



**Minutes of the May 16, 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 7:31 P.M.

Members Present: Larry Scherger, Chair
Bill Thompson, Vice-Chair
David Livingston, Secretary
Bruce Freerksen, PR&I

Members Absent: Glenn Hahn, Treasurer

Others Present: Adam King, District Manager, Dodge Soil and Water Conservation District;
Nancy Peterson, Dodge County Citizen

Approval of Meeting Agenda – Additions to the agenda include Sub-Agreement between the Wabasha County Soil and Water Conservation District and the Dodge Soil and Water Conservation District for the FY19 Clean Water Fund Southeast Minnesota Well Sealing Grant, and 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. A motion was made to approve the May 16, 2019 meeting agenda as Amended.

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

Approval of the April 18, 2019 Board Meeting Minutes – There were no corrections to the April 18, 2019 Board Meeting Minutes. A motion was made to approve the April 18, 2019 Dodge Soil and Water Conservation District's regular Board of Supervisors Meeting Minutes as presented.

Motion: David Livingston
Seconded: Bill Thompson
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, was unable to attend the meeting.

Treasurer's Report

Approval of the Treasurer's Financial Statements and Payment of New Bills – Adam King, District Manager, informed the supervisors that he spoke with Jenni at Standing Tax about the April Financial Statements. The County Water Plan Duties were recorded in the 2018 financials, and the first quarter 2019 County Water Plan Duties haven't been paid yet. The FY14 State Cost-Share Feedlot Fund Grant showed up in the liabilities on the balance sheet and was zeroed out. King presented the April 2019 Balance Sheet, Revenues of \$27,342.57, Expenditures of \$40,962.58 and the Aging Summary, with a payables total of \$5,326.57. A motion was made to approve the April 2019 Treasurer's Report, and to approve payment of the bills on the Aging Summary, for a payables total of \$5,326.57.

Motion: David Livingston

Seconded: Bruce Freerksen

The motion carried unanimously.

Unfinished Business

There was no unfinished business

New Business

Dodge County Appropriation Request

Adam King, District Manager, presented a letter addressed to Jim Elmquist, County Administrator, requesting the Dodge Soil and Water Conservation District Appropriation from Dodge County. A motion was made to sign and submit the letter requesting the Dodge County Appropriation to the Dodge Soil and Water Conservation District.

Motion: Bill Thompson

Seconded: Bruce Freerksen

The motion carried unanimously.

Conservation Farmer / Outstanding Conservationist of the Year Signs

Blaine Delzer, District Technician, checked into new Conservation Farmer / Outstanding Conservationist signs, receiving quotes from National Fleet Graphics of Dodge Center, and Able Signs of Kasson. National Fleet Graphics had the lower quote for the signs. The supervisors discussed what the signs should say. A motion was made to authorize the purchase of 10 signs saying "Outstanding Conservationist" from National Fleet Graphics of Dodge Center.

Motion: David Livingston

Seconded: Bruce Freerksen

The motion carried unanimously.

New Truck Accessories Purchase

Adam King, District Manager, presented the supervisors with quotes on truck accessories from Truckn' America of Rochester and AutoTrim Design of Owatonna. A motion was made to approve the purchase and installation of the side entry step running boards, molded mud flaps, Tonneau cover, and a rubber bed mat from AutoTrim Design of Owatonna.

Motion: David Livingston

Seconded: Bruce Freerksen

The motion carried unanimously.

Water Monitoring Equipment Purchase

Adam King, District Manager, informed the supervisors that he has received quotes for water monitoring equipment. King is still looking over the quotes and will have a recommendation at the June meeting.

2020 Draft Preliminary Budget

Adam King, District Manager, presented the 2020 Draft Preliminary Budget. King stated that the Minnesota Legislature is still in session, and what the district will receive from the state is still unknown. The supervisors discussed the 2020 Draft Preliminary Budget.

Other New Business

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 Draft 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. King stated that the staff recommendation is to not sign the sub-agreement because there are very few priority areas in Dodge County, and District Cost-Share covers the costs at the same percentage with a higher maximum. The supervisors discussed the grant, showing interest in signing the sub-agreement to use to fund well sealings in the identified priority areas. The item was tabled.

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Adam King, District Manager, presented the Draft 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. King stated that the staff recommendation is to approve the final sub-agreement when it's made available, as this will give the district the opportunity to provide cost-share on small feedlot fixes. The supervisors discussed the grant. The item was tabled.

Correspondence & Staff Report

Adam King, District Manager, presented the Minnesota Land Trust Mid-Year Report, the USDA announcement that the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) sign-up will begin, and the One Watershed One Plan – Cedar Comprehensive Watershed Plan that is about to go out for its 60-day comment period. King informed the supervisors that the One Watershed One Plan – Zumbro is having its public kickoff meeting on June 13, 2019 at 121 Live in Rochester from 5 – 8 P.M.

Nancy Peterson, Citizen, spoke to the supervisors about working with the University of Minnesota, GRAUC, and funding opportunities for vocational education programs.

Supervisor Reports

Minnesota Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts (MASWCD) – Bill Thompson, District I Supervisor, reported attending the board meeting on May 08, 2019 where a request was received from the Minnesota Soil Health Coalition, for \$5000.00 in start-up funds. The request is currently under review. A legislative update was given, with the drainage

recommendation of a fee for runoff and sediment / soil delivery passing. An update on the Farmbill Assistance Grant was given, and the Local Water Roundtable has reconvened and is now looking into how watershed-based funding should be distributed across the state. The Natural Resources Conservation Service has conducted a workload cycle analysis in targeted counties to get a feel of how much time is being spent on particular programs.

Saturated Buffer Field Day – Bill Thompson, District I Supervisor, reported attending the Saturated Buffer Field Day on Thursday, April 25, 2019 in Northfield, MN. Paul Sweeny spoke about the practice and installation of saturated buffers.

One Watershed One Plan (1W1P) – Cedar River Watershed – David Livingston, District IV Supervisor, reported attending the 1W1P – Cedar Policy Committee Meeting on Wednesday, May 08, 2019, where they reviewed and approved the Draft Turtle – Little Cedar – Cedar – Deer Comprehensive Watershed Management Plan for 60-day review.

Cedar River Watershed District (CRWD) – David Livingston, District IV Supervisor, reported that the May 15, 2019 board meeting was postponed until the beginning of June.

Resource Conservation and Development (RC&D) – Bruce Freerksen, District II Supervisor, reported that the next RC&D will be held on Monday, May 20, 2019.

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Next Meeting

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Adjournment

Hearing no further business, Larry Scherger, Chair, called for a motion for adjournment at 10:15 P.M.

Motion: David Livingston

Seconded: Bruce Freerksen

The motion carried unanimously.

Approved: _____ Date: _____ Recorder: Adam King

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Approved: Larry Scherger Date: 6-20-19 Recorder: Adam King

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