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**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
July 12th, 2018**

I. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M. by Chairman Donald Kropp in our district office located at 1400 West Main Street, Albert Lea, MN.

II. Those present were as follows:

Donald Kropp, Chairman	Brenda Lageson, Interim Manager
David Ausen, Treasurer	Lindsey Zeitler, District Technician
Paul Heers, Jr., Board Secretary	Jarod Schamaun, District Technician

Absent:

Christopher Dahl, Vice-Chair
Colin Wittmer, Supervisor
Gary Kurer, NRCS District Conservationist

III. Minutes of the Previous Meeting:

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

IV. Treasurer's Report:

- **The treasurer's balance as of June 30th, 2018**, was \$97,617.25 in checking and \$845,638.27 in savings. A motion approving the treasurer's report as read and payment of bills was made by Heers, Jr. and seconded by Ausen. Results of a roll call vote were as follows: Affirmative- Kropp, Ausen, and Heers, Jr. Opposed -- None. **The motion carried.**

V. Grant actions and/or info:

- Staff announced that the FY19 Competitive Clean Water Fund Grant applications are open. We submitted an application last year, but it was rejected due to missing information. We will be working on updating the application and resubmitting it by August 31, 2018 with board authorization. A motion was made by Ausen and seconded by Heers, Jr. to proceed with this grant application. Results of a roll call vote were as follows: Affirmative- Kropp, Ausen, and Heers, Jr. Opposed -- None. **The motion carried.**
- Staff had been contacted regarding a possible non-compliance issue on easement #24-09-94-01. After some discussion, a motion authorizing staff to send a compliance letter with instructions to easement holder to be completed by 7/30/2019. Results of a roll call vote were as follows: Affirmative- Kropp, Ausen, and Heers, Jr. Opposed -- None. **The motion carried.**

VI. New Business:

- NRCS report was printed by Kurer and included updates; EQIP FY18, CSP, CRP, WRP/WRE/ACEP, etc.
- Supervisors and staff reported on several meetings this past month which included; Area meeting/resolutions, Cotter Soil Health Field Day, Cedar 1W1P, Shell Rock River WD Advisory, Cedar River

WD Advisory, new NRCS standards for cover crops training, administrative training, and Blue Earth Civic Engagement.

- Staff reported on CREP 3, buffer compliance – 95% on public waters, and the no-till drill usage.
- Open Manager Position was tabled until next regular meeting.
- Staff prepared a 2019 Budget to be presented to the County Board. After some discussion and a few small changes will be made. Staff will have prepared with supporting documents for the presentation.
- Ideas were discussed for the SWCDs fairbooth display. A motion was made by Heers, Jr. and seconded by Ausen to purchase fair passes. Results of a roll call vote were as follows: Affirmative- Kropp, Ausen, and Heers, Jr. Opposed -- None. **The motion carried.**
- 2018 Outstanding Conservationist candidates were reviewed. After some discussion of several great candidates a motion was made by Ausen and seconded by Heers, Jr. to select Casey and Stacie Madson to be honored at the MASWCD state convention in December. Results of a roll call vote were as follows: Affirmative- Kropp, Ausen, and Heers, Jr. Opposed -- None. **The motion carried.**
- Reviewed Turtle Creek WD minutes from their June 19th meeting.

VII. Adjournment:

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

The next regular meeting will be held **Thursday, August 16th, 2018** 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