

MINUTES FROM THE JUNE 17, 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 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
Mark Dybdal, Acting District Conservationist
K.B.T. LLC, Landlords

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Motion by Katterhagen seconded by Krause 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 April 15 regular board meeting, April 29 and June 3 special board meetings.

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

Motion carried.

The District Board reviewed the financial statements dated April 30 and May 31, 2010. Motion by Krause, seconded by Buchholz to accept the April and May 2010 financial statements and approve payment of all disbursements totaling \$29,568.39 and \$36,932.46 respectively and June 2010 disbursements to date totaling \$62,595.43.

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

Motion carried.

COMMISSIONER'S REPORT: To prepare for budgeting the County departments are presenting their Management and Operations (M&O's) to the commissioners, there are many needs. Three county employees are cross-training as to move between departments as workload needs change. Zacker property plat was approved. Gerry stated that he's very disappointed that the merger between the SWCD and ELRM didn't take place.

WES MIN RC&D REPORT: Tom reported on the Glacial Ridge and Bio-Mass Tours. Gave an update on the dry hydrant program and the next meeting will be in Fergus Falls to tour high tower hoop houses.

K.B.T., LLC: The SWCD's landlords were asked to attend the meeting to discuss renegotiating the SWCD's rental rates. Agreement by both parties was reached. Motion by Pesta, seconded by Buchholz to lower the SWCD's PSF rate from \$17 to \$10 and add 50 square feet that was gained through remodeling, effective July 1, 2010, and all other conditions of the Lease Agreement dated December 15th, 2005 shall remain in effect through the term of the lease.

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

Katterhagen abstained.

Motion carried.

STAFF REPORTS: (Attached) in addition, Sandy circulated a thank you note from a student that attended the Douglas County Ground Water Festival and reported that many applications have been received for the position openings being advertised. She also reported that she and Norm are registered for the Water Management Summit being held July 12 in St. Cloud. Greg asked Board to think about potential Outstanding Conservationist candidates. Discussed Breakfast on the Farm and the \$45,000 fine MPCA imposed on Joe Varner for feedlot violations in the Clarissa area. Ed reported that the SWCD hosted MinnFarm Training for the north half of Minnesota, he'll be attending MPCA Feedlot training and semi-annual feedlot reporting must be completed by next Monday. Mark reported that he's had 14 drainage requests since he's been acting DC in Todd County, May 13th. CSP signup has been extended to June 25th, 45 applications have been taken to date, and a general signup for CRP is expected soon.

WCTSA MEETING: Lee reported on the meeting and circulated information.

DISTRICT CONSERVATIONIST: Colleen notified the SWCD/NRCS office that Russ Kleinschmidt had been selected to fill the District Conservationist position in Todd County, Russ is scheduled to begin work in Long Prairie on July 6th.

STATE COST SHARE, BWSR CLEAN WATER LEGACY COST SHARE, AND MPCA 319 CWL FUNDS: See attached spreadsheet for the official action taken to pay completed projects as per contracts.

MPCA 319 CWL COST SHARE AND BWSR CWL COST SHARE FUNDS: See attached spread sheet for the official action taken to encumber funds for projects

UNUSED WELL SEALING COST SHARE: Motion by Krause, seconded by Buchholz to encumber \$250 in cost share funds to seal an unused well for Donald Ahrens #2-10W.

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

Motion carried.

UNUSED WELL SEALING COST SHARE: Motion by Krause, seconded by Buchholz to pay completed well sealing contract in the amount of \$250 in cost share funds for Richard Hafften #1-10W.

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

Motion carried.

NUTRIENT MANAGEMENT PRACTICE CODE 590: Motion by Pesta, seconded by Krause to adopt the proposed cost share guidelines for CWL Nutrient Management Practice cost share projects.

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

Motion carried.

AG BMP LOW INTEREST LOANS: Motion by Buchholz, seconded by Katterhagen to approve eligibility for the following applicants to apply for Ag BMP low interest loans to upgrade sewer systems:

Todd Smith	\$5,995	Tom Kroll	\$8,800
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Affirmative: Buchholz, Pesta, Katterhagen, Krause, Williamson.
Opposed: None.

Motion carried.

GROUND WATER LEVEL MONITORING AGREEMENT: Motion by Pesta, seconded by Katterhagen to approve entering into a continuing agreement with DNR to monitor wells for static water levels. This is being done by the SWCD even though the reimbursement doesn't cover expenses involved to collect and report the data.

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

Motion carried.

SRWD ADVISORY COMMITTEE: Motion by Pesta, seconded by Krause to appoint Greg Ostrowski as a representative from Todd SWCD to serve on the SRWD Advisory Committee.

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

Motion carried.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING: The next regular board meeting will be held on Thursday, July 15, 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 11:20 a.m.

JUNE 2010 COST SHARE ACTION

State Cost Share Project Payments

6-09	David Kuehne	Feedlot Buffer	\$14,683.18
2-10	Dave Meide	Field Windbreak	\$1,210.60
3-10	Dave Meide	Field Windbreak	\$1,779.00
4-10	Dave Amundson	Shelterbelt	\$306.60
5-10	Wm. Seykora	Field Windbreak	\$1,207.50
Total			\$19,186.88

BWSR CWL Cost Share Project Payments

2-09CWL	Linda Loch	Shoreland Protection	\$1,094.66
6-09CWL	Craig Blommel	Shelterbelt	\$1,353.75
10-09CWL	Richard Wood	Shelterbelt	\$2,137.55
Total			\$4,585.96

MPCA 319 CWL Cost Share Project Payments

1-09/319	Rob Lemke	Reforestation	\$6,412.13
2-09/319	Norm Krause	Field Windbreak	\$363.90
3-09/319	Jacob May	Shelterbelt	\$1,095.00
4-09/319	Jason Zander	Reforestation	\$1,175.25
5-09/319	Andy Becker	Reforestation	\$2,863.87
6-09/319	Gerry Buescher	Reforestation	\$2,013.00
7-09/319	Terry Thell	Reforestation	\$625.50
9-07/319	Mike Salber	Cattle Tavel Lane	\$2,119.50
Total			\$16,668.15

MPCA 319 CWL Cost Share Funds to Encumber

12-07/319	Thomas Lynch	Well Sealing	\$525.00
13-07/319	Harry May	Rain Garden	\$342.75
14-07/319	Edward Kephart	Well Sealing	\$500.00
15-07/319	Rick Gode	Pond Closure	\$4,600.00
9-09/319	Pat Lunemann	Ag Waste	\$14,955.00
Total			\$20,922.75

BWSR CWL Cost Share to Encumber

13-09CWL	Tracey Miller	Shoreland Stabilization	\$3,983.29
14-09CWL	Sue Jordan	Bioretention Basin	\$1,452.00
15-09CWL	Pat Lunemann	Ag Waste	\$20,055.00
Total			\$25,490.29

Action

Motion by	Seconded	Abstained	Yes	No	Passed
Pesta	Krause		5		x
Krause	Buchholz		5		x
Katterhagen	Krause		5		x
Katterhagen	Pesta		5		x
Pesta	Katterhagen		5		x
Buchholz	Katterhagen	Krause	5		x
Katterhagen	Pesta		5		x
Krause	Buchholz		5		x
Pesta	Krause		5		x
Buchholz	Katterhagen	Krause	4		x
Krause	Katterhagen		5		x
Buchholz	Katterhagen		5		x
Buchholz	Pesta		5		x
Pesta	Buchholz		5		x
Buchholz	Katterhagen		5		x
Pesta	Katterhagen		5		x
Krause	Katterhagen		5		x
Pesta	Katterhagen		5		x
Pesta	Katterhagen		5		x
Buchholz	Krause		5		x
Katterhagen	Buchholz		5		x
Krause	Katterhagen		5		x
Pesta	Katterhagen		5		x
Buchholz	Katterhagen		5		x