



## **Minutes of the May 15, 2014 Regular Board Meeting**

Minutes of the May 15, 2014 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 7:18 PM.

**Members Present:** Larry Scherger, Chairman  
Bill Thompson, Vice-chairman  
David Livingston, Secretary  
Glenn Hahn, Treasurer  
Don Hesel, PR&I

**Members Absent:** None

**Others Present:** Dave Copeland, Area 6 NRCS Assistant State Conservationist  
Rodney Peterson, County Commissioner  
Brian DeVetter, District Conservationist  
Dean Schrandt, Dodge Co. Environmental Services  
Tom Johnston, District Technician  
Donna Klapperich

**Approval of Meeting Agenda** – A motion was made by Thompson, seconded by Hahn, to approve the May 2014 meeting agenda as mailed with the following additions: 2011 cost-share financial report approval and June meeting date. The motion carried unanimously.

**Approval of the April 17, 2014 Board Meeting Minutes** – A motion was made by Livingston, seconded by Hesel, to approve the April 17, 2014 regular board meeting minutes as mailed. The motion carried unanimously.

**Approval of the Treasurer's Financial Statements and New Bill Payments** – Hahn reviewed with the Board the April 2014 treasurer's financial statements. After discussion, a motion was made by Livingston, seconded by Hahn, to approve the April 2014 treasurer's financial statements as presented and to pay all the presented bills which total \$4,046.10. The motion carried unanimously.

## **Unfinished Business**

**District Manager Application Update** – Dean Schrandt reported that 4 applications were received for the district manager position. After he and Bill Thompson scored the applications, two of the applications out-scored the others by quite a margin. After discussion, a motion was made by Livingston, seconded by Thompson, to interview the top two candidates before the June meeting. The interview panel will consist of Larry Scherger, Dave Livingston, Bill Thompson, Dean Schrandt and Brian DeVetter. The motion carried unanimously.

## **New Business**

**Area 6 NRCS Assistant State Conservationist** – Dave Copeland introduced himself and gave some background information about himself. He then went on to discuss the new farm bill, the budget for NRCS and filling of vacant NRCS positions in the area. He also answered several questions which included soil health and controlled drainage.

**County Commissioner's Report** – Rodney Peterson reported on the following items:

- 12 new wind generators which will be installed in Dodge County.
- A company is looking for areas to install 10 -20 solar farms.
- The fairgrounds were vandalized.
- The “Zip Rail” study.
- A lawsuit between neighbors over a feedlot.
- A lawsuit between the County and local ethanol plant concerning taxes.

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

- Gave an overview of the new farm bill programs.
- Update of the current EQIP sign-up.
- Update of the current CSP sign-up.
- Construction season as started.

**Environmental Services Report** – No additional report.

**2014 County Allotment Request Letter** – After review, a motion was made by Hahn, seconded by Livingston to authorize the chairman to sign a letter requesting the District's approved County 2014 allotment. The motion carried unanimously.

## **Meeting Reports**

**Kasson Shopko Project** – Thompson reported that he has been in contact with Mike Martin, Kasson's EDA Director, to discuss/clarify the SWCD's stance and role concerning the project.

## **Correspondence**

- Acknowledged correspondence from RES concerning the wind generator projects in the County.

## **Other New Business**

**2011 State Cost-share Financial Report** – After review, a motion was made by Livingston, seconded by Thompson, to authorize the chairman to sign the report document. The motion carried unanimously.

**June Meeting Date Change** – Because of a conflict with District staff, a motion was made by Livingston, seconded by Scherger, to change the date of the June 2014 meeting from June 19<sup>th</sup> to June 26<sup>th</sup>. After further discussion, the motion was rescinded by Livingston and a new motion was made by Thompson, seconded by Hahn to change the meeting date to June 24<sup>th</sup>. The motion carried unanimously.

## **Adjournment**

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by Chairman Larry Scherger at 9:49 pm on a motion by Livingston and a second by Hesel.

## **Next Meeting**

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Dodge Soil and Water Conservation Districts' Board of Supervisors will be June 24, 2014 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.

Approved \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ Recorder: \_\_\_\_\_