

MINUTES FROM THE AUGUST 19, 2010 REGULAR BOARD MEETING

Minutes from the Todd Soil and Water Conservation District Board Meeting, held at Todd Soil & Water Conservation District Office, 607 9th Street Northeast, Long Prairie, MN 56347.

Chairman Tom Williamson called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m.

Members Present: Chairman Tom Williamson
Vice Chairman Lee Buchholz
Secretary Kenny Pesta
Treasurer Dale Katterhagen
Member Norm Krause

Others Present: Gerry Ruda, County Commissioner
Sandy Rohr, District Manager
Greg Ostrowski, Technical Manager
Ed Uhlenkamp, WCA Coordinator/Feedlot Technician
Sarah Primus, Administrative Assistant
Amy Piekarski, Resource Conservationist
Russ Kleinschmidt, District Conservationist
Jason Weinerman, BWSR Board Conservationist

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

AN ORIENTATION TO 103C, The Soil and Water Conservation District Law: Jason Weinerman gave a power point presentation explaining Minnesota Statute 103C.

Motion by Pesta seconded by Katterhagen to approve the agenda.

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

Motion carried.

Motion by Katterhagen, seconded by Buchholz to approve the minutes from the July 15, 2010 regular board meeting with a change to the motion to hire Sarah Primus, Katterhagen abstained.

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

Motion carried.

The District Board reviewed the financial statement dated July 31, 2010. Motion by Pesta, seconded by Krause to accept the July 2010 financial statement and approve payment of all disbursements totaling \$25,443.65 and August 2010 disbursements to date totaling \$20,545.35.

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

Motion carried.

COMMISSIONER'S REPORT: Gerry reported that there wasn't a commissioners meeting on August 3rd. Todd, Otter Tail, Becker and Wadena Counties are working on rewriting the solid waste ordinances. Chris Ahrens, Todd County ELRM will be taking the lead in rewriting the septic rules and ordinances. Last Tuesday a public meeting was held to discuss renovating the historic courthouse, comments were mostly positive.

WES MIN RC&D REPORT: Tom reported on several projects and events they are sponsoring along with fund raising efforts. WesMin budget may get cut by 5%.

STAFF REPORTS: (Attached) in addition, Ed reported the Staples Bridge Project is slated for funding in 2012. Sarah reported that the Downing Display placed in banks is creating an interest in the AgBMP Loan Program and she is working on updating the SWCD's website. Amy reported that her first water plan meeting went well and that she's been updating some the SWCD maps utilizing Arc View GIS and data layers provided by Todd County GIS. Russ reported that we have 3 MRBI contracts.

FY2011 BWSR BASE GRANT AGREEMENT: Motion by Katterhagen, seconded by Buchholz to approve the grant agreement that provides the SWCD with a total of \$35,644 in funding, \$16,069 is for cost sharing projects.

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

Motion carried.

MPCA 319 CWL COST SHARE: Motion by Katterhagen, seconded by Buchholz to encumber \$4,072.50 in cost share funds for Stanley Bottineau #17-07/319 for Pond Closure.

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

Motion carried.

BWSR CWL COST SHARE: Motion by Krause, seconded by Pesta to approve encumbering \$2,617.50 in cost share funds for Marlyn Hagedorn #18-09CWL for a Farmstead Shelterbelt practice.

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

Motion carried.

Motion by Buchholz, seconded by Katterhagen to approve encumbering \$1,338.53 in cost share funds for Virginia Steffl #19-09CWL for a Shoreland Stabilization project.

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

Motion carried.

Motion by Pesta, seconded by Buchholz to approve payment of \$1,600.46 for completed cost share contract for Jan Hausmann #7-09CWL, a Diversion and Grassed Waterway practices.

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

Motion carried

Motion by Katterhagen, seconded by Krause to approve payment of \$1,452 for completed cost share contract for Sue Jordan #14-09CWL a Bioretension Protection practice.

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

Motion carried.

UNUSED WELL SEALING COST SHARE: Motion by Buchholz, seconded by Katterhagen to pay completed well sealing contract in the amount of \$250 in cost share funds to Mike Becker #3-10W.

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

Motion carried.

AG BMP LOAN PROGRAM: Motion by Katterhagen, seconded by Pesta to approve eligibility for Roland Joarnt to apply for a \$9,276 Ag BMP loan for a sewer upgrade

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

Motion carried.

SWCD BOARD POLICY TO IMPROVE WATER QUALITY: The policy establishes guidelines to follow when the SWCD approves eligibility for AgBMP loan dollars to be utilized for livestock buildings. Motion by Krause, seconded by Katterhagen to approve the policy with the deletion of item number 5.

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

Motion carried.

CAPITAL OUTLAY EXPENDITURES: Motion by Pesta, seconded by Katterhagen to purchase 3 Arc View GIS seats for \$4,087, a PC & monitor for \$1,500 and a color printer/scanner/copier for \$5,075, pending Todd County's transfer of \$9,000 in NRBG Feedlot Grant funds to the SWCD.

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

Motion carried.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE: The existing personnel committee consisting of Norm Krause and Dale Katterhagen will fulfill the obligations through 2010, which will include updating the SWCD's Personnel Policy.

SWCD LOGOED SHIRTS: Motion by Pesta, seconded by Katterhagen to purchase 15 shirts with the SWCD logo on them for advertising purposes.

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

Motion carried

OPEN HOUSE TREE SALE DAYS: Motion by Krause, seconded by Buchholz to approve holding an open house on October 18th-19th to encourage tree sales and to approve spending up to \$200 for door prizes and refreshments for the event.

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

Motion carried.

LIVESTOCK WATERING AND PASTURING IN LAKES AND RIVERS: Greg informed the Board of the several complaints he's dealing with where livestock are being allowed to pasture and water out of lakes. The practice is creating a lot of animosity between livestock owners and lake residents. Because there are no rules governing this practice, it's not always being managed appropriately and there's great concern over the environmental impact to our waters. This continued mismanagement will undoubtedly lead to very strict rules being developed in the near future. The SWCD has for years been offering cost share dollars for alternative livestock watering, but there's very little interest.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING: The next regular board meeting will be held on Thursday, September 16, 2010 beginning at 9 a.m. at the SWCD Office at 607 9th Street Northeast, Long Prairie, MN 56347.

ADJOURNMENT: Chairman Williamson adjourned the meeting at 11:32 a.m.

Kenny Pesta, Secretary

Dated