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Approved Minutes

The meeting of the Waseca County SWCD Board of Supervisors was held at the Waseca Soil and Water Conservation District's meeting room on April 14, 2011.

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Jurgen Peters, Chairman.

Members Present

Jurgen Peters, Chair
Wayne Cords, Vice Chair
Ron Purcell, Treasurer
Bob Drager, Secretary
Larry Hagen

Staff Present

Marla Watje, District Manager
Darlene Kukuczka, Office Assistant

NRCS

Jim Jirik

Motion by Ron, second by Wayne to approve the agenda as distributed. Motion carried. Affirmative: All
Opposed: None

Motion by Ron, second by Wayne to approve the minutes of March 10, 2011. Motion carried.
Affirmative: All Opposed: None

The treasurer's report dated March, 2011 was presented to the Board for review. Motion by Wayne, second by Bob to approve the Treasurer Report as presented and file for audit. Motion carried. Affirmative: All Opposed: None

Invoices: Motion by Wayne, second by Ron to approve the payment of the presented invoices.
Motion Carried: Affirmative: All Opposed: None

Supervisors Reports:

Ron reported that the Waseca Lakes association sponsored a fish fry to raise funds to purchase an aerator to replace the nonfunctional aerator currently used in Loon Lake.

Larry reported on the Area VI meeting with budget and cost share discussions. Budget issues were also discussed at the SCTSA meeting in Mankato. RC&D meeting included discussion on a potential shut down of NRCS, including RC&D staffing and program assistance support. Consensus is that Three Rivers RC&D could continue to operate without NRCS support. A review of the budget would allow Joe Domeier, Program Manager, to continue as a full time position and be housed at the Blue Earth SWCD office.

Wayne noted the BWSR Borglum appeal prehearing conference will be held on May 2, 2011.

Jurgen reported on recent GBERBA activities. He also attended a feedlot site team visit, discussion was held by county officials to allow the choice of trees or pit additives for odor control. He will be attending the upcoming County Commissioner's meeting to request cooperation in allowing the District to proceed with a selective harvesting program of the walnut trees at Goose Lake Park.

Staff Reports:

Marla –Tree program; pick up day is April 15 & 16th, 1st grade environmental day is May 27th, completion of annual reports, field work on terrace plans, and TEP meetings.

Darlene – Briefed the board on GBERBA work and RC&D's conference call that approve the relocation of their office and increase the program manager to full time.

NRCS Report: Jim reported that 9 of 24 applications for the CSP program were accepted.

EQIP – all applications were funded: 21 contracts for \$212,850.00. Next sign up will be in the fall.

CRP standard sign up- FSA hasn't had any sign ups. Only 3 contracts were expiring.
Wetland Compliance agreement – He has not received an agreement yet for the district.

Cost share payment approval:

The planting was completed on Loon Lake island Waseca County (FY08-13NB). Cost share payment request of \$3450.00 Motion by Wayne, second by Larry to approve payment to Waseca County for the project. Motion Carried: Affirmative: All Opposed: None

Cost share extensions of FY09 and FY10: BWSR has allowed districts to extend the deadlines for all FY09 and FY10 cost share programs. Motion by Wayne, second by Ron to approve the extensions of FY09 and FY10 cost share funds to 2012. Motion Carried: Affirmative: All Opposed: None

State Cost Share:

Cost share application FY11-01 (Gladys Carlson) encumbered amount of \$487.00 to install a field windbreak, will be cancelled due to her acceptance into the EQIP program.

FY11-08 Brad Connors Shelterbelt Cost share encumber of \$ 150.00
FY11-07 Larry Troy/Anita Gostomstick Shelterbelt Cost share encumber of \$1575.00

Motion by Wayne, second by Ron to approve the cost share assistance contracts for Brad Connors and Anita Gostomstick. Motion Carried: Affirmative: All Opposed: None

FY11-FR1-3 Harold Milbrett repair of a sediment Basin Cost share request \$8200.00

Motion by Larry, second by Ron to approve the cost share assistance contract for Harold Milbrett to repair a sediment basin damaged by flooding. Motion Carried: Affirmative: All Opposed: None

GBERBA Cost share funds:

Cost share assistance application was received by the city of Janesville to install an Urban Rain garden on 1.5 acres; cost share requested \$9555.00. City of Janesville staff will provide assistance to the project. Motion by Wayne, second by Ron to approve the proposed project and forward to GBERBA for funding. Motion Carried: Affirmative: All Opposed: None

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| City of Waldorf | Urban | Total cost \$4662.00 | Cost share \$3496.00 |
| City of New Richland | Urban | Total cost \$4863.00 | Cost share \$3647.00 |
| City of New Richland | Sediment Basin | Total cost \$7880.00 | Cost share \$5910.00 |
| Silver Resort | Urban | Total cost \$9360.00 | Cost share \$7020.00 |

Consensus of the Board to approve the proposed projects and present them to GBERBA for funding, pending approval by their city council.

An amendment request of \$10,834.69 for the Mark Byron Stream bank project was approved by GBERBA, pending SWCD Board approval. Motion by Wayne, second by Bob to approve the amendment for Mark Byron. Motion Carried: Affirmative: All Opposed: None

Resolutions: Resolutions are to be submitted to the June Area VI meeting for approval was noted.

Wetland mitigation/restoration: The TEP met on the Keisler wetland violation. A restoration order will be drafted.

It was noted the 2011 budget allowed for the hiring of seasonal staff, including help with the tree program.

DNR Ground Water Level Monitoring Well Agreement: An agreement for fiscal year 2011 was presented to the Board to measure the water level at a well located at the University of Minnesota. Observations will be once per month, monitoring results will be submitted on the DNR website. Motion by Wayne, second by Ron to approve the Ground water level monitoring well agreement with DNR. Motion Carried: Affirmative: All Opposed: None

Contracts for staff service with GBERBA and Three Rivers RC&D were discussed. Three Rivers RC&D Board approved 338 hours for 2011. Motion by Wayne, second by Bob to approve the Three Rivers RC&D contract for 338 hours at \$29.00/hour. Motion Carried: Affirmative: All Opposed: None A contract for 1248 hours with GBERBA had previously been approved.

Riparian Floodplain RIM/WRP: The SWCD was notified that 4 of the RIM/WRP applications were tentatively approved. Qualifying applications with a score of 70+ were approved. Additional funding has been requested by BWSR to approve more applications.

Motion by Ron, second by Bob to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was declared adjourned at 8:35 p.m. Motion Carried. Affirmative: All Opposed: None.

The Next Board Meeting will be May 12, 2011 at 6:30 P.M. at the Waseca SWCD office.