

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 March 11, 2010.

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

Members Present

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

Staff Present

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

Others:

Marie and Richard Borglum

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

Motion carried. Affirmative: All Opposed: None

Marie and Richard Borglum: Borglum's discussed a ditch cleaning application they recently requested and believed it was not necessary. They presented a permit issued in the early 1990's which included Exemption 24. They stated that it applied to their entire property and due to the Exemption 24 it is still in effect, therefore a new permit is not required. Discussion was held about the past cleaning under the original permit. The District will conduct a review of the Exemption 24 rules and related issues and respond to Borglums. Richard commented that he will drag his feet to allow the delineation to be completed if the ditch does not get cleaned.

Wetlands: Borglums also wanted to discuss the 1599 Rule and appeal. They want a discussion and find resolution privately with the Waseca SWCD board. They requested to work with different WCA staff, and Technical Evaluation Panel members and a staff from the State office to do a wetland delineation.

District board members stated they cannot discuss this issue due to the Petition submitted by Borglum's to the Supreme Court. The District Board recommendation was for Borglums to provide the district with a written proposal of what they want resolved and in what manner. The lawsuit also has to be dropped.

Motion by Wayne, second by Ron to approve the minutes of February 11, 2010 with correction.

Motion carried. Affirmative: All Opposed: None

The treasurer's reports dated January 2010 and February 2010 were presented to the Board for review. Motion by Jurgen, second by Wayne to approve the Treasurer Reports as presented and file for audit. Motion carried. Affirmative: All Opposed: None

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 Lakes Association meeting and Cannon River annual banquet.

Jurgen reported on GBERBA's meeting and grant activities.

Larry reported on activities at Legislative days at the Capitol with Ron and Marla.

Staff Reports:

Marla – Briefed the board on the tree orders, the annual report and WCA activities.

Darlene – Briefed the board on Three Rivers RC&D and GBERBA 2009 expenses and grants.

NRCS Report: Jim reported that CSP work is being completed. EQIP sign up has 25 applications and is about done. He will be giving a presentation on NRCS programs in Waldorf. A replacement for Bill Hunt, State Conservationist, has not been hired yet. Kasey has been detailed to Kansas for two months.

Contribution Agreement with NRCS: Motion by Wayne, second by Jurgen to approve the agreement. Motion Carried: Affirmative: All Opposed: None

Approval of annual plan: Motion by Ron, second by Jurgen to approve the annual plan and submit to BWSR. Motion Carried: Affirmative: All Opposed: None

Approval of 2010 budget: Discussion was held on increasing Charges for Services for such activities as WCA issues and TEP panels, residential reviews, and feedlot permit site reviews. Consensus by board for staff to present a list of potential service charges to implement. Motion by Wayne, second by Jurgen to accept the budget as presented. Motion Carried: Affirmative: All Opposed: None

Area VI meeting will be held in Lafayette on March 31st. Ron and Larry plan on attending. The Area VI meeting hosted by Waseca SWCD is planned for November 10th.

Cost share :

GBERBA funding: Kevin Trahms Terrace earth work completed. Project cost so far \$8800.00 Partial payment request for \$4800.00. Before final completion an amendment may be needed. Motion by Jurgen, second by Ron to approve the request for \$4800.00 and forward to GBERBA for payment. Motion Carried: Affirmative: All Opposed: None

Encumber requests: Roy Keyes for Lake area to install a rain garden within the road right of way on a new subdivision. Discussion was held. Motion Jurgen, second by Wayne to approve Motion Denied: Affirmative: None Opposed: All

Motion by Ron, second by Jurgen to deny cost share on the project as there is not existing problem. Motion Carried: Affirmative: All Opposed: None

Carl Guse for a Bio reactor practice on the Le Sueur River with estimated cost of \$ 7500.00 Motion by Wayne, second by Ron to approve the project and forward to GBERBA. Motion Carried: Affirmative: All Opposed: None

District Cost share:

A list of projects were presented for encumbering, with some exceeding available funds. Windbreak projects presented at 75% cost share: Tyler Hanson for \$650.00, Dave Winegar for \$1420.00, Craig Donahue for \$1125.00 A total of \$3195 which exceeds available funds. Motion by Jurgen, second by Ron to approve encumbering the windbreak projects at 50% cost share. Motion Carried: Affirmative: All Opposed: None
Cost share will be Tyler Hanson \$ 433.00 Dave Winegar \$ 947.00, Craig Donahue \$ 750.00

Outstanding Tree Account: 1) The account with Roger Cole for \$2875.00 was settled.
2) The Waseca County Attorney sent a letter to Ripka's. Larry will send a letter inviting Ripka's to the next board meeting. Some board members will do a review of the site before then.

Cannon River annual meeting will be held in Faribault on April 7th.

Notary Public: Darlene has the application completed. Costs include \$40.00 fee to the State, \$100.00 fee to the county and later the purchase of a stamp.
Motion by Wayne, second by Jurgen to approve completing the process for Darlene to become a notary for the District. Motion Carried. Affirmative: All Opposed: None.

Motion by Jurgen, second by Ron to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was declared adjourned at 9:15 p.m. Motion Carried. Affirmative: All Opposed: None.

The Next Board Meeting will be April 8, 2010 at 6:30 P.M. at the Waseca SWCD office.