



Minutes of the September 17, 2015 Regular Board Meeting

Minutes of the September 17, 2015 Dodge Soil and Water Conservation Districts' Regular Board of Supervisor's meeting, conference room, USDA Service Center, Dodge Center, Minnesota.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Larry Scherger at 7:16 PM.

Members Present: Larry Scherger, Chairman
Bill Thompson, Vice-Chairman
David Livingston, Secretary (entered the meeting at 8:00 pm)
Glenn Hahn, Treasurer

Members Absent: Don Hesper

Others Present: Brian DeVetter, NRCS District Conservationist
Thomas Johnston, District Technician

Approval of Meeting Agenda – A motion was made by Hahn, seconded by Thompson, to approve the September 2015 meeting agenda as mailed. The motion carried unanimously.

Approval of the August 20th, 2015 Board Meeting Minutes – A motion was made Hahn, seconded by Thompson, to approve the August 20, 2015 regular board meeting minutes as mailed. The motion carried unanimously.

Approval of the Treasurer's Financial Statements and Payment of New Bills – Hahn reviewed the August 2015 treasurer' financial statement and had several questions about items in the statement which he was going to check with the accountant about. After further discussion, a motion was made by Hahn, seconded by Thompson, to approve the August 2015 treasurer's financial statements as presented and to pay all the presented bills which total \$1,071.29. The motion carried unanimously.

The Board reviewed and discussed an email from Julie Krebs, BWSR's grants compliance specialist, regarding a SWCD purchasing a gift for a private individual and paying the expenses of a contractor working for the District to attend a training session.

Unfinished Business

FY16 CWL Grant Requests – District manager Adam King has applied for 2 CWL grants. One for saturated buffer projects and the other for cost-share of practices in the areas of the Middle Fork of the Zumbro River identified in Dodge Co. as high priority.

New Business

County Commissioner's Report – No report

District Conservationist's Report – Brian DeVetter reported on the following subjects:

- CRP conservation plans for Dodge Co. are finished except two which are pending approval.
- EQIP – Busy with animal mortality facilities.
- RIM/WRP – The contract closing on the Claremont RIM/WRP site area was completed.
- Gary Watson is the acting NRCS ASC for operations for 120 days and then Tim Wilson will be acting for the next 120 days.
- Brian has been detailed several days to the Blue Earth County field office to assist them with CRP plans.

BWSR Academy – Adam King and Blaine Delzer would like to attend the BWSR Academy again this year. The total cost for room, registrations and 2 breakfasts would be \$541.62. After discussion, a motion was made by Thompson, seconded by Livingston to authorize King and Delzer to attend the BWSR Academy and to pay expenses. The motion carried unanimously.

FY 2016 Buffer and MN Ag Water Quality Certification Programs Implementation Grant Agreement – After review and discussion a motion was made by Thompson, seconded by Livingston to authorize Adam King to sign the agreement and all future agreements. The motion carried unanimously.

Meeting Reports

- **Zumbro Watershed Partnership** (Thompson)

Irv Iso with the “Earth Fest” organization approached the ZWP to be their fiscal agent for funds they have raised (\$13,000) for their next event. His request was approved.

A theme for signage to be placed at strategic access sites along the Zumbro River for an educational campaign in the watershed was discussed. Mantorville and Zumbro Falls will each be receiving a sign.

Anna Richie with the Conservation Society was the guest speaker. The topic she spoke about was: “Who’s Paying for Conservation”?

Handed out flyers for upcoming field days in the area and a request for proposals from BWSR for a Multipurpose Drainage Management Grant.

- Feedlot Advisory Committee (Hahn)
Reported on a newsletter put out by the County.
- 1 Watershed 1Plan Mtg. (Hahn)
A Governance Mtg. will be held Oct. 5th.
The policy committee has completed working drafts for three of the five sections of the policy document.

Correspondence – The Board acknowledged the following correspondence:

- SWCD Leadership/Assessment Tool received from the MASWCD which encourages SWCD's to conduct an assessment and discuss the outcomes during a board meeting.

Other New Business

- None

Adjournment

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by Chairman Larry Scherger at 11:03 pm on motion by Livingston and a second by Hahn.

Next Board Meeting

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Dodge Soil and Water Conservation Districts' Board of Supervisors will be October 15, 2015 at 7:15 p.m. in the conference room of the USDA Service Center building, 916 2nd St. SE, Dodge Center, Minnesota.

Approved  Date 10-15-15 Recorder: Tom Johnston

