

Soil & Water Conservation District

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MINUTES FROM THE DECEMBER 11, 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.

Chairperson Kenny Pesta called the meeting to order at 8:32 a.m.

Members Present: Chairperson, Kenny Pesta
Treasurer, Tom Williamson
Member, Leland Buchholz

Members Absent: Vice-Chairperson, Dale Katterhagen
Secretary, Norman Krause

Others Present: Division Director, Tim Stieber
Administrative Assistant, Sarah Katterhagen
Conservation Technician, Greg Ostrowski
WCA/Feedlot Administrator, Ed Uhlenkamp
Water Planner, Amy Warnberg
NRCS, Darlene Drayna
Assistant State Conservationist, Mark Kulig
BWSR, Don Buckhout
BWSR, Jason Weinerman

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Motion by Williamson, seconded by Buchholz to approve the December 11, 2012 agenda.

Affirmative: Pesta, Williamson, Buchholz.

Opposed: None.

Motion Carried.

Motion by Buchholz, seconded by Williamson to accept treasurer's report dated November 30, 2012 with a District Fund balance of \$262,530, and cost payments for November totaling \$85,050.55.

Affirmative: Pesta, Williamson, Buchholz.

Opposed: None.

Motion Carried.

COMMISSIONER'S REPORT: Commissioner Ruda congratulated Greg Ostrowski on his recent employee of the year award. He talked to Colin Peterson's aid regarding Verso Paper and their recommendation was to continue to work with the Soil and Water District. Next Tuesday, the County Board will approve the final County budget.

Chairperson Pesta presented Commissioner Ruda a photo in appreciation of serving as a liaison between the County Board and the Soil and Water Board.

ASSISTANT STATE CONSERVATIONIST: Mark Kulig is the new Assistant State Conservationist; he replaced Colleen's position as she moved onto a different position. Kulig talked about his background. He originally is from Wisconsin; in the past he worked in Hubbard, Wabasha, and in Missouri. He mentioned that he doesn't have any information on the Farm Bill. He added Area Offices are working on CSP payments. The State Engineering is retiring and the State Resource Conservationist took a new position. Steve Lutes, from Wadena is retiring as well. Kulig stated that the Long Prairie Office now has a temp office assistant.

BWSR PRAP REVIEW: Don Buckhout handout draft copies of the Performance Review Report. This particular report was written for Todd County. Sauk River Watershed was the Pilot for the project. The purpose of the review is to help local government units with their delivery system and to help them operate at their best. Buckhout reviewed different segments of the report. Buckhout would like feedback and comments by January 25, 2013.

STAFF REPORTS: (See attachments), In addition, Tim added he has been working on the Annual Plan of Work. Sarah added that the newsletter will be coming out in the mail the 3rd week in January. Greg discussed DNR observation well readings, he completed a follow up on the silk fence for Grouley Brothers, and Zigan's project we are waiting for a plan. Darlene added that they completed 45 CSP payments, 11 violations and Russ is working on wetland certifications. Darlene also handout photos showing no-till versus tilled land during a 2 inch rain storm, and photos of turnip, radish rapeseed mix planted August 19, 2012.

Chairperson Pesta recessed the meeting at 9:42 a.m.

Chairperson Pesta reconvened the meeting at 9:48 a.m.

ACT ON AMENDMENT ON FY12 STATE COST SHARE FUNDS. See attachment.

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

ACT ON ENCUMBERING FY13 STATE COST SHARE FUNDS. See attachment.

ACT ON PAYMENT OF FY11 STATE COST SHARE FUNDS. See attachment.

ACT ON PAYMENT OF FY12 STATE COST SHARE FUNDS. See attachment.

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

ACT ON SWCD'S OFFICIAL NEWSPAPER: Motion by Williamson, seconded by Buchholz to approve Long Prairie Leader as SWCD's Official Newspaper for 2013.

Affirmative: Pesta, Williamson, Buchholz.

Opposed: None.

Motion Carried.

ACT ON REALIGNMENT OF SWCD BOARD POSITIONS FOR 2013: Motion by Buchholz, seconded by Williamson to approve the realignment of board position as follows:

Chairperson: Dale Katterhagen

Vice Chairperson: Norman Krause

Secretary: Tom Williamson

Treasurer: Leland Buchholz

Member: Kenny Pesta

Affirmative: Pesta, Williamson, Buchholz.

Opposed: None.

Motion Carried.

ACT ON APPOINTING AN SWCD SUPERVISOR TO SERVE ON THE P&Z COMMISSION, IN AN ADVISORY CAPACITY: Motion by Buchholz, seconded by Williamson to have Supervisor Katterhagen serve on the P&Z Commission as an advisory member representing Todd SWCD as needed or requested by Division Director, Tim Stieber, fulfilling Service Agreement obligation.

Affirmative: Pesta, Williamson, Buchholz.

Opposed: None.

Motion Carried.

ACT ON APPOINTING TWO SWCD SUPERVISORS TO SERVE ON THE LIAISON

COMMITTEE: Motion by Williamson, seconded by Pesta to approve Buchholz and Katterhagen to serve on the Liaison Committee between Todd County Commissioners and Soil and Water Board of Supervisors.

Affirmative: Pesta, Williamson, Buchholz.

Opposed: None.

Motion Carried.

Chairperson Pesta commented that he would like to make sure Soil and Water keeps their identity and newspapers need to clarify if it's from Soil & Water or Planning and Zoning.

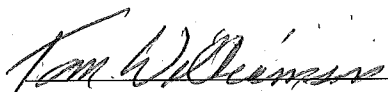
DISCUSS VERSO PAPER: Tim noted that he had the same call from Colin Peterson's aid as Commissioner Ruda. Congress wanted to know how they could help us.

DISCUSS SEWAGE BYPASS DISCHARGE RESOLUTION: Board consensus to review the resolution and table to the January board meeting.

OTHER: Tim Stieber expanded on the Annual Plan of Work. He proposed a couple of different missions the board could adopt, board consensus to keep the current mission. At the January board meeting Tim will be bringing the completed Annual Plan of Work to the meeting for board approval.

ADJOURNMENT: Chairperson Pesta adjourned the meeting at 10:43 a.m.

The next meeting of the Todd SWCD Board of Supervisors will be a held on Thursday, January 10 2012 beginning at 8:30 a.m. at the Todd County Historic Courthouse (Prairie Conference room), Long Prairie, MN 56347.



Tom Williamson, Secretary



Date

DECEMBER 2012 COST SHARE ACTION

1 <u>Act on amendment on FY12 State Cost Share Funds</u>	Motion by	Seconded	Abstained	Yes	No	Passed
2-12 Eugene Hallermann Ag Waste	Buchholz	Williamson		3		Yes
						\$6,897.77
						\$6,897.77
2 <u>Act on Amendment on 2009 MPCA/319 Cost Share Funds</u>	Motion by	Seconded	Abstained	Yes <td style="text-align: center;">No <td style="text-align: center;">Passed</td> </td>	No <td style="text-align: center;">Passed</td>	Passed
27-09/319 MN Dot Streambarbs	Williamson	Buchholz		3		Yes
						\$4,080.00
						\$4,080.00
3 <u>Act on Encumbering FY13 State Cost Share Funds</u>	Motion by	Seconded	Abstained	Yes <td style="text-align: center;">No <td style="text-align: center;">Passed</td> </td>	No <td style="text-align: center;">Passed</td>	Passed
1-13 Mike Johnstone Shelterbelt	Buchholz	Williamson		3		Yes
						\$419.70
						\$419.70
4 <u>Act on Payment of FY11 State Cost Share Funds</u>	Motion by	Seconded	Abstained	Yes <td style="text-align: center;">No <td style="text-align: center;">Passed</td> </td>	No <td style="text-align: center;">Passed</td>	Passed
12-11 Eugene Hallermann Ag Waste	Williamson	Buchholz		3		Yes
						\$310.00
						\$310.00
5 <u>Act on Payment of FY12 State Cost Funds</u>	Motion by	Seconded	Abstained	Yes <td style="text-align: center;">No <td style="text-align: center;">Passed</td> </td>	No <td style="text-align: center;">Passed</td>	Passed
2-12 Eugene Hallermann Ag Waste	Buchholz	Williamson		3		Yes
						\$13,897.77
						\$13,897.77
6 <u>Act on Payment of 2009 MPCA/319 Cost Share Funds</u>	Motion by	Seconded	Abstained	Yes <td style="text-align: center;">No <td style="text-align: center;">Passed</td> </td>	No <td style="text-align: center;">Passed</td>	Passed
11-09/319 City of Garfield Sediment Basin	Williamson	Buchholz		3		Yes
27-09/319 MN Dot Streambarbs	Buchholz	Williamson		3		Yes
						\$7,539.50
						\$40,270.00
						\$47,809.50

Totals Funds to Amend	\$10,977.77
Total Funds to Encumber	\$419.70
Total Funds to Pay	\$62,017.27