

Soil & Water Conservation District

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MINUTES FROM THE AUGUST 6, 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 8:33 a.m.

Members Present: Chairperson, Dale Katterhagen
Treasurer, Tom Williamson
Member, Kenny Pesta

Members Absent: Vice-Chairman, Norman Krause
Secretary, Leland Buchholz

Others Present: Division Director, Tim Stieber
Office Coordinator, Sarah Katterhagen
WCA/Feedlot Administrator, Ed Uhlenkamp
Conservation Technician, Andy Rice
Conservation Corps Apprentice, Robert Cress

Others Absent: Commissioner, Randy Neumann
Conservation Technician, Greg Ostrowski
Water Planner, Amy Warnberg
NRCS, Russell Kleinschmidt

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Motion by Pesta, seconded by Williamson to approve the agenda for the August 6, 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 July 11, 2013 regular board meeting.

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

Motion Carried.

Motion by Williamson, seconded by Pesta to accept treasurer's report dated July 31, 2013 with the District Fund balance totaling \$454,373.44.

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

Motion Carried.

COMMISSIONER'S REPORT: No Report.

STAFF REPORTS: (See attachments), Tim added the projects have been delayed because of the weather, and Ed noted another reason is that farmers are waiting to see what harvest brings for them. Ed added that Andy mainly works on the WCA files, but he will be keeping the bigger violation files. Andy added that he completed the RIM/WRP spot checks. Siebell's has thistle, Braatz has parsnip, and currently Battle Point still has poison ivy. Sarah added the Local Group meeting will be held on August 22, 2013, and through state cost share funds shelterbelts won't be eligible for cost share dollars. Robert added that he has been out with Amy on her spot checks, and the practices look good. He also added that from the study people are gaining interest in the shoreline practices.

Kenny Pesta added Kevin Faust's no till tour was good, and recommended next time he has one, staff and other board members should attend.

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

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

ACT ON PAYMENT OF FY13 STATE COST SHARE FUNDS. See attachment.

ACT AND APPROVE TECHNICAL APPROVAL AUTHORITY FOR ANDY RICE. Motion by Pesta, seconded by Williamson, to approve Technical Authority for Andy Rice.

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

Motion Carried.

ACT AND APPROVE SOIL AND WATER 2014 BUDGET. Motion by Williamson, seconded by Pesta to approve the 2014 Soil and Water Budget.

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

Motion Carried.

ACT AND APPROVE VENDOR TO PURCHASE T-SHIRTS FOR ENVIRO-FEST. Motion by Williamson, seconded by Pesta to check out Knotty Pine in Browerville, and see their rates for printing screen print t-shirts; if price is reasonable go with them, to keep business in Todd County.

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

Motion Carried.

ACT AND APPROVE LOCATION FOR AWARDS LUNCHEON ON SEPTEMBER 12, 2013. Motion by Pesta, seconded by Williamson to approve Double Eagle Golf Course as the location for awards luncheon on September 12, 2013.

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

Motion Carried.

ACT AND APPROVE MN CONSERVATION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM GRANT AGREEMENT (FARM BILL ASSISTANCE). Motion by Pesta, seconded by Williamson to approve MN Conservation Assistance Program Grant.

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

Motion Carried.

ACT AND APPROVE 2ND SESSION DATE FOR STRATEGIC PLANNING SESSION. Motion by Pesta, seconded by Williamson to approve August 14, 2013 at 8:30 a.m. as the next Strategic Planning Session.

Affirmative: Katterhagen, Williamson and Pesta.

Opposed: None.

Motion Carried.

DISCUSS AREA II MEETING FOR THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2013. Board Consensus not to attend the AREA II Meeting on September 12, 2013 in Benson.

DISCUSS BREAKFAST ON THE FARM. The breakfast on the farm had 658 people in attendance, and people had good feedback on the event.

DISCUSS CITY OF OSAKIS MUNICIPAL SEWAGE BYPASS INTO KINGS POND. Tim discussed during June 2013 storm, City of Osakis had power outage for a couple of days. The generators stopped working, and they disposed sewage into the lake. City of Osakis applied for grant funding, and was not awarded any funding.


DISCUSS DEPARTMENT HEAD MEETING. Tim discussed at the County Department Head Meeting they discussed 2014 County Budget and if the county needs an Administrator/Coordinator position.

DISCUSS LIAISON MEETING. See attachment. The board discussed the agenda for the Liaison Meeting.

ADJOURNMENT: Chairman Katterhagen adjourned the meeting at 10:13 a.m.

Following the Soil and Water Board Meeting, the Board of Supervisors met with the Board of Commissioners for the Liaison Meeting.

The next meeting of the Todd SWCD Board of Supervisors will be a **held on September 12, 2013 beginning at 8:30 a.m. at the Todd County Historic Courthouse (Prairie Conference room), Long Prairie, MN 56347.**


Tom Williamson, Secretary

9-12-13
Date