

MINUTES FROM THE SEPTEMBER 16, 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 10:03 a.m.

Members Present: Chairman Tom Williamson
Secretary Kenny Pesta
Treasurer Dale Katterhagen

Members Absent: Vice Chairman Lee Buchholz
Member Norm Krause

Others Present: 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

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Motion by Katterhagen, seconded by Pesta to approve the meeting agenda.

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

Motion carried.

Motion by Pesta, seconded by Katterhagen to approve the minutes from the August 16, 2010 regular board meeting

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

Motion carried.

The District Board reviewed the financial statement dated August 31, 2010. Motion by Pesta, seconded by Katterhagen to accept the August 2010 financial statement and approve payment of all August disbursements totaling \$32,793.38 and September 2010 disbursements to date totaling \$13,258.05.

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

Motion carried.

COMMISSIONER'S REPORT: Gerry submitted a written report that Sandy read. The county levy was decreased by 1.7%, Veterans Service office will not be merging with Public Health and Social Services and he encouraged everyone to attend a public meeting regarding the old courthouse renovation.

WES MIN RC&D REPORT: Tom reported on several projects and events they are sponsoring along with fund raising efforts. He also reported that fire departments need to be doing maintenance on dry hydrants in river locations by checking for obstructions so trucks aren't drawing sand into the pumper trucks.

STAFF REPORTS: (Attached) in addition, Sandy reported that the Todd County Board of Commissioners approved the transfer of an additional \$9,000 of Feedlot Compliance money to the SWCD. Greg reviewed the Livestock Advisory Council meeting activity, the proposed grant that Stearns SWCD was going to write for purchasing survey equipment and the SRWD tour. Ed reported on the feedlot compliance workload and related issues along with a violation in Wykeham Township. Sarah reported that she'd attended an MCIT training session and that about half of the information was of value, discussed the purchase and cost of water bottles with SWCD info printed on them for advertising to be given away as door prizes at open house and other events. Sarah also reviewed SWCD newsletter options that will give the SWCD newsletter more coverage and attention. Amy circulated a copy of the FY 2011 Clean Water Fund grant she applied for to work within the Swan River Watershed area and a flyer she developed "Protecting Our Waters", highlighting Shoreland BMP's. Russ reported that 30 CSP applications were funded, NRCS is purchasing a copier/printer/scanner from the same vender the SWCD is using, EQIP workgroup meeting was held priorities remain the same and there may be another sign-up for EQIP in January.

PURCHASE OF WATER BOTTLES: Motion by Pesta, seconded by Katterhagen to purchase 100 stainless steel water bottles with SWCD information printed on them to be used for advertising, the cost is \$550. The bottles will be given as prizes at the SWCD's Tree Days Open House and other events.

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

Motion carried.

MPCA 319 CWL COST SHARE: Please see attachment for board action.

BWSR CWL COST SHARE: Please see attachment for board action.

AG BMP LOAN PROGRAM: Motion by Pesta, seconded by Katterhagen to approve eligibility for Dan Drilling to apply for a \$9,480 Ag BMP loan for a sewer upgrade.

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

Motion carried.

BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS: Because of personnel, program and IT service changes the 2010 budget amendments were proposed. The board reviewed and discussed budget recommendations. Motion by Pesta, seconded by Katterhagen to make the budget adjustments as proposed.

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

Motion carried.

AREA 2 MASWCD MEETING: The meeting will be held Thursday, October 7th at Prairie Woods Environmental Learning Center near Spicer. If board members are attending they need to be at the office at 7:30 a.m.

JOINT POWERS AGREEMENT: Sandy discussed the need and public demand for SWCD's to work with each other within watershed areas addressing the resource protection requests. This will be discussed again at the next board meeting.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING: The next regular board meeting will be held on Thursday, October 21, 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 11:26 a.m.

Kenny Pesta, Secretary

Dated