

DISTRICT REGULAR BOARD MEETING

Monday, May 24, 2010

7:30 P.M.

Goodhue County SWCD Office

MINUTES

ATTENDED BY: Donald Banks, John Jaeger, Larry Thomforde, Paul Voxland, Glen Roberson, Chris Wagner, Tom Steger

I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 by Acting Chairman Jaeger. A quorum is present. Those present stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. AGENDA

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

III. CONSENT AGENDA

Motioned by Paul Voxland seconded by Larry Thomforde to approve the following Consent Agenda Items:

1. Approve Payment on Cost-Share Contract #2008, buffer -01, Alden McCutchen - \$825.00
2. Approve Payment on Cost-Share Contract #7-2009, Bruce Benrud, \$708.24

Voting affirmative: Banks, Jaeger, Thomforde, Voxland. Opposed: None. Motion passed.

IV. SECRETARY'S REPORT

Motioned by Donald Banks seconded by Paul Voxland to approve the April 26, 2010 District Regular Board Meeting Minutes as printed. Voting affirmative: Banks, Jaeger, Thomforde, Voxland. Opposed: None. Motion passed.

V. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

There were no Public Comments at this time.

VI. ACTION ITEMS

1. Action on Forest Stewardship Program Technical Assistance Proposal to MN DNR

Motioned by Larry Thomforde seconded by Donald Banks to approve the Forest Stewardship program Technical Assistance Proposal to MN DNR. Voting affirmative: Banks, Jaeger, Thomforde, Voxland. Opposed: None. Motion passed.

Motioned by Donald Banks seconded by Larry Thomforde to donate \$50.00 to the DNR for their upcoming information meetings, "What To Do With My Woods", to be held on June 16th and 17th in Cannon Falls and Frontenac. Voting affirmative: Banks, Jaeger, Thomforde, Voxland. Opposed: None. Motion passed.

2. Action on MASWCD Resolution Proposals

Those present reviewed and discussed the proposed MASWCD Resolution concerning Incentive program for Wide Headland buffer. (See attached for details)

Motioned by Paul Voxland seconded by Larry Thomforde to approve the resolution discussed and take it to the SE Area MASWCD meeting to be held on June 30th. A roll call vote was taken with the following results:

Voxland – Yes; Thomforde – Yes; Banks – Yes; Jaeger – Yes. Motion passed.

3. Approve Amendment to Cost-Share Contract #21-2008, Wallace Gardiner Jr.

Motioned by Donald Banks seconded by Paul Voxland to approve the amendment to Wallace Gardiner Jr's State Cost-Share Contract #21-2008 for an additional \$1,800.00. Voting affirmative: Banks, Jaeger, Thomforde, Voxland. Opposed: None. Motion passed.

4. Approve Payment on Cost-Share Contract #21-2008, Wallace Gardiner Jr.

Motioned by Donald Banks seconded by Paul Voxland to approve payment on Wallace Gardiner Jr's State Cost-Share Contract #21-2008 in the amount of \$4,050.00 for a Water and Sediment Control Basin. Voting affirmative: Banks, Jaeger, Thomforde, Voxland. Opposed: None. Motion passed.

5. Cancel Cost-Share Contract #3-2009, Jeff Boman – Grade Stabilization Structure - \$7,441.50

Motioned by Donald Banks seconded by Larry Thomforde to cancel Jeff Boman's State Cost-Share Contract #3-2009 for a Grade Stabilization Structure in the amount of \$7,441.50. Voting affirmative: Banks, Jaeger, Thomforde, Voxland. Opposed: None. Motion passed.

6. Approve Amendment #1 to Feedlot Cost-Share Contract #III-007, Hovel Farms, Additional \$83.90

Motioned by Paul Voxland seconded by Donald Banks to approve amendment #1 to Feedlot Cost-Share #III-007, Hovel Farms, for an additional \$83.90. Voting affirmative: Banks, Jaeger, Thomforde, Voxland. Opposed: None. Motion passed.

7. Approve Payment of Feedlot Cost-Share Contract #III-007, Hovel Farms, \$5,000.00

Motioned by Larry Thomforde seconded by Donald Banks to approve payment of Feedlot Cost-Share Contract #III-007, Hovel Farms in the amount of \$5,000.00. Voting affirmative: Banks, Jaeger, Thomforde, Voxland. Opposed: None. Motion passed.

8. Authorize Sale of Surplus Equipment: Cooler

Motioned by Larry Thomforde seconded by Donald Banks to authorize the advertisement and sale of the District cooler, previously used for tree sales. Voting affirmative: Banks, Jaeger, Thomforde, Voxland. Opposed: None. Motion passed.

9. Select Auditor to Perform The Goodhue County SWCD FY 2009 Financial Audit
Motioned by Paul Voxland seconded by Donald Banks to select James Maiser, CPA to perform the Goodhue County SWCD FY 2009 financial audit. Voting affirmative: Banks, Jaeger, Thomforde, Voxland. Opposed: None. Motion passed.

10. Review Draft 2011 SWCD Budget

Those present reviewed and discussed the Draft 2011 Goodhue SWCD Budget. No official action was taken.

11. Action on BWSR Phase X Farm Bill Assistance Grant Application

Motioned by Paul Voxland seconded by Donald Banks to approve the BWSR Phase X Farm Bill Assistance Grant Application. Voting affirmative: Banks, Jaeger, Thomforde, Voxland. Opposed: None. Motion passed.

12. Action on Cannon Watershed Membership for 2010

Motioned by Paul Voxland seconded by Larry Thomforde to pay the \$25.00 2010 membership fee to the Cannon Watershed Partnership. Voting affirmative: Banks, Jaeger, Thomforde, Voxland. Opposed: None. Motion passed.

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 updated the Supervisors on the status of the Intern hired to help with water testing this summer. Ryan Arndt will be starting tomorrow and work through the summer months. Glen also discussed the Water Testing and Grant with Goodhue County for Septic/Well inventory. No action was taken. Other items discussed included the SE MASWCD Area meeting to be held on June 30th at the American Legion in Dodge Center, MN.

3. Supervisor Activity Report

Donald Banks reported that he attended the Cannon River Watershed meeting on May 3, 2010.

John Jaeger reported that he attended the Wells Creek Watershed on May 20, 2010.

4. Other

There were no other reports at this time.

VIII. TREASURER'S REPORT/PAYABLES

1. Approve April 2010 Financial Reports

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

2. Approve May 2010 Accounts Payable

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

IX. ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting was adjourned at 9:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Larry Thomforde
Secretary

ATTACH: Headland Buffer Resolution
NRCS Report

Incentive Program for Wide Headland Buffers

Whereas, modern farm equipment has generally increased in size and complexity; and requires more than a 15 feet wide buffer to turn around on field ends which are commonly referred to as 'Headlands' , and

Whereas, these headlands often follow property lines, roads, or other features that do not fit well with contour farming practices. This results in either end rows that are highly erosive due to lack of contouring or the abandonment of this cropland area to allow turning of farming equipment, and

Whereas, current Continuous Conservation Reserve Programs (CCRP) only allow the enrollment of headlands where required for drainage of no more than 15 feet in width, and

Whereas, the former Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP) allowed an enrollment of headlands up to 60 foot wide, which is a more reasonable and popular buffer width for most farm equipment,

Therefore, Be It Resolved, that the MASWCD encourage the State FSA Committee to increase the CCRP Headland Buffer width to a maximum of 60 feet.

Be It Further Resolved, that the MN Association of Soil & Water Conservation Districts encourage the MN Board of Water & Soil Resources to create a State Buffer Incentive Program that can be either independent of or complimentary to CCRP Headland buffers; and will provide cost share and limited term (10-15 year) acreage payments to landowners willing to establish adequate width Headland Buffers.

Submitted by: Goodhue Co. SWCD

Area Association: VII

Date Adopted:

Reviewed by:
MASWCD Board of Directors

MASWCD Annual Convention
Action:

Date:

Date:

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