

### **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 December 9, 2010.

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

#### **Members Present**

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

#### **Staff Present**

Marla Watje, District Manager  
Darlene Kukuczka, Office Assistant

#### **NRCS Staff**

Jim Jirik, NRCS

**Others Present:** Tom and Monica Davison and LeeRoy Cain.

Motion by Ron, second by Jurgen to approve the agenda as printed with the addition of Adopting policies for administering the 2011 Flood Relief grant. Motion carried. Affirmative: All  
Opposed: None

Motion by Jurgen, second by Ron to approve the minutes of November 18, 2010.  
Motion carried. Affirmative: All Opposed: None

The treasurer's reports dated November, 2010 were presented to the Board for review.  
Motion by Wayne, second by Jurgen 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 payment of the presented invoices.  
Motion Carried: Affirmative: All Opposed: None

#### **Supervisors Reports:**

Bob reported on the meeting held at the office with the TEP members, and Wayne (by phone). A settlement offer was draft that allowed replacement of the 9.2 acres of impacted wetland at a replacement rate of 2.5:1.

Jurgen reported on GBERBA's new grant applications.

Larry reported on SCTSA meeting and their budget. He will be attending the RC&D meeting to discuss the 2011 work schedule and contract with RC&D council.

#### **Staff Reports:**

Marla – Briefed the board on WCA activities and flood grant application.

Darlene – Briefed the board on GBERBA and completion of the PCWL grant through RC&D.

**NRCS Report:** Jim's written report is attached.

SWCD cost share payments:

FY10-4 Dave Wineager - 5 ac. Critical area Planting: Cost Share payment request \$1141.50.

FY10-3 Tyler Hansen - Farmstead Shelterbelt: Cost Share payment \$650.00.

Motion by Ron, second by Jurgen to approve the cost share payments as presented. Because of a cancelation of a proposed project, the district will amend the 50% to the 75% cost share rate.

Motion Carried: Affirmative: All Opposed: None

Extension Request from the Borglums: A request, received from the Borglums, for an extension to submit any new written materials for the Boards consideration at the public hearing was discussed. Motion by Ron, second by Bob to grant the extension, and allow any additional materials from the TEP and the Borglums, to be received at the SWCD office by noon on December 10, 2010. Motion carried. Affirmative: All Opposed: None

Public hearing: Motion by Jurgen, second by Ron to reschedule the public hearing for Thursday December 15, 2010 at 6:30 p.m. at the Waseca County East Annex building to review the Minnesota Local/State/Federal Application Form for Water/Wetland Projects, submitted on July 17, 2007 by Richard Borglum. The Board will also review any additional comments/information on file. Motion Carried: Affirmative: All Opposed: None

Contracts: Contracted staff time and hourly rate with Three Rivers RC&D and GBERBA was discussed. Motion by Ron, second by Wayne, to contract 8 hour per week with Three Rivers RC&D and 24 hours per week with GBERBA. Motion Carried: Affirmative: All Opposed: None

Flood Relief cost share policies: Policy ideas were present at the November Board meeting for review. Motion by Wayne, second by Bob to accept the 2011 Flood Relief Grant for \$50,000; funding priorities are 1) repairs on flood damaged projects, 2) new projects for flood mitigation. Flood related projects will be cost shared at 100%. Staff will also submit a Minnesota Recover Task Force application for additional funding. Motion Carried. Affirmative: All Opposed: None.

Motion by Ron, second by Jurgen to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was declared adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

The Next Board Meeting will be January 13, 2011 at the Waseca SWCD office.

Attachment: NRCS report

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## DC Report

Workload has been heavy with CSP and EQIP payments and modifications. If any contracts under CSP are needed then the payment will fall into next year. The modification process is complicated and requires State office concurrence. We have a 3 page checklist that has to be completed before we even have the producer come in and certify.

I was up the convention on Monday. All the DC's were required to attend. We had two days of meetings following the convention. Partnerships are extremely important to the Don Baloun the State Conservationist. They are working on all kinds of contribution agreements and might even include the Districts handling Swampbuster. The meeting was very productive with many questions being answered and lots of input from the field was directed towards State Office. We have concerns over the budget and to help with the budget there is a proposed plan to reorganize Area Offices and eliminate the St Peter Field office.

Some key dates:

All CSP, EQIP, WHIP payments must be to the area office prior to December 15 if producers are to receive payments this year.

CSP sign-up is currently underway. CSP sign-up ends on January 7<sup>th</sup>, 2011

EQIP sign-up is underway currently.

Office will be closed on December 24 and 31<sup>st</sup>.

Karol Norton will be retire on December 31<sup>st</sup>

Area Meeting on January 11<sup>th</sup>