



Minutes of the March 20, 2014 Regular Board Meeting

Minutes of the March 20, 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 7:19 PM.

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

Others Present:
Rodney Peterson, County Commissioner
Brian DeVetter, District Conservationist
Dean Schrandt, Co. Water Program Manager
Tom Johnston, District Technician

Approval of Meeting Agenda – A motion was made by Thompson, seconded by Hahn, to approve the March 2014 meeting agenda with the following additions: one watershed-one plan resolution, audit quote request letter and job evaluation quotes. The motion carried unanimously.

Approval of the February 27, 2014 Board Meeting Minutes – A motion was made Hahn, seconded by Thompson, to approve the February 21, 2013 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 February 2014 treasurer's financial statements and revisions to the December 2013, the January 2014 financial statements and the 2013 BWSR Year End Financial Statement. After discussion, a motion was made by Livingston, seconded by Thompson, to approve the February 2013 treasurer's financial statements, the revised December 2013 statement, the revised January 2014 statement and the 2013 BWSR Year End Financial Statement as presented and to pay all the presented bills which total \$791.38. The motion carried unanimously.

Unfinished Business

Dean Schrandt reported/reviewed with the board the following items:

- Manager position posting.
- A draft wage scale.
- Job application content.
- **One Watershed-One Plan Resolution** – Schrandt reviewed with the Board a resolution to participate in a one watershed-one plan pilot project. After discussion, there was a motion by Thompson, seconded by Livingston, to authorize the chairman to sign the resolution. The motion carried unanimously.
- He doing a conservation stewardship presentation to the 5th graders at the Triton school next week.

New Business

County Commissioner's Report – No report

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

- Distributed information concerning the new Farm Bill.
- The first Dodge Co. WRP/RIM easement is ready for closing.
- The 1st 2014 EQIP sign-up period closes tomorrow March 21st.

Meeting Reports

Cedar River Watershed District – Livingston reported on the following items:

- CRWD board approved up to \$10,000 to upgrade their watershed model with updated SSURGO data.
- CWL application was chosen to receive 1.5 million dollars of CWL funds for 4 yrs. worth of projects in the Dobbins Creek Watershed. Was 1 of 3 CWL applications chosen in the State.

Feedlot Advisory Committee – Hahn reported on the following item:

- 2 new swine facility proposals will go to a public hearing April 2, 2014.

ZWP – Thompson reported on the following meeting items:

- Last meeting was the annual meeting. 2 new citizen board members were approved.
- There will be a “Glacier Stops Here” breakfast with Ron Schara as guest speaker and other seminars after the breakfast.

Correspondence – None

Other New Business

Proposed Kasson Shopko Project – Thompson reported that he has talked with the DNR hydrologist concerning this proposed project and will be meeting with Kasson’s community development director in the near future.

Audit Quote Letter – The board reviewed a letter to be sent out for a financial and compliance audit quote of the District’s 2013 financial records. After discussion, a motion was made by Livingston, seconded by Hahn, to authorize the chairman to sign the audit quote request letter. The motion carried unanimously.

Job Evaluation Quotes – The board reviewed two district manager job evaluation quotes. After discussion, a motion was made by Thompson seconded by Hesser to hire Robert Bjorklund (Bjorklund Compensation Consulting, LLC) to perform the evaluation at a cost of \$130.00. The motion carried unanimously.

Adjournment

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by Chairman Larry Scherger at 10:50 pm on a motion by Livingston and a second by Hahn.

Next Meeting

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Dodge Soil and Water Conservation Districts’ Board of Supervisors will be April 17, 2014 at 7:15 p.m. in the conference room of the USDA Service Center building, 916 2nd St. SE, Dodge Center, Minnesota.

Approved _____ Date _____ Recorder: _____