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MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF BOARD OF SUPERVISORS June 11th, 2009

I. **The meeting was called to order** at 1:30 P.M. by Vice-Chairman Cole Pestorius in our district office located at 1400 West Main Street, Albert Lea, MN.

II. Those present were as follows:

Cole Pestorius, Vice Chairman
Dave Ausen, Treasurer
Chris Dahl, Board Secretary
Roger M. Nelson, Supervisor

Don Flatness, District Manager
Brenda Lageson, District Administrative Assistant
Ed Moffett, NRCS District Conservationist

ABSENT:

Don Kropp, Chairman

III. **Minutes of the Previous Meeting:**

- **Minutes of the May 14th regular meeting** were approved as presented on a motion made by Ausen and seconded by Dahl. Results of a roll call vote were as follows: Affirmative- Pestorius, Ausen, Dahl and Nelson. Opposed -- None. **The motion carried.**

IV. **Treasurer's Report:**

- **The treasurer's balance as of May 31st, 2009**, was \$1,645.76 in checking and \$262,665.31 in savings. A motion approving the treasurer's report as read and payment of bills was made by Nelson and seconded by Dahl. Results of a roll call vote were as follows: Affirmative- Pestorius, Ausen, Dahl and Nelson. Opposed -- None. **The motion carried.**

Reviewed Ground Water Monitoring agreement with DNR for 7/1/09 – 6/30/10. This agreement is to monitor 5 wells several times a year at \$15.00 each, not to exceed \$390.00. After some discussion a motion was made by Ausen and seconded by Dahl to sign this agreement and send back to DNR. Results of a roll call vote were as follows: Affirmative- Pestorius, Ausen, Dahl and Nelson. Opposed -- None. **The motion carried.**

V. **State Cost Share Program Actions and/or Information. . .**

- District Manager Flatness announced that the following has requested state cost-share assistance:

<u>Contract #</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Practice</u>	<u>Est. Cost</u>	<u>Encumbered</u>
NB09-01	City of Albert Lea	D.9 Native Buffer/Lakescaping	\$8,000	\$6,000

After reviewing this request for state cost share assistance a motion approving the project #NB09-01 with the dollar amount mentioned above was made by Ausen and seconded by Dahl, subject to approval of eligible expenses by the BWSR Board Conservationist (Chris Hughes). Results of a roll call vote were as follows: Affirmative- Pestorius, Ausen, Dahl and Nelson. Opposed -- None. **The motion carried.**

VI. **New Business:**

- NRCS Agency report given by Ed Moffett. Ed reported that the General EQIP sign-up has ended with approximately \$130,000 in new applications, and the Organic EQIP sign-up has been extended until June 30th. WRP sign-up ended with 8 – 12 new applications. Ed also mentioned that it is Tony Reali's hard work that has made the WRP program so successful in our county. Staff has been busy with HEL checks, Tillage checks, and wetland violation complaints. Ed has been working with RC&D on an educational workshop (to be determined). Reviewed Mutual Agreement between USDA, State of MN and Freeborn County SWCD with staff and board of supervisors for cooperation and assistance between the parties to achieve common natural resources conservation goals and objectives.
- Reviewed information re: MASWCD training for supervisors and employees in St. Cloud on July 14th and 15th. After some discussion a motion was made by Ausen and seconded by Dahl authorizing supervisors to attend as their schedules allow. Results of a roll call vote were as follows: Affirmative- Pestorious, Ausen, Dahl and Nelson. Opposed -- None. **The motion carried.**
- Reviewed June 1st Legislative Update from Judy Erickson, MASWCD Lobbyist.
- Reviewed information re: Resolutions meeting July 1st to be held at the People's Co-op in Rochester.
- Don F. reported on the GBERBA technical meeting he attended in Mankato on May 27th. They reviewed completed cost share projects, discussed the Water Quality Trading Credit position, Clean Water Legacy Act funding, 3/8% constitution amendment money, and 319 grant money.
- Don F. also reported on the Shell Rock Advisory Committee meeting he attended on June 5th. Updates were given on South Industrial Park, Blazing Star Landing, and the upcoming MN Association of Watershed Districts (MAWD) summer tour 2009 will be hosted by the Shell Rock WD.
- Don F. then reported on the Riceland Restoration project.
- Brenda reported on the LiDAR seminar that Mark and she attended on June 4th in Rochester. There were speakers from inter-agencies and also private service providers. Huston and Winona counties rec'd their copies that day and the rest of us will get it later this year. NRCS GIS staff will need to tweak it a little in order for us to use it for conservation planning.
- Brenda reported on the State Envirothon competition. It was held at Ironwood Springs Christian Ranch in Stewartville on May 18th. Thirty teams competed, 1st place went to St. John's Prep School from Stearns County, 2nd place went to Rushford Peterson from Fillmore County, and Lourdes from Olmsted took 10th place. Don Kropp helped out by judging oral presentations. Brenda has also been helping with the EQIP status reviews, and tillage transect survey.
- Reviewed well records.
- Reviewed the Turtle Creek W.D. minutes from their May 19th meeting.

VII. Adjournment:

- There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by Ausen seconded by Dahl. Results of a roll call vote were as follows: Affirmative- Pestorious, Ausen, Dahl and Nelson. Opposed -- None. **The motion carried.**

The next regular meeting will be held **Thursday, July 9th, 2009** at 1:30 P.M. at our SWCD office at 1400 West Main, Albert Lea.

These are preliminary minutes subject to board approval at the next regular monthly meeting of the Board of Supervisors. Respectfully submitted,

Chris Dahl, Board Secretary

Date