

DISTRICT REGULAR BOARD MEETING

Tuesday, February 23, 2010

9:00 a.m.

Goodhue County SWCD Office

A G E N D A

ATTENDED BY: Donald Banks, John Jaeger, Ed McNamara, Larry Thomforde, Paul Voxland, Coty Hyllengren, Beau Kennedy, Glen Roberson, Chris Wagner, Colin Williams

I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Chairman McNamara. A quorum is present. Those present stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. AGENDA

Motioned by Larry Thomforde seconded by Donald Banks to approve the Agenda with the following change: Change Reports item #1 – NRCS Report to immediately follow after IV. – Secretary’s Report. Voting affirmative: Banks, McNamara, Thomforde. Opposed: None. Motion passed.

III. CONSENT AGENDA

There were no Consent Agenda Items at this time.

IV. SECRETARY’S REPORT

Motioned by Donald Banks seconded by Larry Thomforde to approve the January 25, 2010 District Regular Board Meeting Minutes as printed. Voting affirmative: Banks, McNamara, Thomforde. Opposed: None. Motion passed.

Paul Voxland entered the meeting at 9:04 a.m.

John Jaeger entered the meeting at 9:07 a.m.

Chairman McNamara moved the meeting to item #1 under Reports – NRCS Report as approved earlier in the meeting.

1. NRCS Report

The NRCS Report was presented by Colin Williams. (See attached for details)

Coty Hyllengren updated those present on the status of the State Cost-Share program and cost-Share contracts. No action was taken.

Chairman McNamara moved the meeting back to V. - Public Comment Period.

V. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

There were no Public comments at this time.

VI. ACTION ITEMS

1. Approve SWCD 2010 Annual Plan

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

2. Approve Surface Water Assessment Grant (SWAG) CWF-10 with the State of Minnesota

Motioned by Donald Banks seconded by John Jaeger to approve the Surface Water Assessment Grant CWF-10 with the State of Minnesota. Voting affirmative: Banks, Jaeger, McNamara, Thomforde, Voxland. Opposed: None. Motion passed.

3. Authorized Staff to Attend SEMACDE Annual Meeting

Motioned by John Jaeger seconded by Donald Banks authorizing District staff to attend the SEMACDE annual meeting on March 9, 2010 at Ironwood Springs and pay the \$15.00 registration fee. Voting affirmative: Banks, Jaeger, McNamara, Thomforde, Voxland. Opposed: None. Passed.

4. Action on Resolution to Waive WCA Exemption Fee to Cost-Share Recipients

Motioned by Paul Voxland seconded by John Jaeger to approve the resolution to waive the WCA exemption fee to cost-share recipients. A roll call vote was taken with the following results: Voxland – Yes; Jaeger – Yes; Banks – Yes; Thomforde – Abstained; McNamara – Yes. Motion passed. (See attached for details)

VII. REPORTS

2. District Manager's Report

The District Manager's Report was presented by Glen Roberson. Glen reviewed with the Board information concerning the Forest Stewardship program. More information will be coming from Mike Wachholz-DNR. He also discussed the Rural Preserves Program teleconference that will be held tomorrow, Clean Water Legacy Grants and the cover crop meeting to be held on March 10, 2010. Glen also informed the Board that Schafer Farms Inc of Goodhue had been awarded the 2009 Pork Industry Environmental Steward award.

Motioned by Paul Voxland seconded by Donald Banks authorizing the Chairman to sign the letter of congratulations to Schafer Farms Inc. on behalf of the Board. Voting affirmative: Banks, Jaeger, McNamara, Thomforde, Voxland. Opposed: None. Motion passed.

3. Supervisor Activity Report

John Jaeger reported that he attended the SE SWCD Technical Support JPB meeting on January 27th, the Mississippi River meeting in Hastings on January 28th, and the Legislative Day at the Capitol on February 17th and 18th.

Donald Banks reported that he attended the Mississippi River meeting Hastings on January 28th and the Legislative Day at the Capitol on February 17th and 18th.

Larry Thomforde reported that he attended the Oronoco TMDL meeting on January 26th and the Legislative Day at the Capitol on February 18th.

Ed McNamara reported that he attended the Mississippi River meeting in Hastings on January 28th.

4. Other

John Jaeger reported that he is planning the Conservation Farmer/Woodland Manager awards luncheon which will be held sometime in March. No action was taken.

VIII. TREASURER'S REPORT/PAYABLES

1. Approve January 2010 Financial Reports

Motioned by Donald Banks seconded by Larry Thomforde to approve the January 2010 Financial Reports as presented. Voting affirmative: Banks, Jaeger, McNamara, Thomforde, Voxland. Opposed: None. Motion passed.

2. Approve February 2010 Accounts Payable

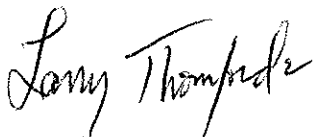
Motioned by Donald Banks seconded by Paul Voxland to approve the February 2010 Accounts Payable as presented. Voting affirmative: Banks, Jaeger, McNamara, Thomforde, Voxland. Opposed: None. Motion passed.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

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

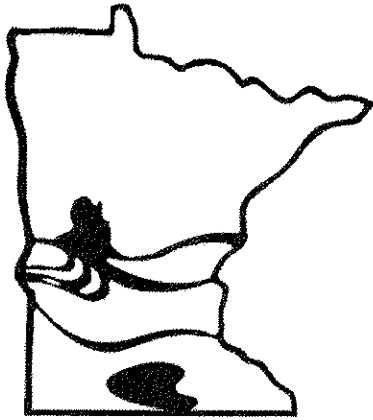
The meeting was adjourned at 10:58 a.m.

Respectfully submitted:



Larry Thomforde
Secretary

ATATCH: NRCS Report
WCA Resolution



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To: Goodhue County Soil and Water District Supervisors

From: Wetland Conservation Act LGU for Goodhue County

Date: February 23rd 2010

Recommended Action: Approve Resolution Excusing Local/State/Federal Cost-Share Recipients from WCA Exemption 8420.0420 Subp.2C Determination Fee of \$140.00.

Whereas, state and federal programs currently exist to offer financial compensation for implementing conservation practices reducing soil erosion.

Whereas, the Goodhue County Soil and Water Conservation District Supervisors understand many wetland swales are aggrading due to sediment transport from adjacent agricultural fields.

Whereas, the current WCA fee schedule for exemption determinations are set at \$140.00 per determination.

Whereas, MN Rule 8420.0420 Exemption Standards: Subpart 2 Agricultural Activities, C. impacts *resulting from soil and water conservation projects that are certified by soil and water conservation district technical staff after review by the technical evaluation panel, if the project minimizes adverse effects on the hydrologic and biologic characteristics of the wetland. For purposes of this item, examples of soil and water conservation projects include those identified in the State Cost Share Program Manual, available from the board or soil and water conservation districts, and federally funded demonstration, research, and cost share programs and projects.*

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, that the Goodhue County Soil and Water Conservation District Board of Supervisors hereby authorizes waiving the exemption fee of \$140.00 for **8420.0420 Subp.2C** applicants that are taking advantage of local/state/federal cost-share programs with the NRCS and SWCD office for the purpose reducing paperwork, alleviating financial burden on applicant and getting conservation on the land.

Enacted by the Goodhue SWCD Board of Supervisors this 23rd day of February, 2010.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Edward M. Nemara".

Signed.