Minutes of the June 20, 2019 Dodge Soil and Water Conservation District’s
Regular Board of Supervisor’s Meeting
Dodge Center USDA Service Center Conference Room
Dodge Center, Minnesota

The meeting was called to order by Chair, Larry Scherger at 7:18 P.M.

Members Present: Larry Scherger, Chair
Bill Thompson, Vice-Chair
Glenn Hahn, Treasurer
David Livingston, Secretary
Bruce Freerksen, PR&I (Late 8:11 P.M.)

Members Absent: None

Others Present: Adam King, District Manager, Dodge Soil and Water Conservation District;
Rhonda Toquam, Dodge County District IV Commissioner

Approval of Meeting Agenda – Additions to the agenda include University of Minnesota Cover
Crop information, and Ecosystem Services Market and Expanding Soil Health in Minnesota
Resolution. A motion was made to approve the June 20, 2019 meeting agenda as Amended.
Motion: Bill Thompson
Seconded: David Livingston
The motion carried unanimously.

Approval of the May 16, 2019 Board Meeting Minutes – The supervisors discussed the May 16,
2019 meeting. There were no corrections to the April 18, 2019 Board Meeting Minutes. Additions
include a report from Nancy Peterson. A motion was made to approve the May 16, 2019 Dodge
Soil and Water Conservation District’s Regular Board of Supervisors Meeting Minutes as amended.
Motion: Bill Thompson
Seconded: Glenn Hahn
The motion carried unanimously.

Partner Agency Reports

Natural Resource Conservation Service Report
Michael Muzzy, District Conservationist, Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS), was
unable to attend the meeting.

Dodge County Commissioner’s Report
Rhonda Toquam, Dodge County District IV Commissioner, reported that road projects are in
construction, and budget items are due soon. A bond will be paid off, and there are discussions of
taking out another. The added sales tax is producing more than expected, and solar farm projects are

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tabled while setbacks are being looked into. Farmers are coming into MN Workforce Development, a sign of the poor farm economy.

Treasurer’s Report

Approval of the Treasurer’s Financial Statements and Payment of New Bills – Glenn Hahn, Treasurer, presented the April 2019 Balance Sheet, Revenues of $24,495.31, Expenditures of $38709.15 and the Aging Summary, with a payables total of $2,194.98. A motion was made to approve the May 2019 Treasurer’s Report, and to approve payment of the bills on the Aging Summary, for a payables total of $2,194.98.
  Motion: David Livingston
  Seconded: Bill Thompson
  The motion carried unanimously.

Bruce Freerksen entered at 8:11 P.M.

Unfinished Business

2020 Preliminary Budget
Adam King, District Manager, presented a draft of the 2020 preliminary budget. The supervisors discussed the budget. The finance committee will meet before the next meeting and will have a final 2020 preliminary budget to approve at the next meeting.

Water Monitoring Equipment Purchase
Adam King, District Manager, presented quotes for water monitoring equipment. Staff have recommended to purchase the FH950 flow meter, probe / wading rod from the Hach Company, at a cost of $7,884.00, and the Signature area-velocity flow meter, probe, USB cable, ISCO Flowlink LE Software, pump tubing, power cable, and solar panel with bracket from Tech Sales Company at a cost of $8,284.90. The supervisors discussed water monitoring, water monitoring equipment, and insurance for the equipment. A motion was made to purchase the FH950 flow meter, probe / wading rod from the Hach Company, at a cost of $7,884.00, and the Signature area-velocity flow meter, probe, USB cable, ISCO Flowlink LE Software, pump tubing, power cable, and solar panel with bracket from Tech Sales Company at a cost of $8,284.90, totaling $16,168.90.
  Motion: David Livingston
  Seconded: Glenn Hahn
  The motion carried unanimously.

Sub-agreement between the Wabasha County Soil and Water Conservation District and the Dodge Soil and Water Conservation District for the FY19 Southeast Minnesota Well Sealing Program
Adam King, District Manager, presented the Sub-agreement between the Wabasha County Soil and Water Conservation District and the Dodge Soil and Water Conservation District for the FY19 Southeast Minnesota Well Sealing Program. The supervisors discussed the grant. A motion was made to approve, sign and submit the Sub-agreement between the Wabasha County Soil and Water Conservation District and the Dodge Soil and Water Conservation District for the FY19 Southeast Minnesota Well Sealing Program grant.
  Motion: Bill Thompson
  Seconded: David Livingston
  The motion carried unanimously.
Sub-agreement between the Goodhue County Soil and Water Conservation District and the Dodge Soil and Water Conservation District for the Reducing Bacteria from Southeast Minnesota Feedlots (Feedlot VII) Section 319 Grant

Adam King, District Manager, informed the supervisors that the Sub-agreement between the Goodhue County Soil and Water Conservation District and the Dodge Soil and Water Conservation District for the Reducing Bacteria from Southeast Minnesota Feedlots (Feedlot VII) Section 319 grant is not finalized. A motion was made to table the Sub-agreement between the Goodhue County Soil and Water Conservation District and the Dodge Soil and Water Conservation District for the Reducing Bacteria from Southeast Minnesota Feedlots (Feedlot VII) Section 319 grant.

Motion: Bill Thompson
Seconded: Bruce Freerksen
The motion carried unanimously.

New Business

Sub-agreement between the Fillmore County Soil and Water Conservation District and the Dodge Soil and Water Conservation District for the FY19 Drinking Water Protection in Southeast Minnesota Grant

Adam King, District Manager, presented the Sub-agreement between the Fillmore County Soil and Water Conservation District and the Dodge Soil and Water Conservation District for the FY19 Southeast Minnesota Drinking Water Protection Grant. The supervisors discussed the grant. A motion was made to approve, sign and submit the Sub-agreement between the Fillmore County Soil and Water Conservation District and the Dodge Soil and Water Conservation District for the FY19 Southeast Minnesota Drinking Water Protection Grant.

Motion: Glenn Hahn
Seconded: Bill Thompson
The motion carried unanimously.

Contract between the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources and the Dodge Soil and Water Conservation District for Groundwater Level Monitoring

Adam King, District Manager, presented a Contract between the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources and the Dodge Soil and Water Conservation District for groundwater level monitoring. The supervisors discussed the contract and noticed the amount of the contract has not increased. A motion was made to approve, sign and submit the contract between the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources and the Dodge Soil and Water Conservation District for groundwater level monitoring with a cover letter asking for an increase in the future.

Motion: David Livingston
Seconded: Bill Thompson
The motion carried unanimously.

Reconciliation of the FY17 Local Capacity Services Grant

Adam King, District Manager, informed the supervisors that the Board of Water and Soil Resources has completed a reconciliation of the FY17 Local Capacity Services Grant. King presented a financial report for approval. A motion was made to authorize Adam King to sign and submit the financial report to complete the FY17 Local Capacity Services Grant reconciliation.

Motion: David Livingston
Seconded: Bruce Freerksen
The motion carried unanimously.
Vehicle Hail Damage Claim Estimates
Adam King, District Manager, received estimates from West Concord Collision and Stevens Collision Center for all three district vehicles: the 2005 Dodge Ram 1500, the 2017 Ford Focus, and the 2019 Ford F250. The supervisors discussed the quotes and the vehicles. A motion was made to repair the 2017 Ford Focus and the 2019 Ford F250 at West Concord Collision.

Motion: Bill Thompson
Seconded: Bruce Freerksen
The motion carried unanimously.

2019 Conservationist of the Year
Staff have discussed the 2019 Conservationist of the Year and is recommending the Byron Sportsman’s and Conservation Club as the 2019 Conservationist of the Year. The supervisors discussed the conservationist of the year. A motion was made to nominate the Byron Sportsman’s and Conservation Club as the 2019 Conservationist of the Year.

Motion: Bill Thompson
Seconded: Bruce Freerksen
The motion carried unanimously.

District Cost-Share Contract 2019-02 (Pyfferoen) Encumbrance
Tom Pyfferoen is requesting 50% up to $1,500.00 in District Cost-Share for a well decommissioning. A motion was made to approve the encumbrance of district cost-share funds for District Cost-Share Contract 2019-02 in the amount of 50% of total eligible costs not to exceed $1,500.00 for a well decommissioning for Tom Pyfferoen.

Motion: Glenn Hahn
Seconded: David Livingston
The motion carried unanimously.

District Cost-Share Contract 2019-03 (Thoe) Encumbrance
David Thoe is requesting 65% up to $2,970.83 in District Cost-Share for a grassed waterway. A motion was made to approve the encumbrance of district cost-share funds for District Cost-Share Contract 2019-03 in the amount of 65% of total eligible costs not to exceed $2,970.83 for a grassed waterway for David Thoe.

Motion: David Livingston
Seconded: Glenn Hahn
The motion carried unanimously.

District Cost-Share Contract 2019-04 (LMN Family Farms) Encumbrance
LMN Family Farms is requesting 65% up to $1,887.60 in District Cost-Share for a grassed waterway. A motion was made to approve the encumbrance of district cost-share funds for District Cost-Share Contract 2019-04 in the amount of 65% of total eligible costs not to exceed $1,887.60 for a grassed waterway for LMN Family Farms.

Motion: David Livingston
Seconded: Bruce Freerksen
The motion carried unanimously.

District Cost-Share Contract 2019-05 (LMN Family Farms) Encumbrance
LMN Family Farms is requesting 65% up to $943.80 in District Cost-Share for a grassed waterway. A motion was made to approve the encumbrance of district cost-share funds for District Cost-Share
Contract 2019-05 in the amount of 65% of total eligible costs not to exceed $943.80 for a grassed waterway for LMN Family Farms.
Motion: David Livingston
Seconded: Bruce Freerksen
The motion carried unanimously.

**Clean Water Fund Cost-Share Contract FY16SB-04 (Toquam) Encumbrance**
Roger Toquam is requesting 100% cost share up to $4,155.01, with 75% coming from Clean Water Fund Dodge Saturated Buffer Project Implementation Cost-Share and the remaining 25% from the Cedar River Watershed District for the installation of a saturated buffer. A motion was made to approve the encumbrance of Clean Water Fund Dodge Saturated Buffer Project Implementation Cost-Share funds for Clean Water Fund Cost-Share Contract FY16SB-04 in the amount of 100% of total eligible costs, with 75% from Clean Water Fund Dodge Saturated Buffer Project Implementation Cost-Share funds and the remaining 25% from the Cedar River Watershed District, not to exceed $4,155.01 for a saturated buffer for Roger Toquam.
Motion: David Livingston
Seconded: Glenn Hahn
The motion carried unanimously.

**Clean Water Fund Cost-Share Contract BIOR2016-02 (Toquam) Encumbrance**
Roger Toquam is requesting 100% cost share up to $6,669.44, with 75% coming from Clean Water Fund Ripley Nitrogen Reduction Implementation Cost-Share and the remaining 25% from the Dodge County for the installation of a denitrifying bioreactor. A motion was made to approve the encumbrance of Clean Water Fund Ripley Nitrogen Reduction Implementation Cost-Share funds for Clean Water Fund Cost-Share Contract BIOR2016-02 in the amount of 100% of total eligible costs, with 75% from Clean Water Fund Clean Water Fund Ripley Nitrogen Reduction Implementation Cost-Share funds and the remaining 25% from Dodge County, not to exceed $6,669.44 for a denitrifying bioreactor for Roger Toquam.
Motion: Glenn Hahn
Seconded: David Livingston
The motion carried unanimously.

**Clean Water Fund Cost-Share Contract BIOR2016-03 (Toquam) Encumbrance**
Roger Toquam is requesting 100% cost share up to $8,892.58, with 75% coming from Clean Water Fund Ripley Nitrogen Reduction Implementation Cost-Share and the remaining 25% from the Dodge County for the installation of a denitrifying bioreactor. A motion was made to approve the encumbrance of Clean Water Fund Ripley Nitrogen Reduction Implementation Cost-Share funds for Clean Water Fund Cost-Share Contract BIOR2016-03 in the amount of 100% of total eligible costs, with 75% from Clean Water Fund Clean Water Fund Ripley Nitrogen Reduction Implementation Cost-Share funds and the remaining 25% from Dodge County, not to exceed $8,892.58 for a denitrifying bioreactor for Roger Toquam.
Motion: Glenn Hahn
Seconded: David Livingston
The motion carried unanimously.

**Clean Water Fund Cost-Share Contract BIOR2016-04 (Toquam) Encumbrance**
Roger Toquam is requesting 100% cost share up to $23,310.90, with 75% coming from Clean Water Fund Ripley Nitrogen Reduction Implementation Cost-Share and the remaining 25% from the Dodge County for the installation of a denitrifying bioreactor. A motion was made to approve
the encumbrance of Clean Water Fund Ripley Nitrogen Reduction Implementation Cost-Share funds for Clean Water Fund Cost-Share Contract BIOR2016-04 in the amount of 100% of total eligible costs, with 75% from Clean Water Fund Clean Water Fund Ripley Nitrogen Reduction Implementation Cost-Share funds and the remaining 25% from Dodge County, not to exceed $23,310.90 for a denitrifying bioreactor for Roger Toquam.

Motion: Glenn Hahn
Seconded: David Livingston
The motion carried unanimously.

**Clean Water Fund Dodge Saturated Buffer Project Implementation Update**
Adam King, District Manager, provided an update on the Dodge Saturated Buffer Project Implementation Clean Water Fund Grant. Projects are lined up, with Ecosystem Services Exchange completing the design using a grant received through the Natural Resources Conservation Service.

**Other New Business**

**University of Minnesota Cover Crop**
Glenn Hahn, District V Supervisor, attended a cover crop field day that used data from corn plots with a cereal rye cover crop and an annual rye blend that winter killed. The cereal rye cover crop reduced nitrates in tile water, and it was found the cereal rye blend did not release the nitrogen on time, holding it too long.

**Resolution 01-2019 – Ecosystem Services Market and Expanding Soil Health in Minnesota**
Bill Thompson, District I Supervisor, presented Resolution 01-2019 – Ecosystem Services Market and Expanding Soil Health in Minnesota. The supervisors discussed the resolution. A motion was made to approve Resolution 01-2019 – Ecosystem Services Market and Expanding Soil Health in Minnesota.

Motion: Glenn Hahn
Seconded: Bruce Freerksen
Ayes: Bill Thompson
Bruce Freerksen
Larry Scherger
David Livingston
Glenn Hahn
Nays: none
The motion carried unanimously.

**Correspondence & Staff Report**
Adam King, District Manager, presented information on the Mater Water Stewards program though the Fresh Water Society, and the National Conservation Foundation’s 2018 Annual Report. King reminded the supervisors about the Southeast Minnesota Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts Resolutions Meeting on Friday, June 28, 2019, and informed them of other resolutions passed by area districts.

**Supervisor Reports**

Cedar River Watershed District (CRWD) – David Livingston, District IV Supervisor, reported attending the CRWD board meeting on June 19, 2019 where a public hearing was held on their rules change. An agreement was signed with Red Rock Township, and over $2 million in...
projects were encumbered, including the Toquam saturated buffer. The managers will be able to increase their per diems from $75.00 to $125.00 after July 01, 2019.

Resource Conservation and Development (RC&D) – Bruce Freerksen, District II Supervisor, reported that the next RC&D will be held on Monday, July 22, 2019 and will be going to the Fugle’s Mill.

Minnesota Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts (MASWCD) – Bill Thompson, District I Supervisor, reported that the next MASWCD Directors meeting will be held on Wednesday, July 10, 2019.

One Watershed One Plan – Zumbro River Watershed – Larry Scherger, District III Supervisor, reported that attending the Policy Committee and Kick-off meeting on Thursday, June 13, 2019 at 125 Live in Rochester. There were presentations by Barr Engineering, Olmsted Soil and Water Conservation District, John Weiss. There will be additional opportunities for public input throughout the planning process at the waterside chats.

Next Meeting
The next meeting of the Dodge SWCD Board of Supervisors will be Thursday, July 18, 2019 at 7:15 p.m. in the conference room of the USDA Service Center building, 916 2nd St. SE, Dodge Center, Minnesota.

Adjournment
Hearing no further business, Larry Scherger, Chair, called for a motion for adjournment at 12:05 A.M.

Motion: Glenn Hahn
Seconded: David Livingston
The motion carried unanimously.

Approved: [Signature]
Date: 07.25.2019
Recorder: Adam King

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