



**Freeborn Soil & Water
Conservation District**
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**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
May 18th, 2017**

I. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 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	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	Jarod Schamaun, District Technician

Absent:

Colin Wittmer, Supervisor
Gary Kurer, NRCS District Conservationist

I. Minutes of the Previous Meeting:

- **Minutes of the April 13th 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, Dahl, Ausen, and Heers, Jr. Opposed -- None. **The motion carried.**

II. Treasurer’s Report:

- **The treasurer’s balance as of April 30th, 2017**, was \$4,084.16 in checking and \$805,082.98 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.**

III. Grant Program Actions and/or Information:

- Manager Schaetzke announced that Dave Ausen has completed his Water & Sediment Control Basin project and is requesting final payment:

Contract #	Name	Practice	Project Cost	Final Pmt.
DRAP2-16-01	Ausen, Dave	638 WASC0B	\$4,269.75	\$3,202.00

After some discussion, a motion approving a final payment of contract# DRAP2-16-01 in the amount of \$3,202.00 was made by Heers Jr. and seconded by Dahl. Results of a roll call vote were as follows: Affirmative- Kropp, Dahl, and Heers, Jr. Opposed -- None. Ausen – Abstained. The motion carried.

IV. New Business:

- NRCS Agency report was printed. Kurer’s report included the status of EQIP, CRP, WRE/ACEP, staff position under hiring freeze, and the Client Gateway for Ag Customers.
- Freeborn County’s Comprehensive Water Plan Amendment 2016 – 2021 has been approved by Board of Water & Soil Resources (BWSR). After some review and discussion a motion was made by Heers, Jr.

and seconded by Ausen to adopt the amended County Water Plan as our own SWCD Comprehensive Water Plan 2016 - 2021. Results of a roll call vote were as follows: Affirmative- Kropp, Dahl, Ausen, and Heers, Jr. Opposed -- None. The motion carried. (See attached resolution).

- Schaetzke distributed a map with the results of the “other waters” meeting that was held with stakeholders on Monday, April 3rd at the Freeborn County Courthouse. The purpose of this meeting was to identify waters not listed on the DNR Buffer Map but may warrant having a buffer installed.
- On May 24th SWCD and NRCS staff have an opportunity to attend a training session on Operational Agreements and Cooperative Working Agreements between the two agencies.
- A work plan with MPCA for continued effort in the Winnebago Watershed was reviewed. This would be Phase 2. Phase 1 was completed last summer of 2016. After some discussion a motion was made by Heers, Jr. and seconded by Dahl to tentatively approve and authorize Lageson to sign the contract electronically as there are some time sensitive deliverables. Results of a roll call vote were as follows: Affirmative- Kropp, Dahl, Ausen, and Heers, Jr. Opposed -- None. The motion carried.
- Manager Schaetzke reported on several meetings he attended since our last regular meeting. Included; Multi Hazard Mitigation Plan meeting, 1 Watershed 1 Plan Advisory meeting, and a GBERBA Tech. meeting.
- Schamaun gave the annual tree sale report. Number of trees sold slightly decreased from last year. Very good stock again this year. Weather cooperated for distribution days.
- Lageson reported on both the Area and State Envirothon. Area event was held at Farmers Park in Lewiston on May 3rd – top 3 teams were from Goodhue High School and they competed at the state event at Ironwood Springs Christian Ranch in Stewartville on May 15th. They took 11, 13 and 15th place out of 27 teams. Winner was from Hopkins High School.
- Reviewed Correspondence Received. . .
 - Turtle Creek W.D. minutes from the April 18 and May 16 meetings.
 - Area Resolutions meeting is scheduled for June 29 in Stewartville.
 - Mower Soil Health Field Day on May 26.
 - Freeborn Area Soil Health is planning a V6 Seeding Field Day mid-June.

V. Adjournment:

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

The next regular meeting will be held **Thursday, June 8th, 2017** 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