

MINUTES FROM THE JULY 21, 2011 REGULAR BOARD MEETING

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

Vice Chairman Kenny Pesta called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

Members Present: Vice Chairman, Kenny Pesta
Secretary, Dale Katterhagen
Treasurer, Norman Krause
Member, Tom Williamson

Member Absent: Chairman, Lee Buchholz

Others Present: County Commissioner, Gerry Ruda
District Manager, Sandy Rohr
Technical Manager, Greg Ostrowski
Technician/WCA Coordinator, Ed Uhlenkamp
Resource Conservationist, Amy Piekarski
Administrative Assistant, Sarah Katterhagen
NRCS, Russell Kleinschmidt

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Motion by Williamson, seconded by Krause to approve the agenda.

Affirmative: Krause, Williamson, Pesta.

Opposed: None.

Motion Carried.

The district board reviewed the financial statement dated June 30, 2011. Motion by Williamson, seconded by Krause to accept the June 2011 financial statement and to approve all disbursements totaling \$105,746.98 and July 2011 disbursements to date totaling \$42,666.44.

Affirmative: Krause, Williamson, Pesta.

Opposed: None.

Motion Carried.

Dale Katterhagen joined the meeting at 8:05 a.m.

COMMISSIONER'S REPORT: See attachment.

WES MIN RC&D REPORT: Tom reported there was no meeting this past month.

Motion by Katterhagen, seconded by Krause to approve the minutes as distrusted from the June 16, 2011 regular board meeting.

Affirmative: Krause, Williamson, Katterhagen, Pesta.

Opposed: None.

Motion Carried.

CO-LOCATION-INTEGRATION REPORT: Dale reported that it's important we remind people that it was an SWCD initiative to co-locate with the county. The Hay Group study will not have to be done for SWCD staff since job descriptions will be general and not related to positions. The agreement between the SWCD and Todd County is currently being drafted by the appointed committee.

STAFF REPORTS: (Attached) In addition, Sandy added that we received notification from BWSR with the reduction amounts. There will be a 31.5% cost share reduction, NRBG 2.9% reduction, BWSR's operating and administrative costs a 3.8% reduction. Sandy also noted we're still having the collaboration meetings with Planning and Zoning and the GIS departments. The SWCD's audit will be August 16, 2011. Greg added that he didn't read the wells last month, due to the state shutdown, tree fabric sites are all completed, and some projects are on hold. Sarah added that she has heard positive comments about the recent newsletter. Russell handout a packet on discrimination and mentioned about the Local Work Group Meeting on July 25, 2011.

JULY 2011 COST SHARE ACTION: See attachment.

AGBMP LOAN PROGRAM: Motion by Katterhagen, seconded by Krause to approve the eligibility for Ag Waste Management for Glen Middendorf in the amount of \$100,000.00.

Affirmative: Krause, Williamson, Katterhagen, Pesta.

Opposed: None.

Motion Carried.

TODD COUNTY OUTSTANDING CONSERVATIONIST FOR 2011: Motion by Krause, seconded Williamson to select Jim Johnson as Todd County Outstanding Conservationist for 2011.

Affirmative: Pesta, Krause, Williamson, Katterhagen.

Opposed: None.

Motion Carried.

STEWARDSHIP AWARD FOR 2011: Motion by Katterhagen, seconded by Krause to select Gerry Buescher as recipient of the 2011 for Stewardship Award.

Affirmative: Pesta, Krause, Williamson, Katterhagen.

Opposed: None.

Motion Carried.

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SWCD TREE PROGRAM: Discussed that the tree program is a great program to get people in the door and to have interaction with people. It was highly recommend creating a vendor list of planters.

OTHER: Sandy distributed copies of the SWCD Governance 101 Conference registration form. Each board member should decide if they are going by the August SWCD meeting.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING: The next regular board meeting will be held on Thursday, August 18, 2011 beginning at 8:00 a.m. at the SWCD Office at 607 9th Streets Northeast, Long Prairie, MN 56347.

ADJOURNMENT: Vice-Chairman Pesta adjourned the meeting at 9:26 a.m.

Dale Katterhagen, Secretary

Date

JULY 2011 COST SHARE ACTION

1 MPCA 319 CWL Cost Share Funds to Pay Completed Contract

12-09/319	Steve Henry	Bio-Retention	\$289.50
13-09/319	Jacob May	Prescribed Grazing	\$13,522.50
15-09/319	Cindy Sobczak	Shoreland Protection	\$1,764.42

Motion by	Seconded	Abstained	Yes	No	Passed
Katterhagen	Williamson		4		Yes
Krause	Katterhagen		4		Yes
Katterhagen	Williamson		4		Yes

Total **\$15,576.42**

2 MPCA 319 CWL Cost Share Funds to Encumber

17-09/319	Gerry Buescher	Reforestation	\$733.50
18-09/319	Shawn Rowe	Ag Waste	\$16,017.09
19-09/319	Shawn Rowe	Ag Waste	\$39,496.50
20-09/319	Kelly Holmquist	Pond Abandonment	\$5,100.00

Motion by	Seconded	Abstained	Yes	No	Passed
Krause	Williamson		4		Yes
Katterhagen	Williamson		4		Yes
Williamson	Krause		4		Yes
Williamson	Katterhagen		4		Yes

Total **\$61,347.09**

3 BWSR CWL Cost Share Funds to Pay Completed Contract

11-09CWL	Jeff Hohn	Shoreland Protection	\$1,311.37
17-09CWL	Darwin Gamm	Bio Retention	\$559.24

Motion by	Seconded	Abstained	Yes	No	Passed
Krause	Katterhagen		4		Yes
Katterhagen	Williamson		4		Yes

Total **\$1,870.61**

4 BWSR CWL Cost Share Funds to Encumber

29-09CWL	Shawn Rowe	Ag Waste	\$27,277.41
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Motion by	Seconded	Abstained	Yes	No	Passed
Krause	Williamson		4		Yes

Total **\$27,277.41**

5 BWSR State Cost Share Funds to Pay Completed Contract

3-11	GM Krebs Trust	Fabric (Field Windbreak)	\$726.98
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Motion by	Seconded	Abstained	Yes	No	Passed
Katterhagen	Krause		4		Yes

Total **\$726.98**

TOTAL Cost Share **\$106,798.51**