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MINUTES FROM THE AUGUST 14, 2012 REGULAR BOARD MEETING

Minutes from the Todd Soil and Water Conservation District Board Meeting, held at Historic Courthouse, 215 1st Ave South, Long Prairie, MN 56347.

Chairman Kenny Pesta called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

Members Present: Chairperson, Kenny Pesta
Vice-Chairperson, Dale Katterhagen
Secretary, Norman Krause
Treasurer, Tom Williamson
Member, Leland Buchholz

Others Present: County Commissioner, Gerry Ruda
Division Director, Tim Stieber
Administrative Assistant, Sarah Katterhagen
Resource Conservationist, Greg Ostrowski
Resource Conservationist, Ed Uhlenkamp
NRCS, Russell Kleinschmidt
Board Conservationist, Jason Weinerman

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Motion by Katterhagen, seconded by Williamson to approve the agenda.

Affirmative: Pesta, Katterhagen, Krause, Williamson, Buchholz.
Opposed: None.

Motion Carried.

Motion by Williamson, seconded by Williamson to approve the minutes as distributed from the July 10, 2012 regular board meeting.

Affirmative: Pesta, Katterhagen, Krause, Williamson, Buchholz.
Opposed: None.

Motion Carried.

Motion by Krause, seconded by Katterhagen, to accept treasurer's report dated August 14, 2012 with a District Fund balance of \$262,530 and cost share disbursements totaling \$9,951.57.

Affirmative: Pesta, Katterhagen, Krause, Williamson, Buchholz.
Opposed: None.

County Administrator, Nathan Burkett entered the meeting at 8:40 a.m.

Chairperson Pesta closed the meeting at 8:40 a.m.

Chairperson Pesta opened the meeting at 8:50 a.m. & County Administrator left the meeting.

COMMISSIONER'S REPORT: Commissioner Ruda reported the County's Audit came back good and now it's time to get back to work. He noted that Kitty Tepley wrote a letter to the Commissioners and has left the Parks and Trails board. Ruda also said that "Soil and Water Board of Supervisors are doing a good job at keeping their identity."

PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT: Supervisor Katterhagen reported at the last Planning Commission it was approved for a property owner to have a 2nd dwelling on the home for medical necessity reasons.

WES MIN RC&D: Supervisor Williamson reported that WES MIN RC&D have successfully closed their doors. Everyone voted to shut down. The remaining fund balances will be disbursed to non-profit organizations and to Pope and Douglas SWCD who have outstanding projects that need to be completed.

BOARD CONSERVATIONIST: Jason Weirnerman discussed and answered questions about the letter he sent regarding the drought. The goal of the letter was to provide the Soil and Water board and staff with awareness. He also added the grant deadline for CWL funds is September 14, 2012 and the BWSR Academy for Staff is end of October.

STAFF REPORTS: (See attachments), In addition, Tim added that he has been working with 2013 Budgets, applying for grant dollars, Planning and Zoning complaints, and has been having meetings to discuss the GIS dilemma. Sarah added that she has been working with Tim and the County Administrator with the 2013 Budget. Greg added that Keppers' project is looking good and the Motley project has not started. Ed added that his mid-year review went good and that he has been working a lot on the Varner/Roe site. Russ added the Local Work Group Meeting has a good turnout of people from different groups. He also added that he has been discussing with Tim about the Pheasants Forever position.

Chairperson Pesta recessed the meeting at 9:53 a.m.

Chairperson Pesta reconvened the meeting at 10:00 a.m.

ACT ON ENCUMBERING CWL SWAN RIVER COST SHARE FUNDS. See attachment.

ACT ON AMENDMENT OF CWL SWAN RIVER COST SHARE FUNDS. See attachment.

ACT ON PAYMENT OF MPCA 319 COST SHARE FUNDS. See attachment.

ACT ON PAYMENT OF CWL SWAN RIVER COST SHARE FUNDS. See attachment.

ACT ON CANCELING CWL SWAN RIVER COST SHARE FUNDS. See attachment.

ACT ON APPROVING AGBMP LOAN DOLLARS: Motion by Krause, seconded by Williamson to approve Russ Klein eligibility to apply for an AgBMP for \$20,200 for Ag Waste Practice.

Affirmative: Pesta, Katterhagen, Krause, Williamson, Buchholz.

Opposed: None.

Motion Carried.

DISCUSS AND APPROVE SOIL AND WATER 2013 BUDGET: The board held discussion regarding the 2013 Budget. Division Director, Tim Stieber explained the Management budget and the Soil and Water Budget.

Motion by Williamson, seconded by Katterhagen to accept the 2013 Soil and Water Budget.

Affirmative: Pesta, Katterhagen, Krause, Williamson, Buchholz.

Opposed: None.

Motion Carried.

INCREASE RATE OF PAYMENT FOR GROUNDWATER LEVEL MONITORING WELL PROGRAM

RESOLUTION: The board held discussion that the next step is to get the resolution to the Area II Meeting.

Motion by Buchholz, seconded by Krause to approve "Increase Rate of Payment for Groundwater Level Monitoring Well Program" resolution.

Affirmative: Pesta, Katterhagen, Krause, Williamson, Buchholz.

Opposed: None.

Motion Carried.

DISCUSS TREE PLANTER: Motion by Krause, seconded by Williamson to keep the tree planter.

Affirmative: Pesta, Katterhagen, Krause, Williamson.

Opposed: Buchholz.

Motion Carried.

DISCUSS UPCOMING EVENTS: Sarah listed off the upcoming events.

DISCUSS MOVING SEPTEMBER BOARD MEETING TO A LATER TIME: Board consensus to move to the September 11, 2012 board meeting to 10:00 a.m.


DISCUSS WRITING LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION FOR OUTSTANDING CONSERVATIONIST AWARD: Board consensus to write letter of recommendation for Jay and Marie Noska.

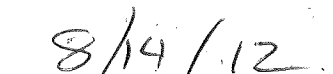
OTHER: Supervisor Krause said through the CWL funds, Department of Ag can apply for Irrigation Specialist and feels that the position should be filled and advised the Supervisors to the talk to other people.

Supervisor Pesta and Katterhagen would like to receive board packets in the mail rather than e-mail.

ADJOURNMENT: Chairman Pesta adjourned the meeting at 11:05 a.m.

The next meeting of the Todd SWCD Board of Supervisors will be a held on Tuesday, September 11, 2012 beginning at 10:00 a.m. at the Todd County Historic Courthouse (Prairie Conference room), Long Prairie, MN 56347.


Norman Krause, Secretary


Date

August 2012 COST SHARE ACTION

1 <u>2011 Swan River Cost Share Funds to Encumber</u>	16-11SR Larry Kirschenmann Riparian Herbaceous Cover	\$1,374.49										
			Total:									
2 <u>2011 Swan River Cost Share Funds to Amend Contract</u>	5-11SR Lambert Hollermann Ag Waste Management	\$4,571.97										
			Total:									
3 <u>2011 MPCA 319 Cost Share Funds to Pay Completed Contract</u>	19-09/319 Shawn Roe Ag Waste Storage	\$37,650.00										
			Total:									
4 <u>2011 Swan River Cost Share Funds to Pay Completed Contract</u>	5-11SR Lambert Hollermann Ag Waste Management	\$90,104.25										
	5-11SR Lambert Hollermann Ag Waste Management-Engineering	\$10,000.00										
	7-11SR James Zagaros Shoreland Buffer	\$1,762.80										
	8-11SR Rick Krauel Shoreland Buffer	\$506.25										
	10-11SR John Fodstad Shoreline Stabilization.	\$6,328.73										
	11-11SR Long Lake Association Native Plantings	\$3,335.85										
	13-11SR Tom Kittelson Shoreline Protection	\$5,208.00										
	14-11SR Richard Patnode Riparian Herbaceous Cover	\$3,098.43										
			Total:									
5 <u>2011 Swan River Cost Share Funds to Cancel Contract</u>	12-11SR Jennifer Gove Riparian Herbaceous Cover	\$2,464.40										
			Total:									

Total Funds to Encumber:	\$1,374.49
Total Funds to Amend:	\$4,571.97
Total Cost Share Funds to Pay:	\$157,994.31
Total Cost Share Funds to Cancel:	\$2,464.40