

Soil & Water Conservation District

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MINUTES FROM THE APRIL 11, 2013 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 Dale Katterhagen called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

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

Others Present: Division Director, Tim Stieber
Office Coordinator, Sarah Katterhagen
Conservation Technician, Greg Ostrowski
WCA/Feedlot Administrator, Ed Uhlenkamp
Water Planner, Amy Warnberg
NRCS, Russell Kleinschmidt
Board Conservationist, Jason Weinerman

Absent: Commissioner, Randy Neumann

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Motion by Pesta, seconded by Buchholz to approve the agenda for the April 11, 2013 board meeting.

Affirmative: Katterhagen, Williamson, Buchholz and Pesta.

Opposed: None.

Motion Carried.

Motion by Pesta, seconded by Buchholz to approve the minutes as distributed from the March 14, 2013 regular board meeting.

Affirmative: Katterhagen, Williamson, Buchholz and Pesta.

Opposed: None.

Motion Carried.

Krause entered the meeting at 8:35 a.m.

Motion by Pesta, seconded by Williamson to accept treasurer's report date March 31, 2012 with the District Fund balance totaling \$511,063.57.

Sarah noted that on previous Treasurer's reports only cost share funds were included, but now she has added all categories to accurately represent the District's fund balance.

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

Opposed: None.

Motion Carried.

COMMISSIONER'S REPORT: No Report.

LIAISON REPORT: Katterhagen and Buchholz discussed at the March 14, 2013 Liaison Meeting they discussed going forward with the Conservation Technician position, having a review process about the co-location with the County, to review the agreement between both boards, operations, finances, and stressed to continue the communication between both boards. On April 3, 2013 the liaison committee interviewed for the Conservation Technician (Resource Conservationist) position.

CONSERVATION TECHNICIAN REPORT: Tim Stieber reported they had five interviews on April 3, 2013 for the Conservation Technician position. One of the candidates has been offered the position.

Board Conservationist Jason Weirnerman entered the meeting at 8:42 a.m.

STAFF REPORTS: (See attachments), Pesta questioned Sarah about the tree program. She reported that the District has about 2200 trees left to sell and that number is good compared to last year as they had about 4000 left at the end of the season, and last year the District reduced the cost of the trees to get them sold. Sarah discussed that the previous week she worked with the auditor's. Amy added that she attended the MPCA Meeting for the Long Prairie and Redeye River, and this fall they will have more information about the impairments. During that time there time for public comment. Ed added that he has been working with Keppers, with the repaid snow melt the transfer pumped ended up failing; Keppers is looking at additional funding for the fix. Ed also added that about 75% of people are not doing land application properly, and he will be sending out reminder letters. Detloff received a letter from Ed regarding feedlot rules and also a letter from Tim explaining that there is cost share dollars available to assist for the feedlot fixes—MPCA may be contacted to help get this feedlot fixed according the feedlot rules. Greg added that he has been working on irrigation plans, and the goal is to get eight plans for Todd County for the Tri-County Irrigation Grant. Russ added that their office still has EQIP funding available to spend mainly for livestock. Russ presented short soil health video clips. Tim added that he also was working on the audit with Sarah.

Amy left the meeting at 9:05 due to bad weather conditions.

AREA II MEETING: Krause and Williamson noted that they handed both of the resolutions and Mark Selig had a presented on weather.

Krause and Williamson also noted that they attended the Corn Grower meeting. They suggested having speaker Steve Cummerford come to the Annual Feedlot Meeting, Livestock Meeting or SWCD Annual Meeting.

Jason Weirnerman was questioned if other Districts were discussing about merging with their Counties. Weirnerman noted Districts are having discussions about merging, but currently it doesn't seem to be a trend.

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

ACT ON ENCUMBERING FY2012-2014 FEEDLOT FUNDS. See attachment.

DISCUSS PRAP REPORT: The board discussed the word "merger" used through-out the report, and would like the word changed as the District didn't merge as they are still a separate entity of Government. Discussed to continue coordination and partnership with the other agencies. Tim added that he and Russ met with the SRWD twice.

DISCUSS CO-LOCATION REVIEW PROCESS: The board reviewed the staff the notes from a staff meeting on February 28, 2013. Tim handed out a summary of Todd SWCD Financials, discussed the revenues and expenditures. Pesta expressed concerned that the phone is answered as "Conservation and Development" and not Soil and Water, consensus to discuss at the next liaison meeting. Krause added maybe we should have customers complete a survey to see if we are meeting customers' needs and requests.

DISCUSS STRATEGIC PLANNING: Board consensus to have BWSR come in for the strategic planning sessions. Jason noted that BWSR would put questions together and a planned together based on answers received from the questions. Jason will come to the June board meeting.

DISCUSS TREE PLANTERS: Greg noted that he was contacted by Public Works and they would like to know what the district would like to do with the tree planters, they are offering to take them to the Hillig Sale for the District.

Motion by Buchholz and seconded by Williamson to have the County put the tree planters on the Hillig sale on April 13, 2013.

Affirmative: Katterhagen, Williamson, Buchholz and Pesta.

Opposed: Krause

Motion Carried.

DISCUSS THREAD SHED INVENTORY: Greg read the inventory list from the thread shed. (See attached)

Motion by Krause, seconded by Williamson to clean out the thread shed and put the items on the next County Auction.


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

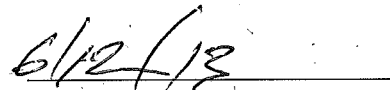
Opposed: None.

Motion Carried.

ADJOURNMENT: Chairperson Katterhagen adjourned the meeting at 10:40 a.m.

The next meeting of the Todd SWCD Board of Supervisors will be a held on Thursday, June 13, 2013 beginning at 8:30 a.m. at the Todd County Historic Courthouse (Prairie Conference room), Long Prairie, MN 56347.


Tom Williamson, Secretary


Date

APRIL 2013 COST SHARE ACTION

1 Act on Encumbering FY13 State Cost Share Funds		Motion by		Seconded		Abstained		Yes		No		Passed	
6-13	Frank Culbertson	Shoreline Buffer	Williamson	Krause	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5
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2 Act on Encumbering 2012-2014 Feedlot Cost Share Funds		Motion by <td colspan="2" style="text-align: center;">Seconded <td colspan="2" style="text-align: center;">Abstained <td colspan="2" style="text-align: center;">Yes <td colspan="2" style="text-align: center;">No <td colspan="2" style="text-align: center;">Passed</td> </td></td></td></td>		Seconded <td colspan="2" style="text-align: center;">Abstained <td colspan="2" style="text-align: center;">Yes <td colspan="2" style="text-align: center;">No <td colspan="2" style="text-align: center;">Passed</td> </td></td></td>		Abstained <td colspan="2" style="text-align: center;">Yes <td colspan="2" style="text-align: center;">No <td colspan="2" style="text-align: center;">Passed</td> </td></td>		Yes <td colspan="2" style="text-align: center;">No <td colspan="2" style="text-align: center;">Passed</td> </td>		No <td colspan="2" style="text-align: center;">Passed</td>		Passed	
2-12FA	Tom Keppers	Ag Waste	Buchholz	Williamson	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5
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			\$4,638.75										
			Total:										
			\$9,151.03										
Total Funds to Encumber			\$9,151.03										