

DISTRICT REGULAR BOARD MEETING

Tuesday, January 23, 2018

9:30 A.M.

Goodhue County SWCD Office

MINUTES

ATTENDED BY: Jeff Beckman, Mark Comstock, John Jaeger, Ed McNamara, Larry Thomforde, Chris Fritz, Coty Hyllengren, Beau Kennedy, Glen Roberson, Chris Wagner, Thomas Steger

I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The meeting was called to order at 9:40 a.m. by Vice Chairman Beckman. A quorum is present. Those present rose and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. OATH OF OFFICE

No Oath of Office was taken at this time.

III. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Motioned by Ed McNamara seconded by Larry Thomforde to re-elect John Jaeger as Chairman, Jeff Beckman as Vice-Chairman, Mark Comstock as Treasurer, Larry Thomforde as Secretary and Ed McNamara as Reporter for the Board of Supervisors for the Goodhue SWCD for 2018. Voting affirmative: Beckman, McNamara, Thomforde. Opposed: None. Motion passed.

IV. AGENDA

Motioned by Larry Thomforde seconded by Ed McNamara to approve the Agenda as printed. Voting affirmative: Beckman, McNamara, Thomforde. Opposed: None. Motion passed.

V. CONSENT AGENDA

Motioned by Ed McNamara seconded by Larry Thomforde to approve the following Consent Agenda Items:

Approve and Sign Final Financial Report-Buffer Law 2017, Grant #P17-9126 for \$25,000.00

Approve and Sign Final Report – 2016 State Cost Share Fund P16-1734

Approve and Sign Financial Report – 2017 State Cost Share Fund P17-6898

Voting affirmative: Beckman, McNamara, Thomforde. Opposed: None. Motion passed.

VI. SECRETARY'S REPORT

Motioned by Ed McNamara seconded by Larry Thomforde to approve the December 27, 2017 District Regular Board Meeting Minutes as printed. Voting affirmative: Beckman, McNamara, Thomforde. Opposed: None. Motion passed.

VII. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

There were no Public Comments at this time.

VIII. ACTION ITEMS

1. Appointment of SWCD Committees

Motioned by Ed McNamara seconded by Larry Thomforde to approve the 2018 SWCD Committee list as discussed. (See attached for details) Voting affirmative: Beckman, McNamara, Thomforde. Opposed: None Motion passed.

Mark Comstock entered the meeting at 9:43 a.m.

2. Action to Set SWCD Board Meeting Time and Dates

Motioned by Larry Thomforde seconded by Mark Comstock to keep the SWCD Board Meeting dates the same as in 2017. Voting affirmative: Beckman, Comstock, McNamara, Thomforde. Opposed: None. Motion passed.

3. Designate Official County Newspaper

Motioned by Ed McNamara seconded by Larry Thomforde to designate the Red Wing Republican Eagle as the Goodhue SWCD Official County Newspaper. Voting affirmative: Beckman, Comstock McNamara, Thomforde. Opposed: None. Motion passed.

4. Action on 2018 NACD Membership Dues

Motioned by Ed McNamara seconded by Mark Comstock to pay 2018 NACD Membership Dues in the amount of \$775.00. Voting affirmative: Beckman, Comstock, McNamara, Thomforde. Opposed: None. Motion passed.

John Jaeger and Thomas Steger entered the meeting at 10:08 p.m.

John Jaeger took over the duties of Chairman at this time.

5. Action on Payment of 2018 Dues; (Envirothon; \$175.00, SE MASWCD; \$500.00, SE SWCD Tech Support JPB; \$1,000.00; MASWCD; \$4,225.44

Motioned by Jeff Beckman seconded by Larry Thomforde to approve the pay the 2018 Dues as discussed. Voting affirmative: Beckman, Comstock, Jaeger, McNamara, Thomforde. Opposed: None. Motion passed.

6. Action on Review and Approval of SWCD Charges for Services

Motioned by Larry Thomforde seconded by Jeff Beckman to approve the Charges for Services for 2018 as discussed. Voting affirmative: Beckman, Comstock, Jaeger, McNamara, Thomforde. Opposed: None. Motion passed.

7. Review of Outstanding Agreements with NRCS

No action was taken at this time.

8. Action on Personnel Policy: Item 2.8 Holidays: Friday after Thanksgiving

Motioned by Ed McNamara seconded by Mark Comstock to approve the Friday after Thanksgiving as an SWCD official Holiday. Voting affirmative: Comstock, McNamara. Opposed: Beckman, Jaeger, Thomforde. Motion failed.

9. Action on Request to Hire Summer Intern for Water Monitoring

Motioned by Ed McNamara seconded by Jeff Beckman to approve the hiring of a summer intern to help with the Water Monitoring program. Voting affirmative: Beckman, Comstock, Jaeger, McNamara, Thomforde. Opposed: None. Motion passed.

10. Action on Technology Equipment Purchase

Motioned by Ed McNamara seconded by Jeff Beckman to approve the Technology Equipment as discussed. Voting affirmative: Beckman, Comstock, Jaeger, McNamara, Thomforde. Opposed: None. Motion passed.

IX. REPORTS

1. Staff Reports

Chris Wagner reported on the 6th Grade Conservation Field day, the Ag BMP Low Interest Loan program and the progress of year-end Financial reporting.

Coty Hyllengren reported on no-till drill program and all the 2018 Cost Share projects and accomplishments.

No action was taken.

2. NRCS Report

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

3. The District Manager's Report

The District Manager's Report was presented by Glen Roberson. (See attached for details)

The District Manager will request a Joint Meeting with Goodhue County, possibly on February 20th or March 5th. The Cannon River Watershed Partnership requested a Letter of Support for a Grant application on Grazing Plans on easement properties. The Chairman was authorized to review and sign.

4. Supervisor Activity Reports

Jeff Beckman updated those present on the Plastic Recycling program.

Ed McNamara reported that he attended the One Watershed/One Plan meeting on January 10, 2018. He also reported that he attended a cover crop meeting in Wisconsin.

John Jaeger reported that he attended the Wells Creek Watershed Meeting on January 16, 2018.

Larry Thomforde exited the meeting at 12:35 p.m.

5. Other

There were no other reports at this time.

X. TREASURER'S REPORT/PAYABLES

1. Approve December 2017 Financial Report

Motioned by Ed McNamara seconded by Mark Comstock to approve the December 2017 Financial Reports as printed. Voting affirmative: Beckman, Comstock, Jaeger, McNamara. Opposed: None. Motion passed.

2. Approve January 2018 Accounts Payable

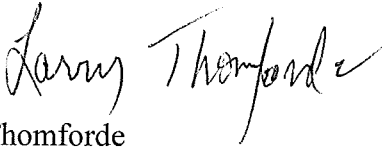
Motioned by Mark Comstock seconded by Jeff Beckman to approve the pay the January 2018 Accounts Payable as presented. Voting affirmative: Beckman, Comstock, Jaeger, McNamara. Opposed: None. Motion passed.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

Motioned by Ed McNamara seconded by Jeff Beckman to adjourn the meeting. Voting affirmative: Beckman, Comstock, Jaeger, McNamara, Thomforde. Opposed: None. Motion passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:39 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Larry Thomforde
Secretary

ATTACH: 2018 Committee List
NRCS Report
District Manager's Report