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MINUTES FROM THE MARCH 13, 2012 REGULAR BOARD MEETING

Minutes from the Todd Soil and Water Conservation District Board Meeting, held at Main Street Government Center, 347 Central Avenue Suite 2, Long Prairie, MN 56347.

Chairman Kenny Pesta called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

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

Others Present Division Director, Sandy Rohr
Resource Conservationist, Ed Uhlenkamp
Resource Conservationist, Amy Piekarski
Generalist, Sarah Katterhagen
NRCS, Russell Kleinschmidt
NRCS, Justin Lindner

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Motion by Katterhagen, seconded by Buchholz to approve the agenda.

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

Motion Carried.

Krause joined the meeting at 8:35 a.m.

Motion by Williamson, seconded by Krause to approve the minutes as distributed from the January 17, 2012 regular board meeting.

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

Motion Carried.

Motion by Buchholz, seconded by Katterhagen, to accept treasurer's report dated February 29, 2012 with a District Fund balance of \$262,530 and cost share payments totaling \$438.75.

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

Opposed: None.

Motion Carried.

WES MIN RC&D REPORT: Williamson reported that he attended the meeting February. Tom said that he would volunteer his time to attend the meetings, if he would receive reimbursement for his mileage. Board agreed that it was acted on at previous meeting to stop attending WesMin RC&D meetings.

PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT: Katterhagen reported that at the previous Planning Commission Meeting the ordinance was reviewed, in attempt to make the ordinance user friendly and in the near future, the County will be having public hearing for review of the ordinance.

STAFF REPORTS: (Attached) in addition, Russell added that Jim Fritz accepted a new position as Area Conservationist in Rochester and introduced Justin as the new Soil Conservationist. Sandy reported at the recent Area II Meeting, concern about future funding for WCTSA was discussed. Ed reported Jamey Rowe would be managing the Bryniarski and Varner site. Ed also noted that he attended the Day the Capitol and was unable to meet with Franson due to a conflict in her schedule. The DNR Officer Friese and Ed are scheduled for a site visit to an ag waste pit violation site as Friese's supervisor is requesting more information before the violation is brought to court action. Ed also answered stock piling and set back questions. Amy added she attended the local irrigators meeting that included hands-on demos. Sarah added that she will be cross-training staff before maternity leave.

Ed Uhlenkamp was appointed by the Board of Supervisors to apply for MDA Agriculture Water Quality Certification advisory committee. He was advised to attain letters of support for State Association, County Board, SWCD Board of Supervisors, MPCA (John Pokorney) and any other agencies he works closely with.

2013-2014 CWF Feedlot Assistance Grant Agreement: Motion by Katterhagen, seconded by Buchholz to accept 2013-2014 CWF Feedlot Assistance Grant Agreement.

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

Opposed: None.

Motion Carried.

ACT ON ENCUMBERING STATE COST SHARE FUNDS: See Attachment.

ACT ON ENCUMBERING SWAN RIVER CWL FUNDS: See Attachment.

ACT ON ENCUMBERING 2009 MPCA 319 FUNDS: See Attachment.

ACT ON PAYING COMPLETED 2011 STATE COST SHARE CONTRACT: See Attachment.

The board discussed non-complaint tree cost share contracts. Sarah and Amy previously discussed with Board Conservationist, Jason Weinerman the protocol for non-complaint cost share contracts. Board consensus to use recommendation from Board Conservationist, the recommendation is to send letters to property owners from the board of supervisors providing options for landowners to become compliant with their cost share contract.

2011 SWCD FINANCIAL STATEMENT: Motion by Katterhagen, seconded by Williamson to accept Todd SWCD 2011 Financial Statement.

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

Opposed: None.

Motion Carried.

MCIT INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR SWCD BOARD: Motion by Krause, seconded by Williamson to not obtain workers' compensation insurance; to reduce bond coverage to \$5,000.00 and to continue the SWCD Board's liability coverage status quo.

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

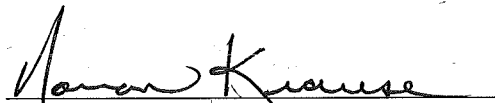
Opposed: None.

Motion Carried.

LIAISON COMMITTEE DISCUSSION: Candidates for Division Director were discussed along with the process. Three strong possibilities were interviewed. A seconded interview was conducted with candidate that will be interviewed during the joint meeting following SWCD meeting.

ADJOURNMENT: Chairman Pesta adjourned the meeting at 9:50 a.m.

The next regular board meeting will be **Tuesday, April 10, 2012 beginning at 8:30 a.m. at the Main Street Government Center, 347 Central Ave STE #2, Long Prairie, MN 56347.**


Norman Krause, Secretary

04/10/12
Date

March 2012 COST SHARE ACTION

2	<u>2011 Cost Share Funds to Encumber</u>									
	* 9-11	John Dinkel	Well Decommissioning	\$1,755.65						
	10-11	Curt Wunderlich	Well Decommissioning	<u>\$285.00</u>						
				Total	\$2,040.65					
	<u>2012 Cost Share Funds to Encumber</u>									
	* 1-12	John Dinkel	Well Decommissioning	\$1,244.35						
				<u>Total</u>	<u>\$1,244.35</u>					
3	<u>2011 Swan River Cost Share Funds to Encumber</u>									
	7-11SR	James Zagaros	Shoreline Buffer	\$1,762.80						
	8-11SR	Richard Krauel, JR	Shoreline Buffer	\$506.25						
	9-11SR	Mark Berg	Riparian Herbaceous Cover	\$2,297.13						
				<u>Total</u>	<u>\$4,566.18</u>					
4	<u>2009 MPCA 319 Cost Share Funds to Encumber</u>									
	25-09/319	Todd County Care Center, Clarissa	Bio-Retention	\$6,411.00						
				<u>Total</u>	<u>\$6,411.00</u>					
			Total Funds to Encumber	\$14,262.18						
5	<u>2011 Cost Share Funds to Pay Completed Contract</u>									
	8-11	Edward Pluth	Well Decommissioning	\$162.50						
				<u>Total</u>	<u>\$162.50</u>					
			Total Cost Share to Pay	\$162.50						

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Lee	Tom		4	1	x
Norm	Dale		5		x

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