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MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

April 8th, 2016

- I. **The meeting was called to order** at 9:00 A.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	Mark Schaetzke, District Manager/Tech.
Chris Dahl, Vice-Chair	Brenda Lageson, Office/Assistant Manager
Dave Ausen, Treasurer	Lindsey Zeitler, District Technician
Paul Heers, Jr., Board Secretary	

- Absent:**

Colin Wittmer, Supervisor	Gary Kurer, NRCS District Conservationist
Senja Viktora, District Technician	

- III. **Minutes of the Previous Meeting:**
 - **Minutes of the March 10th regular meeting** were approved as presented on a motion made by Dahl and seconded by Ausen. Results of a roll call vote were as follows: Affirmative- Kropp, Dahl, Ausen, and Heers, Jr. Opposed -- None. **The motion carried.**

- IV. **Treasurer's Report:**
 - **The treasurer's balance as of March 31st, 2016**, was \$5,323.37 in checking and \$640,794.96 in savings. A motion approving the treasurer's report as read and payment of bills was made by Heers, Jr. and seconded by Dahl. Results of a roll call vote were as follows: Affirmative- Kropp, Dahl, Ausen, and Heers, Jr. Opposed -- None. **The motion carried.**

- V. **New Business continued:**
 - NRCS Agency report by Kurer was printed. His report included status' on EQIP, CRP, CSP HELC and WC certifications, trainings and meetings.

 - Schaetzke reported that the public comment period for the DNR buffer map is open until May 4. He also reported that he will be meeting with Cedar River W.D. regarding One Watershed One Plan (1W1P).

 - Schaetzke then distributed copies of the newly completed 2018 – 2019 Biennial Budget Request (BBR) and asked supervisors for comments or suggestions. After some discussion a motion was made by Dahl and seconded by Heers, Jr. approving as completed and to submit to BWSR. Results of a roll call vote were as follows: Affirmative- Kropp, Dahl, Ausen, and Heers, Jr. Opposed -- None. **The motion carried.**

 - Zeitler reported on the SE Area 7 All Employees Meeting she, Lageson and Schaetzke attended on Mar. 31, in Rochester. She also reported on a Soil Health – Shop Talk meeting with producers on April 7 at Fritz Jensen's in Clarks Grove with Schaetzke and Viktora.

 - Staff distributed SWCD Supervisor Election instructions. Three supervisor's terms expire this year. The filing period is May 17 – 31st.

- SE Area 7 resolutions meeting is coming up and ideas were discussed.
- Chairman Kropp exited the meeting.
- Schaetzke informed the supervisors that some of the employees have adopted the Temp. Flex schedule. He also reported that he has been getting quotes for a seed drill.
- Reviewed Correspondence Received. . .
 - Turtle Creek W.D. minutes from their Mar. 15th meeting
 - MPCA – EAW comment opportunity for Buendorf Hogs.

VI. Adjournment:

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

The next regular meeting will be held **Thursday, May 12th, 2016** at 7:00 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,

Paul Heers, Jr., Board Secretary

Date