

DISTRICT REGULAR BOARD MEETING

Monday, March 24, 2008

9:30 A.M.

SWCD Office

Goodhue, MN

ATTENDED BY: Donald Banks, John Jaeger, Ed McNamara, Larry Thomforde, Paul Voxland, Jacob Ciula, Josh Finnesgard, Chris Fritz, Coty Hyllengren, Beau Kennedy, Glen Roberson, Chris Wagner, Ron Spiering.

I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairman Voxland called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. A quorum is present. Those present rose and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. AGENDA

Motioned by Ed McNamara seconded by Donald Banks to approve the Agenda as printed. Voting affirmative: Banks, McNamara, Thomforde, Voxland. Opposed: None. Motion passed.

III. CONSENT AGENDA

There were no Consent Agenda items at this time.

IV. SECRETARY'S REPORT

Motioned by Ed McNamara seconded by Donald Banks to approve the February 25, 2008 District Regular Board Meeting Minutes as printed. Voting affirmative: Banks, McNamara, Thomforde, Voxland. Opposed: None. Motion passed.

John Jaeger entered the meeting at 9:32 a.m.

V. ACTION ITEMS

1. Authorize Attendance at Area 7 MASWCD Meeting, April 1, 2008, Rochester
Motioned by Donald Banks seconded by John Jaeger authorizing interested Supervisors and staff to attend the Area 7 MASWCD Meeting on April 1, 2008 and pay registration fees. Voting affirmative: Banks, Jaeger, McNamara, Thomforde, Voxland. Opposed: None. Motion passed.

2. Approve 2008 Clean Water Legacy Grant Agreement – “Vegetation Buffer Incentive Project”

Motioned by John Jaeger seconded by Ed McNamara to approve the 2008 Clean Water Legacy Grant Agreement: “Vegetation Buffer Incentive Project” in the amount of \$2400.00. Voting affirmative: Banks, Jaeger, McNamara, Thomforde, Voxland. Opposed: None. Motion passed.

3. Approve 2008 Clean Water legacy Grant Agreement – “Surface Inventory of E. Coli Sources in the Little Cannon River Watershed”

Motioned by Donald Banks seconded by John Jaeger to approve the 2008 Clean Water Legacy Grant Agreement “Surface Inventory of E. coli Sources in the Little Cannon River Watershed”, in the amount of \$30,630.00. Voting affirmative: Banks, Jaeger, McNamara, Thomforde, Voxland. Opposed: None. Motion passed.

4. Approve 2008 Erosion, Sediment, or Water Quality Improvements Grant Agreement, "Native Buffer Cost Share"

Motioned by Donald Banks seconded by John Jaeger to approve the 2008 Erosion, Sediment or Water Quality Improvements Grant Agreement, "Native Buffer Cost Share", in the amount of \$7500.00. Voting affirmative: Banks, Jaeger, McNamara, Thomforde, Voxland. Opposed: None. Motion passed.

5. Approve State Cost-Share Contract #9-2008, Eric Boie

Motioned by Ed McNamara seconded by Donald Banks to approve Eric Boie's State Cost-Share Contract #9-2008 for a critical area planting in the amount of \$1600.00 from FY 2008 State Cost-Share funds at 50% Cost-Share rate. Voting affirmative: Banks, Jaeger, McNamara, Thomforde, Voxland. Opposed: None. Motion passed.

6. Authorize Payment of Tree Program Trees

Motioned by Ed McNamara seconded by Donald Banks authorizing payment of the 2008 Tree program trees. Voting affirmative: Banks, Jaeger, McNamara, Thomforde, Voxland. Opposed: None. Motion passed.

7. Action on Equipment Committee Recommendations

Paul Voxland and John Jaeger reported that the Equipment Committee had discussed the need to purchase a cordless impact wrench to help with the no-till drill repairs. Repairs needed to the District's No-Till Drill were also discussed.

Motioned by Ed McNamara seconded by Larry Thomforde authorizing the District Manager to purchase a cordless impact wrench. Voting affirmative: Banks, Jaeger, McNamara, Thomforde, Voxland. Opposed: None. Motion passed.

Motioned by Ed McNamara seconded by Larry Thomforde authorizing the District Manager to make arrangements to have the necessary repairs made to the John Deere 1590 drill. Also, the Chairman has authority to approve unforeseen repair costs. Voting affirmative: Banks, Jaeger, McNamara, Thomforde, Voxland. Opposed: None. Motion passed.

Chairman Voxland recessed the meeting at 10:08 p.m.

Chairman Voxland reconvened the meeting at 10:10 p.m.

Motioned by Ed McNamara seconded by John Jaeger to increase the charge on the drill to \$12.50 per acre. Voting affirmative: Banks, Jaeger, McNamara, Thomforde, Voxland. Opposed: None. Motion passed.

8. Action on Water Quality Intern Position

Beau Kennedy reviewed with the Board the details of hiring a summer intern to help with the water testing grants received.

Motioned by Ed McNamara seconded by John Jaeger to approve the hiring of a summer intern and to approve the job description as presented. Voting affirmative: Banks, Jaeger, McNamara, Thomforde, Voxland. Opposed: None. Motion passed.

Motioned by Ed McNamara seconded by John Jaeger authorizing Beau Kennedy, Glen Roberson and Paul Voxland to review resumes received and hire an appropriate candidate

for the summer intern position. Voting affirmative: Banks, Jaeger, McNamara, Thomforde, Voxland. Opposed: None. Motion passed.

VI. REPORTS

1. Supervisor Activity Report

Larry Thomforde reported that he attended the MASWCD Legislative Day at the Capitol on February 26, 2008.

Donald Banks reported that he attended the MASWCD Legislative Day at the Capitol on February 25 - 26, 2008 and the Cannon River Watershed meeting on March 3, 2008.

Ed McNamara reported that he attended the MASWCD Legislative Day at the Capitol on February 26, 2008 and the Belle Creek Township Annual meeting.

John Jaeger reported that he attended the MASWCD Legislative Day at the Capitol on February 25 – 26, 2008 and the CTAC meeting in St Cloud on March 12, 2008.

2. NRCS Report

The NRCS Report was presented by Ron Spiering. (See attached for details)

Motioned by Donald Banks seconded by John Jaeger to request NRCS to review SWCD job authority. Voting affirmative: Banks, Jaeger, McNamara, Thomforde, Voxland. Opposed: None. Motion passed.

3. District Manager's Report

The District Manager's Report was presented by Glen Roberson. Glen discussed with the Board the Tree Program hand out days, First Aid Training for District Staff, the Lake Pepin TMDL Policy forum to be held in Lake City on April 16th and the Flood Information meeting to be held at Winona State University on April 4th. He also discussed setting up a meeting with Goodhue County Commissioners sometime in June.

The Conservation Farmer, Woodland Manager of the Year awards luncheon was discussed at this time. Glen Roberson was instructed to order plaques for the event. Plans are being made to have the luncheon on April 22nd at Doc Sawyers Restaurant in Goodhue, MN.

4. Staff Reports

Josh Finnesgard presented a PowerPoint presentation to review with the Board feedlot projects he has been involved with during 2007. He also informed them of upcoming projects and events. No action was taken.

5. Other

There were no other reports at this time.

VII. TREASURER'S REPORT/PAYABLES

1. Approve February 2008 Financial Report

Motioned by Ed McNamara seconded by John Jaeger to approve the February 2009 Financial Reports as presented. Voting affirmative: Banks, Jaeger, McNamara, Thomforde, Voxland. Opposed: None. Motion passed.

2. Approve March 2008 Accounts Payable

Motioned by Ed McNamara seconded by Donald Banks to approve the March 2008 Accounts Payable as presented to included Supervisors compensation. Voting affirmative: Banks, Jaeger, McNamara, Thomforde, Voxland. Opposed: None. Motion passed.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Motioned by Ed McNamara seconded by John Jaeger to adjourn the meeting. Voting affirmative: Banks, Jaeger, McNamara, Thomforde, Voxland. Opposed: None.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:28 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

John Jaeger
Secretary

ATTACH: NRCS Report