

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 14, 2010.

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

Members Present

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

Staff Present

Marla Watje, District Manager
Darlene Kukuczka, Office Assistant
Jim Jirik, NRCS
Others: Three Rivers RC&D
Allen Marble – Chair
Lisa Buckner – Coordinator (NRCS)

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

Motion carried. Affirmative: All Opposed: None

Motion by Larry, second by Ron to approve the minutes of December 10, 2009.

Motion carried. Affirmative: All Opposed: None

The treasurer's report was tabled.

Invoices: Motion by Jurgen, second by Ron to approve the payment of the presented invoices.

Motion Carried: Affirmative: All Opposed: None

Supervisors Reports:

Ron reported on EQIP work group meeting.

Larry reported on the SCTSA meeting and each district will provide support of \$350.

Jurgen reported on the GBERBA meeting that was a short teleconference.

Wayne noted that the Board of Appeals reversed the decision of the District Court in the Borglum case.

Three Rivers RC&D Report: Lisa Buckner updated the board on Three Rivers RC&D activities including the PCWL project, trails proposals and the 3 counties involved, and a new community needs assessment in process. She also provided dates for the State association of RC&D's winter and summer conferences.

2010 contract: Allen Marble inquired about the details of the proposed contract from Waseca SWCD for staff services with Three Rivers RC&D. Discussion was held. Allen requested that Marla attend the RC&D meeting for any questions from the council members.

Staff Reports:

Marla – Briefed the board on various work activities and the DNR small grants approval for an easement project.

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

NRCS Report: Jim reported on EQIP and CSP work activities.

Election of Officers: Nominations were opened.

Wayne moved to nominate Larry Hagen for chair, and Jurgen Peters for vice chair and cast a unanimous ballot, second by Ron. Motion carried. Affirmative: All Opposed: None

Wayne moved to nominate Ron Purcell for Treasurer, and Bob Drager for secretary and cast a unanimous ballot, second by Jurgen. Motion carried. Affirmative: All Opposed: None

Committee Appointments:

Canon River Watershed: Ron Alternate-Wayne Lake Elysian Assn: Wayne Alternate - Bob
Waseca Lake Assn.: Ron Alternate - Jurgen Water Planning: Wayne Alternate - Ron
Three Rivers RC&D: Larry Alternate – Bob SCTSA(Zone 10): Bob Alternate - Larry
Greater Blue Earth River Basin Alliance: Jurgen Alternate - Bob
EQIP: Ron Alternate - Wayne

Budget Committee: Ron, Wayne Personnel Committee: Wayne, Bob

Larry will serve on all committees as an ex-officio member.

Designation of Bank: Motion by Bob, second by Larry to designate the bank used in past years, the First National Bank in Waseca. Motion carried. Affirmative: All Opposed: None

State Cost Share:

A second amendment for contract FY09-15 was reviewed by the Board. Consensus by board that no additional amendments will be authorized for this project.

Rural Preserves Property Tax Program: Noted that more information will be provided as details become available.

Health Insurance: Motion by Ron, second by Bob to adopt the 2010 county the county plan for coverage/cost, (\$500 deductible plan) and to reimburse employees up to \$300 for out of pocket medical expenses annually for single coverage. Motion Carried: Affirmative: All Opposed: None

Wetland update: A site visit as previously ordered by BWSR will be scheduled with the TEP.

MASWCD Day at the Capital: Feb. 17 and 18th.

Supervisors planning on attending on the 18th need to contact Marla for travel plans.

IRS 2010 mileage rate: Motion by Jurgen, second by Ron to adopt the IRS standard mileage rate of \$.50/mile for travel reimbursement for employees and supervisors.

Motion Carried: Affirmative: All Opposed: None

Tree Day: Will be scheduled for mid February at the office from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Consensus by board members to supply cookies, coffee, juice and door prizes.

MASWCD dues: Motion by Ron, second by Bob to pay the 2010 dues of \$2223.00 to MASWCD. Motion Carried: Affirmative: All Opposed: None

Area VI Chairman's meeting: Larry will plan to attend the meeting on January 15th in New Ulm.

Payroll contract: The Board discussed options for preparation of payroll and reports. Consensus by board was to continue working with the county.

Annual Plan of Work: The plan is due March 15th and a final draft will be available for the March meeting. Contact the office with additional suggestions.

Southern MN Darkhouse Association: Motion by Jurgen, second by Ron to pay the \$40.00 for 2010 membership. Motion Carried: Affirmative: All Opposed: None

2010 County Appropriation: It was noted that the 2010 county appropriation will be \$76,162. The same amount as in 2009. It was also noted that the county budget is subject to revision and our appropriation may be reduced during the year.

Redetermination of County Ditch 31: A public meeting will be held on Jan 20th at Waseca County Highway Department. Bob and staff will attend to promote the District's native buffer easement program and CRP, beneficial programs especially during ditch redeterminations.

Clean Water Legacy Grant: Applications for Gator Lake, feedlots, and stream restorations are pending.

Accounts Receivable: A notice of a rescheduled hearing for a settlement conference will be held on Feb 26, 2010 at 8:30 a.m. It was noted there will be no more continuances.

Motion by Jurgen, second by Bob to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was declared adjourned at 9:25 p.m. Motion Carried. Affirmative: All Opposed: None.

The Next Board Meeting will be Feb. 11, 2009 at 6:30 P.M. at the Waseca SWCD office.