

Approved Minutes

The meeting of the Waseca County SWCD Board of Supervisors was held at the Waseca Soil and Water meeting room on March 13th, 2008.

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

Members Present

Wayne Cords, chairman
Roger Androli, vice chairman
Ron Purcell, Treasurer
Jurgen Peters
Bob Drager

Staff Present

Marla Watje, District Manager
Todd Piepho, CREP Technician
Jim Jirik, NRCS
Darlene Kukuczka, Office Assistant

Others

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

Motion carried. Affirmative: All Opposed: None

Motion by Ron, second by Roger to approve the minutes of February 14th, 2008 SWCD Board meeting. Motion carried. Affirmative: All Opposed: None

The treasurer's report dated February 29th 2008 was presented to the Board for review. Motion by Jurgen, second by Bob to approve the January 31st, 2008 Treasurers Report as presented and file for audit. Motion carried. Affirmative: All Opposed: None

Motion by Ron, second by Bob to approve the payment of invoices. Motion Carried:
Affirmative: All Opposed: None

Supervisors Report:

Roger- Attended meeting at three rivers in Blue Earth County on March 3rd.

Ron- Attended Cannon River Watershed Partnership meeting for their annual meeting.

Jurgen- GBERBA Meeting tomorrow at 12:00.

Wayne-

Bob-

Staff Report:

Todd- Discussed projects and other activities that are getting worked on in the office and in the field. The website is now up and running.

Marla- Discussed projects and other activities that are getting worked on in the office and in the field.

Darlene- Attended RC+D national convention in Rochester. Has been working on annual plan for GBERBA.

NRCS Report:

Jim- The farmbill has been extended for one month so programs can continue as before. EQIP sign up is done and 28 contracts were funded in Waseca County for a total of \$352,000.00. There will be an area meeting next week. Currently no money will be available for contribution agreements with the soil and water district. No funding is available for WAE help or the technician position in Waseca County.

State Cost Share-

Motion by Ron, second by Bob to approve the Todd Kolander cost share agreement FY-07-7 for the amount of \$576.00 for a farmstead windbreak. Motion Carried. Affirmative: All Opposed: None.

Discussion of Chapter 103C, Meeting With Commissioners-

The Waseca County News paper made a mistake and did not print the public notice announcement that the meeting between the Soil and Water board members and the County Commissioners was going to take place so it was not held because it would have been in violation of the open meeting law. The meeting will be rescheduled possibly after one of the county commissioner meetings. He will communicate with the commissioners to set up a meeting date.

Area 6 Meeting Wednesday April 2nd:

The meeting will start at 2:00 and a presentation about drainage will start at 3:30. Marla suggested that the commissioners attend this meeting. Ron, Bob and staff will attend.

Native Buffer Cost Share Grant-

Motion by Ron, second by Jurgen to sign the Native Buffer Cost Share grant agreement and submit to BWSR. A maximum of 20% will be used for technical assistance and administrative services. Motion Carried. Affirmative: All Opposed: None.

Annual Plan-

The 2008 annual plan was reviewed by the board members.

Motion by Ron, second by Bob to submit the 2008 annual plan as presented. Motion Carried. Affirmative: All Opposed: None

Feedlot Water Quality Grant-

An application will be submitted for the grant to fund the Richard Ristau and Wayne James projects. Zone 10 will be designing both projects.

Motion by Roger, second by Jurgen to submit the feedlot water quality grant as presented. Motion Carried. Affirmative: All Opposed: None.

Update of Computer-

Marla informed the board that most districts are going to get their own computers and internet service if NRCS decides to charge for the use of their computers. Waseca will need one computer that will not be funded through NRCS so we will look into options to get their own service. Darlene needs to stay hooked up with NRCS.

Borglum Update-

Richard Borglum and Marie Borglum appealed the wetland decision by the SWCD board to BWSR. After review BWSR remanded that appeal back to the SWCD for the TEP to conduct a site review. Under the remand dated February 21st, 2008 a decision by the SWCD board must be made within 120 days of the date on the order.

2007 Tillage Transect-

Todd went over the 2007 tillage transect that was completed on Waseca County. He went over the county stats and also the state results.

Shallow Lakes Conference-

Motion by Bob, second by Roger to allow Marla and Todd to attend the Shallow Lakes Conference and cover cost. Motion Carried. Affirmative: All Opposed: None.

Wetland Vegetation Training-

Motion by Ron, second by Bob to allow Marla and Todd to attend the Wetland Vegetation Training sponsored by BWSR. Motion Carried. Affirmative: All Opposed: None.

Misc.

Ron briefed the board on possible wetland issues on the Iverson property. There are 48 houses scheduled to be built on the property adjacent to Loon Lake.

Motion by Ron, second by Bob to order new road signs and partner with local conservation organizations on cost. Motion Carried. Affirmative: All Opposed: None.

The Next Board Meeting will be April 10th at 6:30 P.M. in the District meeting room.