

DISTRICT REGULAR BOARD MEETING

Tuesday, March 23, 2010

9:30 a.m.

Goodhue SWCD Office

MINUTES

ATTENDED BY: Donald Banks, John Jaeger, Ed McNamara, Larry Thomforde, Paul Voxland, Beau Kennedy, Glen Roberson, Chris Wagner, Thomas Steger.

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 Donald Banks seconded by Larry Thomforde to approve the Agenda as printed with the following addition: Under Action Items – add #12 – Motion to Rescind Action Item #4 from February 23, 2010 meeting – “Resolution to waive WCA Exemption Fee to Cost-Share Recipients.” 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, 2010 District Regular Board Meeting Minutes

Motioned by Donald Banks seconded by John Jaeger to approve the February 23, 2010 District Regular Board Meeting Minutes as printed. Voting affirmative: Banks, Jaeger, McNamara, Thomforde, Voxland. Opposed: None. Motion passed.

2. Approve March 22, 2010 District Special Board Meeting Minutes

Motioned by Paul Voxland seconded by John Jaeger to approve the March 22, 2010 District Special Board Meeting Minutes as printed. Voting affirmative: Banks, Jaeger, McNamara, Thomforde, Voxland. Opposed: None. Motion passed.

V. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

There was no Public Comment at this time.

VI. ACTION ITEMS

1. Request Job Approval Authority Updates from NRCS for Chris Fritz and Coty Hyllengren

Motioned by John Jaeger seconded by Paul Voxland to request job approval authority updates from NRCS for Chris Fritz and Coty Hyllengren. Voting affirmative: Banks, Jaeger, McNamara, Thomforde, Voxland. Opposed: None. Motion passed.

2. Action on Rural Preserves Program
Motioned by Paul Voxland seconded by Donald Banks to table action on the Rural Preserves Program until the April Board Meeting. Voting affirmative: Banks, Jaeger, McNamara, Thomforde, Voxland. Opposed: None. Motion passed.
3. Authorize Payment for Wholesale Tree Seedlings
Motioned by John Jaeger seconded by Paul Voxland authorizing the payment for wholesale tree seedlings. Voting affirmative: Banks, Jaeger, McNamara, Thomforde, Voxland. Opposed: None. Motion passed.
4. Approve Amendment to Attachment A – 2010 Ag BMP Allocation
Motioned by Paul Voxland seconded by John Jaeger to approve the amendment to Attachment A – 2010 Ag BMP allocation. Voting affirmative: Banks, Jaeger, McNamara, Thomforde, Voxland. Opposed: None. Motion passed.
5. Authorize Attendance at SE MASWCD Meeting April 1, 2010
Motioned by Larry Thomforde seconded by John Jaeger authorizing attendance at the SE MASWCD Meeting on April 1, 2010 at Ironwood Springs Christian Ranch and pay the \$15.00 registration fee. Voting affirmative: Banks, Jaeger, McNamara, Thomforde, Voxland. Opposed: None. Motion passed.
6. Authorize Attendance at Cannon River Watershed Summit
Motioned by Paul Voxland seconded by Donald Banks authorizing attendance at Cannon River Watershed Summit: “Conservation Farming and Clean Water in a Challenging Economy”, at the American Legion in Faribault on April 7, 2010 from 8:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. and pay the \$20.00 registration fee. Voting affirmative: Banks, Jaeger, McNamara, Thomforde, Voxland. Opposed: None. Motion passed.
7. Authorize Attendance at Goodhue County/Belle Creek Twp/Minneola Twp; Zumbrota Two Wind Tower Meeting
Motioned by Donald Banks seconded by John Jaeger authorizing attendance at the Goodhue County/Belle Creek Twp/Goodhue Twp/Minneola Twp/ Zumbrota Twp Wind Tower meeting April 7, 2010 starting at 7:00 p.m. at the Public Works Building in Red Wing, MN. Voting affirmative: Banks, Jaeger, McNamara, Thomforde, Voxland. Opposed: None. Motion passed.
8. Authorize Purchase of 5 Extra Acres Native Grass Seed for Drill Program
Motioned by John Jaeger seconded by Larry Thomforde authorizing the purchase of 5 extra acres of native grass seed for drill program. Voting affirmative: Banks, Jaeger, McNamara, Thomforde, Voxland. Opposed: None. Motion passed.

9. Action on Letter of Support and Intent to Participate in Zumbro Watershed Partnership “Prioritizing Critical Restoration Sites in the Zumbro Watershed”
Motioned by Donald Banks seconded by John Jaeger to sign the letter of support and intent to participate in Zumbro Watershed Partnership “Prioritizing Critical Restoration Sites in the Zumbro Watershed” (See attached for details) Voting affirmative: Banks, Jaeger, McNamara, Voxland. Opposed: Thomforde. Motion passed.
10. Authorize Glen Roberson and Beau Kennedy to Make Arrangements and Hire Temporary Summer Intern
Motioned by John Jaeger seconded by Donald Banks authorizing Glen Roberson and Beau Kennedy to hire a temporary summer intern to assist with water monitoring grant. Voting affirmative: Banks, Jaeger, McNamara, Thomforde, Voxland. Opposed: None. Motion passed.
11. Authorize Chairman to Sign Clean Water Legacy Grant Agreement when Received
Motioned by John Jaeger seconded by Donald Banks authorizing the Chairman to sign the Clean Water Legacy Grant Agreement when received. Voting affirmative: Banks, Jaeger, McNamara, Thomforde, Voxland. Opposed: None. Motion passed.
12. Motioned by Rescind Action Item #4 from February 23, 2010 Meeting – “Resolution to Waive WCA Exemption Fee to Cost-Share Recipients”
Motioned by Larry Thomforde seconded by John Jaeger to rescind Action Item #4 from February 23, 2010 Meeting – “Resolution to Waive WCA Exemption Fee to Cost-Share Recipients.”
Further discussion took place.
Voting affirmative: Thomforde. Opposed: Banks, Jaeger, McNamara, Voxland. Motion failed.

VII. REPORTS

1. NRCS Report
The NRCS Report was presented by Thomas Steger. (See attached for details)
2. District Manager’s Report
The District Manager’s Report was presented by Glen Roberson. Glen discussed with the Board, Legislative updates, SE SWCD Technical Support JPB updates and monthly reports, office equipment needs and upcoming meetings. No official action was taken.
3. Supervisor Activity Report
Paul Voxland reported that he attended the Conservation Farmer Luncheon on March 22, 2010.

John Jaeger reported that he attended one of the Public feedlot meetings in Rochester and the Conservation Farmer Luncheon on March 22, 2010.

Ed McNamara reported that he attended the SE Forage Grassland meeting and the Cover Crop meeting in Rochester on Marcy 10th. He also attended the Public hearing meeting for the Public Utilities Commission in Mazeppa on March 4, 2010 and the Conservation Farmer Luncheon on March 22, 2010.

Donald Banks reported that he attended the Cannon River Watershed meeting on March 1, 2010 and the Conservation Farmer Luncheon on March 22, 2010.

Larry Thomforde reported that he attended the RC & D Meeting in Rochester on March 22, 2010 and the Rural Public Utilities meeting in Mazeppa on March 4, 2010.

4. Other

There were no other reports at this time.

VIII. TREASURER'S REPORT/PAYABLES

1. Approve February 2010 Financial Reports

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

2. Approve March 2010 Accounts Payable

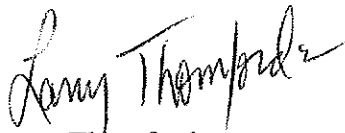
Motioned by Paul Voxland seconded by Donald Banks to approve the March 2010 Accounts Payable as printed. Voting affirmative: Banks, Jaeger, McNamara, Thomforde, Voxland. Opposed: None. Motion passed.

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.

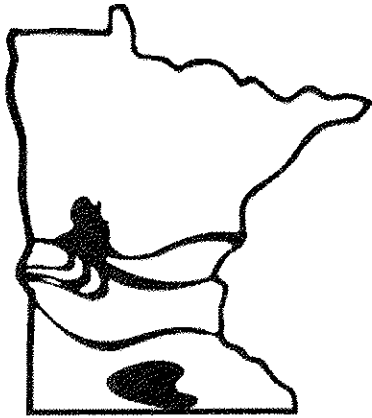
The meeting was adjourned at 11:32 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Larry Thomforde
Secretary

ATTACH: Letter of Support and Intent to Participate in Zumbro Watershed Partnership
NRCS Report



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March 23, 2010

Zumbro Watershed Partnership
1485 Industrial Dr. NW Room 102
Rochester, MN 55901

RE: Letter of support and intent to participate in the project, "Prioritizing Critical Restoration Sites in the Zumbro Watershed"

The Goodhue County Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) supports the Zumbro Watershed Partnership project "Prioritizing Critical Restoration Sites in the Zumbro Watershed." A coordinated effort to identify critical sources of sediment and prioritize restoration projects is an important planning project that is not currently being done in the watershed and is a necessary preliminary step to ensure fiscally responsible use of state funding for clean water implementation projects.

The Goodhue SWCD will support the proposal by providing technical assistance, conducting landowner coordination to secure property access for in-field verification and data collection, reviewing and assisting in prioritization of critical areas and agreeing to train in the established methods for long-term project maintenance.

Sincerely,

Edward M. Norman

Chair
Goodhue Co. SWCD

Date

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