

DISTRICT REGULAR BOARD MEETING

Tuesday, December 29, 2009

9:30 A.M.

Goodhue County SWCD Office

MINUTES

ATTENDED BY: Donald Banks, John Jaeger, Ed McNamara, Larry Thomforde, Paul Voxland, Jake Ciula, Josh Finnesgard, Beau Kennedy, Glen Roberson, Chris Wagner, Thomas Steger, Colin Williams, Mike Wachholz-DNR

I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The meeting was called to order at 9:31 a.m. by Chairman McNamara. A quorum is present. Those present stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. AGENDA

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

III. CONSENT AGENDA

There were no Consent Agenda items at this time.

IV. SECRETARY'S REPORT

1. Approve November 23, 2009 District Regular Board Meeting Minutes

Motioned by Donald Banks seconded by John Jaeger to approve the November 23, 2009 District Regular Board Meeting Minutes as printed. Voting affirmative: Banks, Jaeger, McNamara, Thomforde, Voxland. Opposed: None. Motion passed.

2. Approve December 17, 2009 District "Committee of the Whole" Minutes

Motioned by Donald Banks seconded by Larry Thomforde to approve the December 17, 2009 "Committee of the Whole" Minutes. Voting affirmative: Banks, Jaeger, McNamara, Thomforde, Voxland. Opposed: None. Motion passed.

V. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

There were no public comments at this time.

VI. ACTION ITEMS

1. Approve USDA NRCS "Acknowledgment of Section 1619 Compliance"

Motioned by John Jaeger seconded by Larry Thomforde to approve the sign the USDA NRCS "Acknowledgement of Section 1619 Compliance." Voting affirmative: Banks, Jaeger, McNamara, Thomforde, Voxland. Opposed: None. Motion passed.

2. Authorize Attendance at "Legislative Process 101" \$60.00 Registration

No official Action was taken.

3. Approve Goodhue County SWCD 2008 Financial Audit

Motioned by Donald Banks seconded by John Jaeger to approve the Goodhue County SWCD 2008 Financial Audit as presented. Voting affirmative: Banks, Jaeger, McNamara, Thomforde, Voxland. Opposed: None. Motion passed.

4. Request Technical Assistance Option for State Cost Share Base Grant from BWSR

Motioned by Donald Banks seconded by John Jaeger to approve the request to BWSR to use the Technical Assistance Option for the State Cost Share Base Grant. Voting affirmative: Banks, Jaeger, McNamara, Thomforde, Voxland. Opposed: None. Motion passed.

5. Action on Technical Assistance Stewardship Grant with MN DNR, \$2500.00 Grant plus \$2500.00 Cash Match

Mike Wachholz from the DNR explained the new technical assistance Stewardship grant. Mike explained that the funds from this grant will need to be spent by June 30, 2010.

Motioned by John Jaeger seconded by Larry Thomforde to approve the Technical Assistance Stewardship grant with the MN DNR. Voting affirmative: Banks, Jaeger, McNamara, Thomforde, Voxland. Opposed: None. Motion passed.

6. Authorize Chair to Review and Sign Forest Stewardship Contract between Goodhue County SWCD and Private Contractor

Motioned by Paul Voxland seconded by John Jaeger to authorize the Chair to review and sign the Forest Stewardship Contract between Goodhue Co. SWCD and a private contractor when it becomes available. Voting affirmative: Banks, Jaeger, McNamara, Thomforde, Voxland. Opposed: None. Motion passed.

Mike Wachholz exited the meeting at 10:13 a.m.

7. Action on Personnel Committee Recommendations

The Personnel Committee had not recommended any action concerning personnel. Those present discussed the different options which had been discussed at the "Committee of the Whole" meeting held on December 17th.

Motioned by John Jaeger seconded by Paul Voxland to eliminate any capital purchases in 2010, give a 2% cost of living wage increase but no step increase to District employees, and eliminate the Feedlot Technician position effective February 1, 2010. Voting affirmative: Banks, Jaeger, McNamara, Thomforde, Voxland. Opposed: None. Motion passed.

8. Approve 2010 Budget

Motioned by Paul Voxland seconded by John Jaeger to approve the Goodhue SWCD 2010 Budget as discussed. Voting affirmative: Banks, Jaeger, McNamara, Thomforde, Voxland. Opposed: None. Motion passed.

9. Authorize Attendance at "2010 Winter Crops Day" \$30.00 Registration

Motioned by Larry Thomforde seconded by John Jaeger authorizing the attendance at the 2010 Winter Crops Day to any interested Supervisor or employee and to pay the \$30.00 registration fee. Voting affirmative: Banks, Jaeger, McNamara, Thomforde, Voxland. Opposed: None. Motion passed.

VII. REPORTS

1. NRCS Report

The NRCS Report was presented by Thomas Steger. Tom introduced Soil Conservation Technician, Colin Williams to the Board. Tom informed the Board that staff has been verifying fields for the Conservation Stewardship program. He also discussed the EQIP program and the need for a Local Work Group meeting. Weather has delayed a lot of certifications and 22 EQIP contract holders have projects that have not been able to be completed. Modifications to these contract agreements are being made. William Hunt, MN State Conservationist, will officially retire on Friday, January 1, 2010. Jennifer Hegland, North Dakota Assistant Conservationist will be acting State Conservationist in Minnesota until someone new is hired.

2. District Manager's Report

The District Manager's Report was presented by Glen Roberson. Glen reviewed with the Board the upcoming Legislative Day at the Capitol in early February. He also discussed upcoming training and upcoming SE SWCD Technical Support JPB meetings.

3. Supervisor Activity Report

Donald Banks reported that he attended the Cannon River Watershed meeting on December 14th and the "Committee of the Whole" meeting on December 17th.

Larry Thomforde reported that he attended the "Committee of the Whole" meeting on December 17th.

Paul Voxland reported that he attended the "Committee of the Whole" meeting on December 17th.

John Jaeger reported he attended the MASWCD State Convention in Duluth on December 6-8th. He also reported attending the Personnel Reviews and the "Committee of the Whole" meeting on December 17th.

Ed McNamara reported that he attended the Personnel Reviews and the "Committee of the Whole" meeting on December 17th.

4. Other

There were no other reports at this time.

VIII. TREASURERS REPORT/PAYABLES

1. Approve November 2009 Financial Reports

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

2. Approve December 2009 Accounts Payable

Motioned by Paul Voxland seconded by Larry Thomforde to approve the December 2009 Accounts Payable as presented to include Supervisor compensation. Voting affirmative: Banks, Jaeger, McNamara, Thomforde, Voxland. Opposed: None. Motion passed.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting was adjourned at 11:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Larry Thomforde
Secretary