

Soil & Water Conservation District

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MINUTES FROM THE JULY 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
Member, Kenny Pesta

Members Absent: Secretary, Leland Buchholz

Others Present: Commissioner, Randy Neumann
Office Coordinator, Sarah Katterhagen
Conservation Technician, Greg Ostrowski
WCA/Feedlot Administrator, Ed Uhlenkamp
Water Planner, Amy Warnberg
Conservation Technician, Andy Rice
NRCS, Russell Kleinschmidt
Conservation Corps Apprentice, Robert Cress

Others Absent: Division Director, Tim Stieber

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Motion by Pesta, seconded by Williamson to approve the agenda for the July 11, 2013 board meeting.

Affirmative: Katterhagen, Williamson and Pesta.

Opposed: None.

Motion Carried.

Motion by Williamson, seconded by Pesta to approve the minutes as distributed from the June 13, 2013 regular board meeting.

Affirmative: Katterhagen, Williamson and Pesta.

Opposed: None.

Motion Carried.

Motion by Pesta, seconded by Williamson to accept treasurer's report dated June 30, 2013 with the District Fund balance totaling \$448,731.47

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

Motion Carried.

COMMISSIONER'S REPORT: Commissioner Neumann reported at Battle Point Park there was damage to the building from the previous storm. He requests Soil and Water to help in Zone 3 with the removal of trees. In the near future they will be brining in sand near the bathroom at the park for the playground equipment. East of Long Prairie on the Long Prairie River, Public Works is working on the parking lot for the canoe access for the public. They will be asking Pheasants Forever for assistance with the Native Plantings.

Krause entered in the meeting at 8:37 a.m.

INTRODUCTION OF ANDY RICE: Andy noted that he has been with Todd SWCD for about 4 weeks now and is getting started on projects with the technicians. In the past he worked for Stevens SWCD for 6 years, and there he worked with WRP-RIM program, CRP, tree planting and state cost share program. He added that Stevens SWCD is joined with NRCS and FSA; and Todd County more Feedlots and Wetlands compared to Stevens County.

STAFF REPORTS: (See attachments), Robert reported from the KAP study survey, about 33% of them have been returned. Amy added that the District has applied for 319 funds, and out of 22 applicants, six were selected, and Todd SWCD was one them; and she will be working on the work plan and budget for the grant. Ed added that he is working on the Ost site—Buderus is purchasing the property, and he will be cleaning up the site. Andy noted he recently staked out Williamson's project with NRCS. Sarah added at the County Fair, people will have the opportunity to register for free potted stock and variety packs. Greg added that both offices continue to work with Westerberg's to get a final plan. Russ added they have three CSP moving forward, one WRP-RIM, 40 CRP applications, CSP status reviews, still have backlogged of wetland certifications. He also added they may have two grazing plans in the Long Prairie River Watershed. On Thursday, July 18, 2013 Russ also noted that Kevin Faust will be having a no till tour on Thursday, July 18, 2013.

ACT ON APPROVING RETURNING FY11 STATE COST SHARE FUNDS: Motion by Krause, seconded by Williamson to approve returning unspent FY11 State Cost Share Funds in the amount of \$1,266.96.

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

Motion Carried.

ACT ON APPROVING BOARD MEMBERS ATTENDING SWCD GOVERNANCE 101 TRAINING:

Motion by Krause, seconded by Pesta to approve Williamson attending the SWCD Governance 101 Training after he checks his calendar.

Affirmative: Katterhagen, Krause, Williamson and Pesta.

Opposed: None.

Motion Carried.

ACT ON APPROVING 2013 CONSERVATION FARMER AWARD RECIPIENT: Motion by Pesta, seconded by Williamson to approve Twin Eagle Dairy, LLC as the 2013 Conservation Farmer Award recipient.

Affirmative: Katterhagen, Krause, Williamson and Pesta.

Opposed: None.

Motion Carried.

ACT ON APPROVING 2013 STEWARDSHIP AWARD RECIPIENT: Motion by Williamson, seconded by Krause to approve Central MN Credit Union as the 2013 Stewardship Award recipient.

Affirmative: Katterhagen, Krause, Williamson and Pesta.

Opposed: None.

Motion Carried.

ACT ON APPROVING DATE FOR FIRST STRATEGIC PLANNING SESSION: Motion by Krause, seconded by Williamson to approve date for first strategic planning for July 29, 2013 at 8:30 a.m.

Affirmative: Katterhagen, Krause, Williamson and Pesta.

Opposed: None.

Motion Carried.

DISCUSS LIAISON MEETING DATES AND TOPICS: Motion by Krause, seconded by Williamson to approve Liaison meeting for August 8, 2013 at 8:30 a.m. to review the agreement between the District and County.

Affirmative: Katterhagen, Krause, Williamson and Pesta.

Opposed: None.

Motion Carried.

DISCUSS LADIES AG NIGHT OUT: Motion by Williamson, seconded by Krause to support a summer tour in July or August of 2014; instead of having a Ladies Ag Night Out. The Tour will consist of projects in shoreline and feedlot projects.

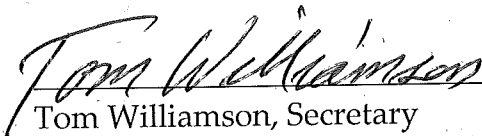
Affirmative: Katterhagen, Krause, Williamson and Pesta.

Opposed: None.

Motion Carried.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Pesta, seconded by Williamson to adjourn the meeting at 9:36 a.m.

The next meeting of the Todd SWCD Board of Supervisors will be a held on August 8, 2013 beginning at 8:30 a.m. and at 10:30 a.m. the Todd County Board of Commissioners will join for a joined at the Todd County Historic Courthouse (Prairie Conference room), Long Prairie, MN 56347.


Tom Williamson, Secretary

8/11/2013
Date