statement with board. After discussion, a motion was made by Hahn, seconded by Faulkner to approve the August 2011 treasurer's financial statements as presented and to pay all the presented bills which total \$602.72. The motion carried unanimously.

Unfinished Business

2012 Revised Budget – After review and discussion, a motion was made by Hahn, seconded by French, to approve the District's 2012 revised budget. The motion carried unanimously.

Farm Bill Assistance Program Letter – The Board reviewed a letter to Tabor Hoek, BWSR asking for clarification about why the District did not receive any 2012 funding for through the farm bill assistance program. After discussion, a motion was made by French, seconded by Hahn, to authorize the chairman to sign the letter as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

FY 2012 Clean Water Fund Application – Dean Schrandt reviewed with the board a CWF letter of interest concerning a proposal for the SE SWCDs to acquire funding of 1-2 BMP water

control projects, up to \$15,000, within each county. After discussion, a motion was made by Faulkner, seconded by French, to authorize the chairman to sign a letter of interest. The motion carried unanimously.

Projected SWCD Duties/Hours for Water Plan Contract – Schrandt reviewed with the Board county water plan duties/responsibilities that would be required in a proposed contract with the County to receive additional funding in 2012. These duties would require approx. 600 hrs. of SWCD staff time which would come from agreed to reductions in staff hours in other SWCD programs and services. After discussion, a motion was made by French, seconded by Faulkner to go ahead with developing the contract which will be reviewed for approval at the next regular board meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

Bio-reactor Field Day – Schrandt reported that the field day went well. Approximately 30 people attended the event. A news article was published in the Star Herald newspaper.

New Business

County Commissioner's Report – No report

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

- The new Area 7 NRCS Assistant State Conservationist has requested to be put on the agenda for the October 2012 board meeting.
- A NRCS contribution agreement with the District has been prepared and sent for approval.
- A forest invasive species workshop will held October 1st at the Dodge Center community hall.
- The revised procedures for processing AD-1026 forms.
- RIM/WRP 25th Anniversary celebration Sept. 21st in Steele County.
- He will be attending the MASWCD State Convention in December.

Cost-share Contract Amendment – The Board reviewed amendment #3 to cost-share contract FR2-2011, requesting the project completion date be extended to Nov. 15, 2011. A motion was made by Faulkner, seconded by French to authorize the chairman to sign the amendment. The motion carried unanimously.

Schrandt left the meeting @ 8:34 pm

Cost-share Contract Vouchers – The Board reviewed two cost-share vouchers submitted for payment. One for c-s contract FR1-2011 requesting payment of \$10,661.80. The other for c-s contract FR4-2011 requesting payment of \$2,664.75. A motion was made by French seconded by Hahn, to approve payment of c-s vouchers FR1-2011 and FR4-2011. The motion carried unanimously.

Meeting Reports

- **Hiawatha Valley RC&D** (Faulkner) – There are no federal funds for administration of RC&D programs. Reported on a RC&D grant that was given to control invasive species with goats.

- Zumbro Watershed Partnership (French) – The ZWP has hired Norm Senjem part-time as their TMDL plan coordinator. The “Fall Foliage Fun Float” will be Sept. 24th. A river clean-up will be done between Pine Island and Hammond. The ZWP coordinator has indicated that there is a good possibility she will not be here next year. There is a need for more members.

Correspondence – The Board acknowledged the following correspondence:

- Reminder of the Area 7 MASWCD supervisors and employees fall meeting Sept. 20th.

Other New Business

- None

Adjournment

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by Chairman Larry Scherger at 9:08 pm on motion by French 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 October 20, 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 _____