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MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF BOARD OF SUPERVISORS March 12th, 2009

I. The meeting was called to order at 7:30 P.M. by Chairman Don Kropp in our district office located at 1400 West Main Street, Albert Lea, MN.

II. Those present were as follows:

Don Kropp, Chairman	Don Flatness, District Manager
Cole Pestorious, Vice Chairman	Brenda Lageson, District Administrative Assistant
Dave Ausen, Treasurer	Mark Schaetzke, District Technician
Chris Dahl, Board Secretary	Ed Moffett, NRCS District Conservationist

ABSENT:

Roger M. Nelson, Supervisor

III. Minutes of the Previous Meeting:

- Minutes of the February 12th 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- Kropp, Pestorious, Ausen and Dahl. Opposed -- None. **The motion carried.**

IV. Treasurer's Report:

- The treasurer's balance as of February 28th, 2009**, was \$2,513.02 in checking and \$306,019.37 in savings. A motion approving the treasurer's report as read and payment of bills was made by Dahl and seconded by Ausen. Results of a roll call vote were as follows: Affirmative- Kropp, Pestorious, Ausen and Dahl. Opposed -- None. **The motion carried.**

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

- None at this time.

VI. New Business:

- NRCS Agency report given by Ed Moffett, District Conservationist. Ed reported that there may be stimulus money available for the EWP program, Mower and Freeborn offices partnered together to hold a contractors informational meeting on March 9th in Austin, possible EQIP sign-up to be held in April.
- The 2008 Annual Report and the 2009 Annual Plan were reviewed. A motion was made by Dahl and seconded by Pestorious to approve these reports as presented and submit them to BWSR, County Commissioners and any other interested parties. Staff will post them on the SWCD web page. Results of a roll call vote were as follows: Affirmative- Kropp, Pestorious, Ausen and Dahl. Opposed -- None. **The motion carried.**

- Dahl and Ausen reported on the Legislative Day at the Capitol they attended on Feb. 23rd and 24th. They attended a CWL briefing, and had meetings with Jeanne Poppe, Robin Brown and Dan Sparks. Consensus was that Districts are doing well now, but unsure about future funding.
- Don Flatness reported on the Shell Rock River Watershed Advisory meeting he attended on March 6th. They reviewed current and future project status and their funding sources.
- Don F. then gave a report on the GBERBA Technical committee meeting he attended on Feb. 25th in Mankato. Regular business was held, discussed funding available for a water quality trading coordinator, heard a presentation from MPCA re: water monitoring program in Cobb and LeSueur River Watersheds.
- Don F. also reported on the Area 7 Employees Meeting that he, Brenda and Mark attended March 10th, and also the FIOA training he and Brenda attended today in Owatonna.
- Read the Turtle Creek Watershed minutes from the February 17th meeting.
- Read Administrative report from Cedar River WD.
- Staff requested to purchase 50 more tree handbooks from the MN SWCD Forestry Assn. for \$1.00 a piece plus shipping. A motion was made by Pestorius and seconded by Ausen to purchase these tree handbooks. Results of a roll call vote were as follows: Affirmative- Kropp, Pestorius, Ausen and Dahl. Opposed -- None. **The motion carried.**

VII. Adjournment:

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

The next regular meeting will be held **Thursday, April 9^h, 2009** at 7:30 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