

Soil & Water Conservation District

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MINUTES FROM THE AUGUST 14, 2014 REGULAR BOARD MEETING

Chairman Krause called the Thursday, August 14, 2014 meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

The meeting was held at the Historic Courthouse, 215 1st Ave South, Long Prairie, MN 56347. Board members present were: Norman Krause, Tom Williamson, Kenny Pesta, Lee Buchholz and Dale Katterhagen. Others present were: Tim Stieber, Division Director, Greg Ostrowski, Conservation Technician, Deja Anton, Feedlot Officer, Sarah Katterhagen, Program Coordinator, Russell Kleinschmidt, NRCS, Sabin Adams, Pheasants Forever, and Randy Neumann, County Commissioner.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

Krause asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes from the July 10, 2014 regular board meeting. **Katterhagen made a motion, seconded by Pesta to approve the minutes as distributed from the July 10, 2014 regular board meeting. Affirmative: Krause, 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 \$453,517.18 date July 31, 2014. Affirmative: Krause, Williamson, Pesta, and Katterhagen. Motion carried.**

Buchholz entered the meeting at 8:37 a.m.

COMMISSIONER REPORT: Commissioner Neumann reported that he and Commissioner Becker attended the SRWD Tour and Representatives Anderson, Gazelka and Franson were at the tour; and it was discussed passing an ordinance on not allowing road right a ways to be farmed.

Ostrowski added that was about 30 people were at the Tour and it was good.

Neumann noted that the Park Board will be requesting 40x80 area to be cleaned at the park for playground equipment. Neumann added that he met with five County Commissioners surrounding the Sauk River Watershed District and discussed about SRWD being more accountable. Neumann discussed the Springstead study.

Katterhagen questioned, what is the Springstead study? Neumann replied it's a study comparison between other Counties pay scale.

INTRODUCTION OF DEJA ANTON: Stieber introduced Deja Anton to the Board. Anton discussed her background—she has been in the Browerville area since 2009. Prior to accepting the feedlot position in Todd County, she formerly was the Feedlot Officer in Douglas County and prior to that she was dairy farmer, managed farms, and was a herdsman and a school teacher.

STAFF REPORTS: (See attachment). Stieber noted that he took Sabin Adams with Pheasants Forever on the radio, and they discussed pollinators; and next month the plan is to take Deja Anton on the radio. Ostrowski added the Mark Berscheit's Ag Waste project will start toward the end of August. The wells are down about 1 foot, and currently working with the Attorney's office on the Maple Lake Project. Ostrowski also noted that he working with SRWD on the Little Birch project with the GIS work and finding BMP's to install. S. Katterhagen showed image of the fairbooth, and a copy of the 2015 Tree Order form. Anton discussed that she working on Feedlot Inspections and following up with Construction Short forms.

PHEASANTS FOREVER: (See attachment). Adams reported that he has been working on EQIP, continuous CRP signup. His recent grant application for two RIM buffers were denied and now he is working with the Pheasants Forever Chapter on writing a grant for pollinator project in the amount of \$2,500.00.

NRCS REPORT: (See attachment). Kleinschmidt added the NRCS office is working on CSP contracts and EQIP funded projects. They also have nine Wetland violations, and working on a recent appeal in the amount of \$138,000.00.

Katterhagen made a motion, seconded by Buchholz to approve amendment for additional funds in the amount of \$106.00 of FY14 State Cost Share funds for James Hiltner (Contract #2-14). Affirmative: Krause, Williamson, Pesta, Buchholz and Katterhagen. Motion carried.

Katterhagen made a motion, seconded by Pesta to approve extension of FY14-17 MPCA/319 cost share funds for Pete Bauer (Contract #1-14/319) to September 1, 2015. Affirmative: Krause, Williamson, Pesta, Buchholz and Katterhagen. Motion carried.

Buchholz made a motion, seconded by Katterhagen to approve payment of FY13 State Cost Share funds for Bill Kellogg (Contract #12-13) in the amount of \$3,702.75. Affirmative: Krause, Williamson, Pesta, Buchholz and Katterhagen. Motion carried.

Buchholz made a motion, seconded by Williamson to approve payment of FY14 State Cost Share funds for James Hiltner (Contract #2-14) in the amount of \$5,896.84. Affirmative: Krause, Williamson, Pesta, Buchholz and Katterhagen. Motion carried.

Board and Staff had discussion about reducing cost share percentage rate on shoreline practices. The board's consensus to have staff develop a policy and a checklist for determining percentage rates.

Pesta made a motion, seconded by Katterhagen to approve Robert Bryniarski's request to cancel to his cost share contract in the amount of \$80,000.00 utilizing FY13-15 Livestock Management funds.

Discussion: Board had discussion of moving cost share funds to another project. Ostrowski and S. Katterhagen they have been in contact with BWSR about moving the funds to another project. **Affirmative: Krause, Williamson, Pesta, Buchholz and Katterhagen. Motion carried.**

Pesta made a motion, seconded by Williamson to table accepting the 2015 Soil and Water Budget until September's board, to allow the board to thoroughly review the budget.

Discussion: Commissioner Neumann said the District would still be in the timeframe with the County with approving final budgets. **Affirmative: Krause, Williamson, Pesta, Buchholz and Katterhagen. Motion carried.**

Buchholz made a motion, second by Katterhagen to approve S.A. Graphics as the vendor to purchase T-shirts for the Enviro Fest.

Discussion: S. Katterhagen noted a donation from City of Long Prairie was received and that she also sent letters to other Todd County cities with Well Head Protection Plans. **Affirmative: Krause, Williamson, Pesta, Buchholz and Katterhagen. Motion carried.**

Pesta made a motion, seconded by Buchholz to approve Hosting the Awards Luncheon at the Hub Supper Club on October 9, 2014 at 11:30 a.m. Affirmative: Krause, Williamson, Pesta, Buchholz and Katterhagen. Motion carried.

Pesta made a motion, seconded by Katterhagen to approve all board members to attend the AREA II meeting on September 3, 2104 if they are available to attend.

Discussion: Board noted that it's Stieber's responsibility to know if it's important to have staff attend the meeting.
Affirmative: Krause, Williamson, Pesta, Buchholz and Katterhagen. Motion carried.

DISCUSS STRENGTHENING YOUR SWCD CONFERENCE ON SEPTEMBER 10-11, 2014 IN BAXTER: Board discussed passing on the opportunity.

DISCUSS AQUATIC INVASIVE SPECIES (AIS) FUNDS: Stieber provided the board a handout on the grant. S. Katterhagen, Shannon Haasser and Tim Stieber will be attending the AIS training on August 27, 2014 in Alexandria.

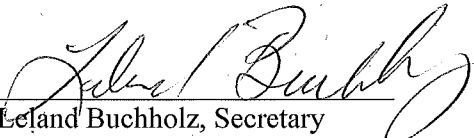
DISCUSS WETLAND POSITION: Stieber noted Mitchell Ness will start on August 18, 2014.

DISCUSS WATER PLANNER POSITION: Stieber noted Shannon Haasser will start on August 25, 2014.

DISCUSS PROGRAM COORDINATOR POSITION: Stieber noted S. Katterhagen accepted the Program Coordinator Position.

Chairman Krause adjourned the meeting at 10:35 a.m.

The next meeting of the Todd SWCD Board of Supervisors will be held on September 11, 2014 beginning at 8:30 a.m. at the Todd County Historic Courthouse (Prairie Conference room), Long Prairie, MN 56347.


Leland Buchholz, Secretary

9/11/2014
Date