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MINUTES FROM THE SEPTEMBER 12, 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 9:16 a.m.

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

Members Absent: Secretary, Norman Krause

Others Present: Division Director, Tim Stieber
Administrative Assistant, Sarah Katterhagen
Conservation Technician, Greg Ostrowski
Feedlot & WCA Administrator, Ed Uhlenkamp
Water Planner, Amy Piekarski
NRCS, Russell Kleinschmidt
Pheasants Forever, Matt Holland

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

Affirmative: Pesta, Katterhagen, Williamson, Buchholz.

Opposed: None.

Motion Carried.

Chairperson Pesta closed the meeting at 9:20 a.m.

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

Chairperson Pesta opened the meeting 10:05 a.m.

Motion by Katterhagen, seconded by Buchholz to approve the minutes as distributed from the August 14, 2012 regular board meeting.

Affirmative: Pesta, Katterhagen, Williamson, Buchholz.

Opposed: None.

Motion Carried.

Motion by Krause, seconded by Katterhagen, to accept treasurer's report dated August 31, 2012 with a District Fund balance of \$262,530 and cost share disbursements totaling \$147,994.31.

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

Motion Carried.

COMMISSIONER'S REPORT: No report.

PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT: See minutes from the September 6, 2012 Planning and Commission meeting.

Tim Stieber introduced Galen Gruber as the new Land Use Planner for Planning and Zoning.

PHEASANTS FOREVER: (See attachments for additional information). Matt Holland from Pheasants Forever discussed having a Farm Bill Biologist in Todd County. This specialized position would help increase customer service to those involved in CRP and Rim programs in Todd County. This position would accelerated enrollment in programs and would answer people's regarding the programs. Pheasants Forever would take care of the hiring and HR work and position would require support from the NRCS and Soil and Water office. Most people hired for this position have four year degree and some have a master degree. From local funding they are looking at around \$10,000.00 to help cover the cost of this position.

Matt Holland left the meeting at 10:45 a.m.

STAFF REPORTS: (See attachments), In addition, Sarah added that her work hours are from 7:00 a.m. to 3:30; five days a week. Greg gave updates on the 210 street project and mentioned the Motley project has been changed to streambarbs as the toe wood practice bids came in extremely high; the NRCS Engineers are preparing a design. Tim provided the board with a handout regarding the 2012 Local Work Group Meeting.

ACT ON ENCUMBERING 2012 STATE COST SHARE FUNDS. See attachment.

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

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

ACT ON PAYMENT OF 2009 MPCA/319 COST SHARE FUNDS. See attachment.

ACT ON PARTIAL PAYMENT OF 2012-2014 FEEDLOT QUALITY ASSISTANCE FUNDS. See attachment.

DISCUSSION OF GLENN PESTA'S STEAM BARBS: Greg noted that he did a site inspection of the streambarbs as requested by the Todd SWCD Board from the previous meeting. The streambarbs are working and recommended to landowner to install of buffer.

IRRIGATION SPECIALIST TRI-COUNTY POSITION: (See attachment) Tim Stieber has been working with Darren Newville regarding applying for the Irrigation Specialist for Todd, Wadena and Hubbard County. There would be no required funding from Todd SWCD only would require match funds from Todd SWCD. The person hired for this position would work with irrigators why they apply for permits; work on irrigation plans and erosion plans.

Motion by Buchholz, seconded by Katterhagen to pursue the Irrigation Specialist Tri-County position in partnership with Wadena and Hubbard SWCD with Wadena taking the lead in applying for grant funding.


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

Motion Carried.

OTHER: At the next board meeting, the board would like to discuss the possibility of having signs posted when construction work is being done on a project.

ADJOURNMENT: Chairperson Pesta adjourned the meeting at 11:20 a.m.

The next meeting of the Todd SWCD Board of Supervisors will be a **held on Tuesday, October 9, 2012 beginning at 8:30 a.m. at the Todd County Historic Courthouse (Prairie Conference room), Long Prairie, MN 56347.**


Norman Krause, Secretary

9/12/12
Date

SEPTEMBER 2012 COST SHARE ACTION

1 <u>2012 State Cost Share Funds to Encumber</u> 3-12 Dale Greenwaldt Wind/Snow Protection	\$743.00	Motion by	Seconded	Abstained	Yes	No	Passed
	Total:	\$743.00	Katterhagen	Williamson		4	Yes
2 <u>2011 Swan River Cost Share Funds to Amend Contract</u> 15-11SR Pat Masloski Riparian Herbaceous Cover	\$112.48	Motion by	Seconded	Abstained	Yes	No	Passed
	Total:	\$112.48	Williamson	Katterhagen		4	Yes
3 <u>2011 Swan River Cost Share Funds to Pay Completed Contract</u> 15-11SR Pat Masloski Riparian Herbaceous Cover	\$6,387.15	Motion by	Seconded	Abstained	Yes	No	Passed
	Total:	\$6,387.15	Buchholz	Katterhagen		4	Yes
4 <u>2011 MPCA 319 Cost Share Funds to Pay Completed Contract</u> 19-09/319 Shawn Rowe Nutrient Management 26-09/319 Todd County Public Works Streambank & Shoreline Protection	\$1,846.50	Motion by	Seconded	Abstained	Yes	No	Passed
	Total:	\$4,971.65	Katterhagen	Buchholz		4	Yes
5 <u>2012-2014 Feedlot Quality Assistance Funds to Pay Completed Contract</u> 1-12FA Tom Keppers Ag Waste Management (Partial)	\$21,193.50	Motion by	Seconded	Abstained	Yes	No	Passed
	Total:	\$21,193.50	Buchholz	Katterhagen		4	Yes
Total Funds to Encumber: \$743.00 Total Funds to Amend: \$112.48 Total Cost Share Funds to Pay: \$34,398.80							