



## **Minutes of the June 21, 2018 Regular Board Meeting**

Minutes of the June 21, 2018 Dodge Soil and Water Conservation District's Regular Board of Supervisor's meeting, conference room, USDA Service Center, Dodge Center, Minnesota.

The meeting was called to order by Chair, Larry Scherger at 7:24 P.M.

**Members Present:** Larry Scherger, Chair  
David Livingston, Secretary  
Glenn Hahn, Treasurer  
Bruce Freerksen, PR&I (late, in at 7:38 P.M.)

**Members Absent:** Bill Thompson, Vice-Chair

**Others Present:** Adam King, District Manager, Dodge SWCD  
Justin Hanson, District Administrator, Cedar River Watershed District

**Approval of Meeting Agenda** – Additions to the June 21, 2018 agenda include the Blue Cross Blue Shield 2019 Health Insurance Premiums. A motion was made to approve the June 21, 2018 meeting agenda as revised.

Motion: Glenn Hahn

Seconded: David Livingston

The motion carried unanimously.

**Approval of the May 17, 2018 Board Meeting Minutes** – Corrections to the May 17, 2018 board meeting minutes include replacing Don Hesar with David Livingston as the supervisor that seconded the motion to approve the April 19, 2018 meeting minutes on page 1, remove the “k” on Erick Hahn under District Cost-Share Contract 2018-05 (Hahn) Encumbrance on page 3, and separate the Feedlot Committee and the One Watershed One Plan – Root River Reports on page 4. A motion was made to approve the May 17, 2018 Dodge Soil and Water Conservation District's regular Board of Supervisors meeting minutes as corrected.

Motion: Glenn Hahn

Seconded: David Livingston

The motion carried unanimously.

## **Partner Agency Reports**

### **Dodge County Commissioner's Report**

Rhonda Toquam, Dodge County District IV Commissioner, reported that Senator Amy Klobuchar's staff had a meeting on the 2018 Farm Bill at the Dodge County Administration Building. The meeting was poorly announced with a late press release but many farmers were in attendance. One million additional acres of the Conservation Reserve Program are planned on being added. Work continues on roads and bridges in Dodge County. Dean Schrandt, Water Plan

Coordinator, Dodge County, gave a presentation to the Dodge County Commissioners on the Southeast Minnesota Water Resources Joint Powers Board, and the Memorandum of Agreement for the One Watershed One Plan – Zumbro River Watershed. Nexterra presented their plan for additional windmills in the county.

Bruce Freerksen entered at 7:38 P.M.

### **Cedar River Watershed District**

Justin Hanson, Administrator, Cedar River Watershed District, introduced himself to the Board of Supervisors, and presented their 2018 plan, including the Capital Improvement Plan with matching funds from the Hormel Foundation. Cody Fox is the Project Manager and has been targeting the Dobbins Creek Watershed. The Izakk Walton League sampled many locations throughout the Cedar River Watershed for E. coli bacteria. Many test results came back high, and presentations were given to county boards with press releases to media outlets warning people not to touch the water. Hanson reiterated that the Cedar River is no worse than any other area streams.

### **Natural Resource Conservation Service Report**

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

There were no other partner agency reports.

### **Treasurer's Report**

**Approval of the Treasurer's Financial Statements and Payment of New Bills** – Glenn Hahn, Treasurer, presented the May 2018 Balance Sheet, Revenues of \$34,652.95, Expenditures of \$43,195.65, and the Aging Summary, with a payables total of \$1,223.54. A motion was made to approve the May 2018 Treasurer's Report, and to approve payment of the bills on the Aging Summary, for a payables total of \$1,223.54.

Motion: David Livingston

Seconded: Bruce Freerksen

The motion carried unanimously.

### **Unfinished Business**

#### **2019 Draft Preliminary Budget**

Adam King, District Manager, presented the 2019 Draft Preliminary Budget. The supervisors reviewed and discussed the budget. King was told to review the Contractor Services budget item and look into leasing vehicles through Enterprise.

### **New Business**

#### **Training Request – Adam King**

Adam King, District Manager, requested to attend the Minnesota Counties Intergovernmental Trusts (MCIT) Sidestep Risks when Conducting SWCD Business held in St. Cloud, MN on July 18. Registration is \$65. A motion was made to send Adam King to the MCIT Sidestep Risks When Conducting SWCD Business on July 18, 2018 and pay \$65 for registration.

Motion: Dave Livingston

Seconded: Glenn Hahn

The motion carried unanimously.

**Professional Services Contract with the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources for Groundwater Level Monitoring**

Adam King, District Manager, presented the supervisors with a Professional Services Contract with the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources for Groundwater Level Monitoring of two wells at \$30.00 per well for eight readings throughout the year, totaling \$480.00. The supervisors discussed the contract. A motion was made to approve and sign the Professional Services Contract with the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources for Groundwater Level Monitoring totaling \$480.00.

Motion: David Livingston

Seconded: Bruce Freerksen

The motion carried unanimously.

**District Cost-Share Contract 2017-06 (Stroebl) Payment**

Adam King, District Manager, informed the supervisors that Donald Stroebel of Dodge Center, MN is requesting cost-share payment from the District Cost-Share Funds for the installation of a grassed waterway. The total eligible cost is \$7,470.00 and is requesting cost-share of 65 percent totaling \$4,855.50. A motion was made to approve payment of District Cost-Share Contract 2017-06 to Donald Stroebel for the installation of a grassed waterway in the amount of \$4,855.50.

Motion: David Livingston

Seconded: Glenn Hahn

The motion carried unanimously.

**District Cost-Share Contract 2018-06 (Kvasnicka) Amendment**

Adam King, District Manager, informed the supervisors that Jim Kvasnicka is requesting an amendment to District Cost-Share Contract 2018-06 for a well decommissioning. The total for the well decommissioning came in higher than the original estimate and would like to amend the contract from \$678.50 to \$912.50, \$225.00 higher than originally encumbered. A motion was made to approve and sign District Cost-Share Contract 2018-06 (Kvasnicka) to increase the grant amount by \$225.00, from \$678.50 to \$912.50.

Motion: Glenn Hahn

Seconded: David Livingston

The motion carried unanimously

**District Cost-Share Contract 2018-06 (Kvasnicka) Payment**

Adam King, District Manager, informed the supervisors that the well decommissioning for District Cost-Share Contract 2018-06 has been completed, and Jim Kvasnicka is requesting payment of 50% of total eligible costs, which is \$912.50. A motion was made to approve payment totaling \$912.50 to Jim Kvasnicka for District Cost-Share Contract 2018-06 for a well decommissioning.

Motion: Glenn Hahn

Seconded: Dave Livingston

The motion carried unanimously

### **District Cost-Share Contract 2016-15 (Dahlke) Payment**

Adam King, District Manager, informed the supervisors that William Dahlke of Ellington Township is requesting cost-share payment from the District Cost-Share Funds for the installation of a grassed waterway. The total eligible cost is \$3,505.50, and he is requesting cost-share of 65 percent or \$2,278.58. A motion was made to approve payment of District Cost-Share Contract 2015-15 to William Dahlke for the installation of a grassed waterway in the amount of \$2,278.58.

Motion: Glenn Hahn

Seconded: Bruce Freerksen

The motion carried unanimously.

### **Other New Business**

#### **2019 Blue Cross Blue Shield of Minnesota Health Insurance**

Adam King, District Manager, presented the new Blue Cross Blue Shield of Minnesota Health Insurance premium quotes, which includes about a 10% increase. The supervisors discussed the new premium quotes and looked at alternative plans. A motion was made to renew the existing Blue Cross Blue Shield of Minnesota Health Insurance “Gold 641” plan.

Motion: Dave Livingston

Seconded: Bruce Freerksen

The motion carried unanimously

There was no Other New Business.

### **Correspondence & Staff Report**

Adam King, District Manager, informed the supervisors that the Minnesota Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts (MASWCD) has partnered with the Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) for workshops on the Local Work Group process. The event is free, but registration is requested. King and David Livingston showed interest. King also presented the MASWCD Officer Nomination information. Letters of interest are due September 06, 2018. Livingston shared a letter from Atwell on a new high voltage electric transmission line proposal for Dodge County. The supervisors discussed the pros and cons of windmills.

### **Supervisor Reports**

Dodge County Feedlot Advisory Committee – Glenn Hahn, District V Supervisor, reported attending the meeting on the Ryzebol Dairy Expansion.

Governors Groundwater Protection Meeting – Glenn Hahn, District V Supervisor, reported attending the Governor’s Groundwater Protection Meeting where the new rule proposed by the Minnesota Department of Agriculture, the proposed timelines for fertilizer application, and the well testing program were discussed.

One Watershed One Plan (1W1P) – Root River Watershed – Glenn Hahn, District V Supervisor, reported that Jeff Hastings, Trout Unlimited, presented at the last Policy Committee Meeting.

Resource Conservation and Development (RC&D) – Bruce Freerksen, District II Supervisor, reported attending the RC&D meeting where the Flugel Mill site was discussed, and that they are still working on the Kernza seed project.

West Concord Township – Bruce Freerksen, District II Supervisor, reported attending the West Concord Township meeting where plugged culverts and soil erosion were discussed.

One Watershed One Plan (1W1P) – Cedar River Watershed – David Livingston, District IV Supervisor, reported that the next meeting will be held on July 11, 2018.

Cedar River Watershed District (CRWD) – David Livingston, District IV Supervisor, reported attending the CRWD meeting on June 20, 2018, where the Izaak Walton League's E. coli monitoring was discussed. There are over 1700 septic systems in Mower County in need of attention. WHKS out of Rochester is working on engineering plans for some of the Dobbins Creek projects. The Dobbins Creek projects that have already been installed are functioning properly. There is a push to try to get the Governors Pheasant Opener in the Cedar Watershed, hoping it will promote the health of the wildlife in the area. They are starting the second year of "Cedar Scenes" that people who win will be put into a drawing for a kayak. The CRWD has applied for a grant that would include long term monitoring.

Zumbro Watershed Partnership (ZWP) – Larry Scherger, District III Supervisor, reported attending the ZWP meeting on June 14, 2018, but there was no quorum. Sarah Middleton, Executive Director, has resigned, along with the Treasurer, and two other board members. The Cannon River Watershed Partnership (CRWP) now has a citizen board with no elected officials.

#### Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Dodge SWCD Board of Supervisors will be Thursday, July 19, 2018 at 7:15 p.m. in the conference room of the USDA Service Center building, 916 2<sup>nd</sup> St. SE, Dodge Center, Minnesota.

#### Adjournment

Hearing no further business, Larry Scherger, Chair, called for a motion for adjournment at 10:54 P.M.

Motion: David Livingston

Seconded: Bruce Freerksen

The motion carried unanimously.

Approved: Larry Scherger Date: July 19-18 Recorder: Adam King  
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**Supervisors: Bill Thompson – Bruce Freerksen– Larry Scherger – David Livingston – Glenn Hahn**

