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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 March 8, 2012. The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Bob Drager, Chairman.

### **Members Present**

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

### **Staff Present**

Marla Watje, District Manager  
Darlene Kukuczka, Office Assistant

### **Others:**

Matt Holland, Pheasants Forever      Chad Bloom, Pheasants Forever  
Chris Hughes, BWSR                      Carl Guse

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

Matt Holland, Pheasants Forever discussed the Farm Bill Biologist position to be housed in the Waseca SWCD. He gave the board the job description and the help to be provided for delivery of conservation programs. Pheasants Forever staff completed the interviews and has selected a candidate. Discussion.

Motion by Ron, second by Jurgen to approve the minutes of February 9, 2012. Motion carried.  
Affirmative: All Opposed: None

The treasurer's report dated February, 2012 was presented to the Board for review. Motion by Jurgen, second by Wayne to approve the Treasurer Report as presented and file for audit. Motion carried. Affirmative: All Opposed: None

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

### **Supervisors Reports:**

Ron reported on Lakes Association meeting, Cannon River budget meeting and assistance at Tree Day.  
Jurgen reported on GBERBA and high volume of projects completed by Waseca SWCD, and assistance at Tree Day.  
Larry reported on the success of Tree Day.  
Wayne informed members of the TMDL's now available for public notice.

### **Staff Reports:**

Marla – Reported on site review of stream bank projects, field review for EQIP projects, Tree day.  
Darlene – Reported on GBERBA and Three Rivers RC&D work activities.

NRCS Report: Tabled

**BWSR Report:**

Chris Hughes discussed the current legislative activities including the \$25 million bonding bill – RIM/WRP. A bill for local water management would change water planning from county boundaries to watersheds and some proposed changes to WCA. The Clean Water Funds will be increased by about 4.2 million for the next round of applications. Chris distributed and discussed a handout about Biennial Budget Request (BBR).

State Cost share:

Cancellation request- FY11-06 Brad Connors Shelterbelt for \$150.00. Motion by Wayne, second by Larry to approve the cancellation of Brad Connors' project. Motion Carried. Affirmative: All Opposed: None

Encumber:

FY11-08 Ardis Sutter Windbreak Cost share request - \$1109.00  
Motion by Wayne, second by Larry to approve the cost share applications for Ardis Sutter for \$1109.00 for installation of a windbreak. Motion Carried. Affirmative: All Opposed: None

County Buffer Ordinance: The letter sent to county residents pertaining to the public waters buffer and the additional workload created due to the letter was discussed. It was recommended that the county provide more financial support for the technical assistance in determining the requirements of the buffers needed.

Area VI meeting: Ron, Larry and Marla plan to attend the meeting held in Fairmont on March 21, 2012.

Farmer Luncheon: Waseca Chamber of Commerce will be recognizing the SWCD 2012 Outstanding Conservationist, Bryan Jewison at the farm/city luncheon to be held on March 22 at the American Legion.

Annual Plan: Additional information for the plan can be added until March 15<sup>th</sup>.

Misc:

An email from the Area VI chairman is requesting assistance on how to improve on the current structured Area VI meetings and with the goal of providing quality meetings for the SWCD Board members to attend.

Farm Bill Biologist position: Motion by Wayne, second by Ron to seek \$5000.00 from outside sources, as the districts' share of expenses for a new Pheasant Forever employee. Motion Carried: Affirmative: All Opposed: None

The meeting was declared adjourned at 9:30 p.m. by Bob Drager, Chairman.

The Next Board Meeting will be April 12, 2012 at 6:30 P.M. at the Waseca SWCD office.