



Soil & Water Conservation District

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MINUTES FROM THE APRIL 10, 2014 REGULAR BOARD MEETING

Vice Chairman Williamson called the Thursday, April 10, 2014 meeting to order at 8:33 a.m.

The meeting was held at the Historic Courthouse, 215 1st Ave South, Long Prairie, MN 56347. Board members present were: Tom Williamson, Kenny Pesta and Dale Katterhagen. Others present were: Tim Stieber, Division Director, Ed Uhlenkamp, WCA/Feedlot Administrator, Greg Ostrowski, Conservation Technician, Sarah Katterhagen, Office Coordinator, Russell Kleinschmidt, NRCS, Randy Neumann, County Commissioner, Sabin Adams, Pheasants Forever.

Members Absent: Norman Krause & Leland Buchholz.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Williamson asked if there were any additions to the agenda. **Katterhagen made a motion, seconded by Pesta to accept the agenda. Affirmative: Williamson, Pesta and Katterhagen. Motion carried.**

Katterhagen made a motion, seconded by Williamson to approve the minutes as distributed from the March 13, 2014 regular board meeting. Affirmative: Williamson, Pesta and Katterhagen. Motion carried.

Sarah Katterhagen presented the program summary to board. **Katterhagen made a motion, seconded by Pesta to accept the District fund balance totaling \$543,510.02 dated March 31, 2014. Affirmative: Williamson, Pesta and Katterhagen. Motion carried.**

COMMISSIONER REPORT: Randy Neumann added that they are still looking for Sauk River Watershed District managers for Todd County, currently they are advertising in the newspapers, and the county board will appoint. The annual township meeting is today.

BRIEFING & DAY AT CAPITOL REPORT: Stieber added that he and Krause attended Day at Capitol and they meet with three representatives, Kresha, Anderson and Gazelka. The night before meeting, they discussed the RIM program and the abundant applications.

Pesta discussed that in future we should consider sending letters to representatives, instead of attending the meeting. Katterhagen added that he feels we should continue going, but only send one staff person, and one board member.

STAFF REPORTS: (See attachment) Stieber added the Pheasants Forever position is getting support from the Local Chapters. Ostrowski added seven people showed up to the Amish Meeting. Presenters from Planning & Zoning were present, Ed, DNR, and Sheriff. Ostrowski added that there have been more irrigation permits and plans. Sarah Katterhagen added that she completed the quarter reports and she presented an expense sheet for the annual feedlot meeting.

NRCS REPORT: Kleinschmidt added he is working on plans.

PHEASANTS FOREVER: Adams added he is working on EQIP contracts, nine honeybee applications, and that Ostrowski and he recently made a site visit to the Traulich site.

Katterhagen made a motion, seconded by Pesta to approve applying for the Farm Bill Assistance Grant.

Discussion: See handout. Stieber discussed current.

Affirmative: Williamson, Pesta and Katterhagen. Motion carried.

Pesta made a motion, seconded by Katterhagen to approve encumbering 2014 MPCA 319 Cost Share funds for Pete Bauer (Contract #1-14/319) in the amount of \$5,345.20.

Affirmative: Williamson, Pesta and Katterhagen. Motion carried.

Katterhagen made a motion, seconded by Pesta to approve encumbering 2014 MPCA 319 Cost Share funds for Melissa Wenker (Contract #2-14/319) in the amount of \$4,784.50.

Affirmative: Williamson, Pesta and Katterhagen. Motion carried.

DISCUSSED WATER PLAN TASK FORCE COMMITTEE: Sarah Katterhagen asked the board if they have any additional members that should be added to the current list. She added the people on the list all have received a postcard inviting them to be on the water plan taskforce. Neumann added that he would like Stieber to present the list to the Board of Commissioners.

Motion by Katterhagen, seconded by Pesta not to pay per diem and mileage for task force committee members.

Affirmative: Williamson, Pesta and Katterhagen. Motion carried.

DISCUSS PROJECT SIGNS: (See attachment) Ostrowski showed the designs of the signs from PJ's signs. Sarah Katterhagen added if we ordered 12 of each sign the cost would be \$22.00 per sign; if 25 signs were ordered the signs would be \$18.00 per sign, and additional \$2.00 per sign if the signs were laminated.

Motion by Pesta, seconded by Katterhagen to purchase 12 signs of each design, and to go with the two designs on the bottom of the sheet.

Affirmative: Williamson, Pesta and Katterhagen. Motion carried.

DISCUSS NITROGEN MANAGEMENT PROGRAM: See handout. Ostrowski presented information on the Nitrogen Management Program.

DISCUSS IRRIGATION SCHEDULER MANAGEMENT PROGRAM: See handout. Ostrowski presented information on the Irrigation Scheduler Management Program.

DISCUSS WEATHER STATION LOCATION: Ostrowski asked the board to let him know if they had any ideas for a location for the weather station, and that it needs to be north of Long Prairie, for example, Browerville or Clarissa.

REVIEW SWCD/NRCS MOU: See handout. Kleinschmidt read the MOU between the SWCD & NRCS, which allows the two organizations to work together.

Ostrowski, Uhlenkamp, Sarah Katterhagen, Kleinschmidt, Adams, and Commissioner Neumann left the meeting at 10:15 a.m.

DIVISION DIRECTOR EVALUATION: Todd County Human Resources Director, Karla Nalezny conducted the evaluation.

Vice Chairman Williamson adjourned the meeting at 10:44 a.m.

The next meeting of the Todd SWCD Board of Supervisors will be held on June 12, 2014 beginning at 8:30 a.m. at the Todd County Historic Courthouse (Prairie Conference room), Long Prairie, MN 56347.

Leland Buchholz, Secretary

Date

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6/12/14