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Approved Minutes

The meeting of the Waseca County SWCD Board of Supervisors was held at the Waseca Soil and Water Conservation District's meeting room on January 13, 2011.

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Larry Hagen, Chairman.

Members Present

Larry Hagen, Chairman
 Jurgen Peters, Vice Chair
 Ron Purcell, Treasurer
 Bob Drager, Secretary
 Wayne Cords

Staff Present

Marla Watje, District Manager
 Darlene Kukuczka, Office Assistant
 Jim Jirik, NRCS

Motion by Ron, second by Bob to approve the agenda as distributed.

Motion carried. Affirmative: All Opposed: None

Election of Officers: Nominations were opened.

Ron nominated Jurgen Peters for chairman. Bob made a motion that nominations cease and called for a unanimous vote to elect Jurgen as Chairman. Motion second by Ron. Motion carried. Affirmative: All Opposed: None

Bob nominated Wayne Cords for Vice Chairman. Ron made a motion that nominations cease and called for a unanimous vote to elect Wayne for Vice-chairman. Motion second by Bob. Motion carried. Affirmative: All Opposed: None

Jurgen nominated Ron Purcell for Treasurer. Bob made a motion that nominations cease and called for a unanimous vote to elect Ron for Treasurer. Motion second by Wayne. Motion carried. Affirmative: All Opposed: None

Ron nominated Bob Drager for Secretary. Wayne made a motion that nominations cease and called for a unanimous vote to elect Bob for secretary. Motion second by Ron. Motion carried. Affirmative: All Opposed: None

Motion by Bob, second by Ron to appoint Darlene Kukuczka as the recording secretary. Motion carried. Affirmative: All Opposed: None

Committee Appointments:

Cannon River Watershed:	Ron
County Water Plan:	Wayne Ron, Alternate
Waseca Lake Assn.:	Ron
Lake Elysian Assn:	Wayne
EQIP:	Bob
SCTSA:	Larry Bob, Alternate
Three Rivers RC&D:	Larry Jurgen, Alternate
Greater Blue Earth River Basin Alliance:	Jurgen Ron, Alternate
Budget Committee:	Ron and Wayne
Personnel Committee:	Jurgen and Bob

Motion by Ron, second by Bob to accept all the committee appointments.

Motion carried. Affirmative: All Opposed: None

Motion by Ron, second by Larry to approve the minutes of December 9, 2010. Motion carried.
Affirmative: All Opposed: None

The treasurer's report dated December, 2010 was presented to the Board for review. Motion by Wayne, second by Bob to approve the Treasurer Report as presented and file for audit. Motion carried.
Affirmative: All Opposed: None

Invoices: Motion by Wayne, second by Ron to approve the payment of the presented invoices, except for SCMACDE for \$150.00. Motion Carried: Affirmative: All Opposed: None

Supervisors Reports:

Ron reported on Cannon River and Waseca Lakes associations.

Bob and Wayne reported on the meeting held with the TEP members and Larry Hanson, DNR Wetland Enforcement Officer. Aerial slides of the site were reviewed and the feasibility of the restoration on the entire basin was discussed. A proposed restoration order for Marie Borglum and Richard Borglum were reviewed. The will be delivered by the DNR to Richard Borglum and Marie Borglum.

Larry reported Three Rivers RC&D approved a 2011 contract to provide 6 hrs/week for clerical support to the counsel at \$29.00/hour.

Jurgen reported on GBERBA.

Wayne reported that a decision on the Summary Judgment hearing has not been received yet, the judge has 90 days.

Staff Reports:

Marla – Briefed the board on various work activities, office projects and time off.

Darlene – Briefed the board on GBERBA and Three Rivers RC&D work activities.

NRCS Report: Jim written report is attached. There was discussion on the Wetland Determinations and a possible Contribution Agreement. Consensus by board is to express interest and to pursue more details about a contribution agreement for wetland determination workload. Civil rights statement was read.

Area VI Chairman's meeting: Jurgen will plan to attend the meeting on January 18th in New Ulm.

Designation of Bank: Motion by Wayne, second by Ron to designate the First National Bank in Waseca as the bank of depository for the Waseca SWCD. Motion carried. Affirmative: All Opposed: None

State Cost Share:

FY09-08 Roger Haley Shelterbelt Cost share payment of \$900.00

Motion by Wayne, second by Larry to approve the \$900.00 cost share payment request for the installation of the shelterbelt. Motion Carried: Affirmative: All Opposed: None

RIM/WRP: 2011 Southern Minnesota RIM-WRP riparian floodplain relief sign-up will be through March 4th. The Board noted the importance and the need to promote the program. Discussion was held on the short time frame and staffing constraints. Motion by Wayne, second by Ron to enter into a RIM-WRP services contract with Hugh Valiant to promote the program. Hugh will use the SWCD vehicle when meeting with landowners. Contract will allow \$1000 per signed application submitted to BWSR by March 11, 2011. Motion Carried: Affirmative: All Opposed: None

Pheasant Forever sponsorship: Motion by Ron, second by Wayne to approve the annual Pheasant Forever Sponsor Membership at \$260.00. Motion Carried: Affirmative: All Opposed: None

Legislative Day: Ron and Marla will plan to attend the March 1 event at the State Capitol.

Monthly board meetings: Motion by Wayne, second by Ron to hold monthly board meetings on the 2nd Thursday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at the district office. Motion Carried: Affirmative: All Opposed: None

Newsletter: A District/NRCS newsletter will be sent out shortly announcing tree day and enclose a tree order. Board consensus is to include an article written by research staff from Iowa State University and the University of Minnesota Extension titled "Land Roller Use: Challenges and Benefits" in the newsletter. Rollers impact on soil and water quality is a potential concern. Preliminary research from Iowa State University documents that land rolling a field reduced water infiltration. Reduced infiltration leads to increased surface runoff after rain events. The findings show a significant decrease in water infiltration by over three times the rate of control (non-rolled plots).

Annual Plan of Work: The plan will be submitted to BWSR by March 15th. Contact the office with additional suggestions. Elink reporting for BWSR will be completed by Feb. 1st.

Tree Day will be held on February 8th at the SWCD office from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Consensus by the board members is to provide cookies, beverages and door prizes.

Motion by Larry, second by Wayne to charge \$0.05 over the 2010 tree price (\$1.30) for bare root stock (\$1.35); \$7.00 for 15-18" potted stock and \$10.00 for 18-24" potted stock. Customers will receive a 6.875% discount for orders paid in full on Feb. 8th. Motion Carried: Affirmative: All Opposed: None

Accounting Contract: Motion by Wayne, second by Ron to approve and sign the 2011 contract with Jared J. Dufault, Ltd. for Bookkeeping services. Contracted price will be \$270/quarter; additional costs will be incurred for year end reports and audits. Motion Carried. Affirmative: All Opposed: None

Misc: Marla and Hugh Valiant will attend a Pheasant Forever Conference on January 14, 2011 in Mankato.

Motion by Ron, second by Larry to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was declared adjourned at 8:25 p.m. Motion Carried. Affirmative: All Opposed: None.

The Next Board Meeting will be Feb. 10, 2011 at 6:30 P.M. at the Waseca SWCD office.