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MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

June 8th, 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
Chris Dahl, Vice-Chair
Dave Ausen, Treasurer

Mark Schaetzke, District Manager/Tech.
Brenda Lageson, Office/Assistant Manager
Lindsey Zeitler, District Technician
Jarod Schamaun, District Technician
Gary Kurer, NRCS District Conservationist

Absent:

Paul Heers, Jr., Board Secretary
Colin Wittmer, Supervisor

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

- **Minutes of the May 18th 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, and Ausen. **The motion carried.**

II. **Treasurer's Report:**

- **The treasurer's balance as of May 31st, 2017**, was \$3,320.72 in checking and \$768,419.61 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, Dahl, and Ausen. Opposed -- None. **The motion carried.**

III. **Grant Program Actions and/or Information:**

- Lageson announced that the 2016 Buffer Grant funds have been spent. After some review a motion was made by Ausen and seconded by Dahl approving expenditures and staff is authorized to submit final report. Results of a roll call vote were as follows: Affirmative- Kropp, Dahl, and Ausen. Opposed - - None. **The motion carried.**

IV. **New Business:**

- NRCS Agency report was given by Kurer. His report included the status of CRP, WRE/ACEP, CSP, and possibly getting help from Pheasants Forever staff for CRP planning.
- Reviewed MN Dept. of Natural Resources ground water monitoring agreement for FY2018. A motion was made by Ausen and seconded by Dahl to approve and sign agreement. Results of a roll call vote were as follows: Affirmative- Kropp, Dahl, and Ausen. Opposed -- None. **The motion carried.**

- Schaetzke distributed the “Other Waters” map that was created from the stakeholders meeting. After some discussion a motion was made by Ausen and seconded by Dahl approving this map and to authorize staff to notify other Local Governmental Units (LGUs). Results of a roll call vote were as follows: Affirmative- Kropp, Dahl, and Ausen. Opposed -- None. **The motion carried.**
- Staff presented bids for a new truck purchase. After some review a motion was made by Dahl and seconded by Ausen authorizing staff to purchase from the lowest bidder. Results of a roll call vote were as follows: Affirmative- Kropp, Dahl, and Ausen. Opposed -- None. **The motion carried.**
- Schaetzke reported on the progress of the operational agreement with NRCS and the agreement with MPCA re: Winnebago Phase 2.
- Staff gave updates on Minnesota Ag Water Quality Certification Program (MAWQCP) over 20 applications with 9 of them certified, Clean Water Fund and Capacity dollars, Buffer alternative practices, Cedar 1W1P planning and public kickoff, Winnebago-MPCA draft impaired waters, Grant writing workshop and the Mower Soil Health bus tour.
- Freeborn Area Soil Health Team is seeking funds for the fall workshop. After some discussion a motion was made by Ausen and seconded by Dahl authorizing up to \$500 for expenses. Results of a roll call vote were as follows: Affirmative- Kropp, Dahl, and Ausen. Opposed -- None. **The motion carried.**
- Area Resolutions meeting, June 29 in Stewartville. A motion was made by Ausen and seconded by Dahl authorizing supervisors and staff to attend reimbursing allowable expenses. Results of a roll call vote were as follows: Affirmative- Kropp, Dahl, and Ausen. Opposed -- None. **The motion carried.**
- Reviewed Correspondence Received. . .
 - SWCD Governance Conference, Sept. 16-17 in St. Cloud.
 - MN Dept. of Ag seeks public input on draft nitrogen fertilizer rule.

V. Adjournment:

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

The next regular meeting will be held **Thursday, July 13th, 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,

Dave Ausen for Paul Heers, Jr., Board Secretary

Date