

DISTRICT REGULAR BOARD MEETING

Monday, March 23, 2009

9:30 A.M.

Goodhue County SWCD Office

MINUTES

ATTENDED BY: Donald Banks, John Jaeger, Ed McNamara, Larry Thomforde, Paul Voxland, Glen Roberson, Josh Finnesgard, Chris Fritz, Coty Hyllengren, Beau Kennedy, Chris Wagner, Thomas Steger

I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

II. AGENDA

Motioned by Paul Voxland seconded by John Jaeger to approve the Agenda as presented. 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 February 23, 2009 District Regular Board Meeting Minutes

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

2. Approve March 3, 2009 County Commissioner/SWCD Joint Meeting Minutes

Motioned by Donald Banks seconded by John Jaeger to approve the March 3, 2009 County Commissioner/SWCD Joint Meeting Minutes as printed. Voting affirmative: Banks, Jaeger, McNamara, Thomforde, Voxland. Opposed: None. Motion passed.

3. Approve March 18, 2009 District Special Board Meeting Minutes

Motioned by Donald Banks seconded by Paul Voxland to approve the March 18, 2009 District Special Board Meeting Minutes as printed. 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 2009 Ag BMP Allocation Agreement

Motioned by Donald Banks seconded by John Jaeger to approve and sign the 2009 Ag BMP Allocation Agreement. Voting affirmative: Banks, Jaeger, McNamara, Thomforde, Voxland. Opposed: None. Motion passed.

2. Action of MN Forestry Stewardship Program Technical Assistance Proposal

Motioned by Donald Banks seconded by John Jaeger to approve and sign the MN Forestry Stewardship Program Technical Assistance Proposal. Voting affirmative: Banks, Jaeger, McNamara, Thomforde, Voxland. Opposed: None. Motion passed.

3. Authorize Payment for Tree Program Seedlings

Motioned by Paul Voxland seconded by John Jaeger to approve payment for tree program seedlings. Voting affirmative: Banks, Jaeger, McNamara, Thomforde, Voxland. Opposed: None. Motion passed.

Chairman McNamara moved the meeting to item #5 under Action Items: Approve Cost-Share Application #19-2008, Scott Wickum.

5 Approve Cost-Share Application #19-2008, Scott Wickum, Grass Waterway

Motioned by Donald Banks, seconded by John Jaeger to approve Scott Wickum's State Cost-Share application #19-2008 for a grass waterway in the amount of \$4,631.00. Voting affirmative: Banks, Jaeger, McNamara, Thomforde, Voxland. Opposed: None. Motion passed.

6. Approve State Cost-Share Application #20-2008, Don Voxland, Waterway

Motioned by Paul Voxland seconded by Donald Banks to approve Don Voxland's State Cost-Share application #20-2008 for a waterway in the amount of \$3,450.00. \$1,546.71 of Fiscal Year 2008 cost-share funds will be used and \$1,903.29 of Fiscal Year 2009 cost-share funds will be used to fund this project. Voting affirmative: Banks, Jaeger, McNamara, Thomforde, Voxland. Opposed: None. Motion passed.

7. Approve State Cost-Share Application #1-2009, Lowell Broin, Waterway

Motioned by Donald Banks seconded by John Jaeger to approve Lowell Broin's State Cost-Share application #1-2009 for a waterway in the amount of \$7,425.00. Voting affirmative: Banks, Jaeger, McNamara, Thomforde, Voxland. Opposed: None. Motion passed.

8. Approve State Cost-Share Application #2-2009, Steven Carlson

Motioned by Donald Banks seconded by John Jaeger to approve Steven Carlson's State-Cost Share application #2-2009 for a waterway in the amount of \$2,175.00. Voting affirmative: Banks, Jaeger, McNamara, Thomforde, Voxland. Opposed: None. Motion passed.

Chairman McNamara moved the meeting back to item # 4 under Action Items: Freedom of Information Act Requirements for SWCD's.

4. Freedom of Information Act Requirements for SWCD's

Thomas Steger discussed with the Board the Freedom of Information Act Requirements for SWCD's. He informed the Board that new requirements have been included in the 2008 Farm Bill. No official action was taken.

Chairman McNamara moved the meeting back to item #9 under Action items: Feedlot Fee Hearing Schedule.

9. Feedlot Fee Hearing Schedule

Glen Roberson reviewed with the Board the proposed new feedlot fees.

Motioned by Paul Voxland seconded by Donald Banks authorizing the District Manager to advertise for a public hearing on the new feedlot fees to be held at the May 26, 2009 at 7:00 p.m., prior to the May SWCD Regular Board meeting. Voting affirmative: Banks, Jaeger, McNamara, Thomforde, Voxland. Opposed: None. Motion passed.

10. Recommendation on Use of New Soil Survey for Land Use

Those present discussed recommendations made on the use of the new soil survey for land use. The use of CPI and prime farmland factor was also discussed.

Motioned by Larry Thomforde seconded by Paul Voxland authorizing the District Manager to draft a letter of recommendation concerning the use of the new soil survey for land use as discussed and authorizing the Chairman to sign the letter when completed. Voting affirmative: Banks, Jaeger, McNamara, Thomforde, Voxland. Opposed: None. Motion passed.

11. Authorize Attendance at Zumbro TMDL Meeting

Motioned by Paul Voxland seconded by John Jaeger authorizing Supervisors and employees to attend the Zumbro TMDL meeting at the Oronoco Community Center on March 31, 2009. Voting affirmative: Banks, Jaeger, McNamara, Thomforde, Voxland. Opposed: None. Motion passed.

12. Authorize Attendance at MASWCD Area 7 Spring Meeting

Motioned by Larry Thomforde seconded by Donald Banks authorizing Supervisors and the District Manager to attend the MASWCD Area 7 Spring meeting at the People's Coop Electric in Rochester on April 14, 2009 and pay the \$15.00 registration fee. Voting affirmative: Banks, Jaeger, McNamara, Thomforde, Voxland. Opposed: None. Motion passed.

13. Action on Equipment Committee Recommendations

Glen Roberson informed the Board that the Equipment Committee had met on March 18th after the Conservation Luncheon to discuss District storage issues and equipment. Those present discussed the recommendations made by the committee. (See attached for details)

Motioned by Paul Voxland seconded Larry Thomforde to accept the Equipment Committees recommendations as discussed. Voting affirmative: Banks, Jaeger, McNamara, Thomforde, Voxland. Opposed: None. Motion passed.

14. Discussion/Action on Water District Bill HF 880

Those present discussed the Water District Bill HF 880. No action was taken.

VII. REPORTS

1. NRCS Report

The NRCS Report was presented by Thomas Steger. (See attached for details)

2. Program Report

Beau Kennedy presented a power point presentation to those present reviewing water plan and wetland activities. No action was taken.

3. District Manager's Report

The District Manager's Report was presented by Glen Roberson. Glen reviewed with the Board a letter of support drafted for the Minneola Township Board. (See attached for details)

Motioned by John Jaeger seconded by Donald Banks approving the letter of support to the Minneola Township Board as presented. Voting affirmative: Banks, Jaeger, McNamara, Thomforde, Voxland. Opposed: None. Motion passed.

Other topics discussed included taxing authority, the future LiDAR flight for Goodhue County, information concerning the Clean Water Council, and information concerning the Lasard Council. Glen also reviewed with the Board the MASWCD Committee members list.

4. Supervisor Activity Report

Paul Voxland reported that he attended the Joint Meeting the County Commissioners on March 3rd, the Conservation Luncheon on March 18th and the Equipment Committee meeting on March 18th.

John Jaeger reported that he attended the Legislative Day at the Capitol on February 24th, the joint meeting with the County Commissioners on March 3rd and the Conservation Luncheon on March 18th.

Donald Banks reported that he attended the Legislative Day at the Capitol on February 24th, the joint meeting with the County Commissioners on March 3rd, the Cannon River Watershed meeting on March 9th and the Conservation Luncheon on March 18th.

Larry Thomforde reported that he attended the Legislative Day at the Capitol on February 24th, the Joint meeting with the County Commissioners on March 3rd and the Conservation Luncheon on March 18th.

Ed McNamara reported that he attended the Legislative Day at the Capitol on February 24th, the joint meeting with the County Commissioners on March 3rd, and the Conservation Luncheon on March 18th.

5. Other

Chris Fritz thanked the Board for the plant which was given to him and his family and their support shown to him due to the passing of his mother.

VIII. TREASURER'S REPORT/PAYABLES

1. Approve February 2009 Financial Reports

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

2. Approve March 2009 Accounts Payable

Motioned by Paul Voxland seconded by John Jaeger to approve the March 2009 Accounts Payable as presented to include Supervisors Compensation and expenses. Voting affirmative: Banks, Jaeger, McNamara, Thomforde, Voxland. Opposed: None. Motion passed.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting was adjourned at 12:24 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Larry Thomforde
Secretary

ATTACH: Equipment Committee Meeting Minutes
NRCS Report
Letter of Support to Minneola Township Board