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## **Approved Minutes**

The Waseca SWCD Board of Supervisors meeting was held in the SWCD conference room on May 10, 2012. The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Jurgen Peters, Vice Chair.

### **Members Present**

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

### **Staff Present**

Marla Watje, District Manager  
Darlene Kukuczka, Office Assistant

**NRCS:** Jim Jirik

**Others:** Mike Hintz, County Commissioner

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

Motion by Wayne, second by Ron to approve the April 12, 2012 minutes as amended by Ron to include under Budget: "The district only has sufficient funds for two to three months for general operating expenses." Motion carried. Affirmative: All Opposed: None

The treasurer's report dated March, 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 pay the invoices as funds become available. Motion Carried: Affirmative: All Opposed: None

County Board meeting: Discussion was held with Mike Hintz, Co. Commissioner about the district's budget shortfall. A letter from Jared Dufault, CPA, (attached) regarding the district's financial status was reviewed along with the recent treasurer report and staff workload. The SWCD Board will be attending the Co. Commissioner meeting on May 15, 2012 to address the budget shortfall and provide a copy of the letter from Jared Dufault.

### **Supervisor Reports:**

Jurgen reported on Sakatah Education days, a feedlot site team review, and noted sites where red cedars were dying.

Wayne reported on a neighborhood dispute call he received regarding trees planted in 1999; adjoining landowner questioned if the trees were planted 10' from the property line in 1999 and requested the district to remove the trees.

Consensus of the Board noted that the 10' setback is a county ordinance, and the district does not have any authority to remove trees on private property.

Ron reported on the Waseca Lakes meeting, attended by Jurgen and himself; future plans for Clear Lake and the current curly leaf pond weed removal project were discussion.

### **Staff Reports:**

Marla – Reported on finishing up on trees, field work, and planning for 1<sup>st</sup> Grade environmental day.

Darlene – Reported on preparing for a GBERBA audit.

Farm Bill Assistance Grant: Noted. Due to lack of available funds, the district would be unable to provide the required 25% match to successfully apply for the grant.

Cost share:

Shoreland Buffer Incentives (GBERBA):

#81-01 Brent Possin request \$2480.00 - 3.1 acres

#81-02 Barbara Myhre request \$4,400.00 - 5.5 acres

Motion by Wayne, second by Ron to approve the Possin and Myhre buffer incentive payments as approved by GBERBA. Motion carried. Affirmative: All Opposed: None

Roy Keyes –A design for the sediment basin project is done and he has received some bids for it. Motion by Wayne, second by Ron if changes are made a new cost share application would need to be submitted from Roy Keyes if project is not constructed/completed according to the conservation development design previously discussed.

Motion carried. Affirmative: All Opposed: None

District and GBERBA cost share minutes were reviewed. Corrections of minutes were requested. Motion by Jurgen, second by Ron to approve Dec 10, 2009 Mark Byron to include the amount as \$10, 537.00 ; July 14, 2011 amendment request to City of New Richland project for \$2040.00; June 30, 2011 City of Janesville – correct the encumbered amount to be \$2542.00 and partial payment correct to be \$12097.47, Oct. 13, 2011 Norma Witt encumber \$950.00 corrected to read \$712.00; and Jan. 2012, Keith Eustice project amendment to reduce encumbered amount by \$5, 325.00 to \$12,000.00

2011 Audit: Consensus by Board to contact J. Maiser, CPA for a bid to fulfill the audit requirement by October.

County Ditch inspection: Noted. May 14<sup>th</sup> co. ditch inspection - 8:30 a.m. at Janesville and 1:30 at Blowers Park.

Area VI meeting: Noted. Nicollet SWCD will host the Area VI meeting in St Peter on June 20<sup>th</sup>. Ron plans to attend.

Misc: Resolutions will need to be submitted at the June Area VI meeting.

Pictures of the revetment project installed on the LeSueur River in January were reviewed and its success was discussed.

The Board previously proposed a plan to the county to harvest walnut trees in Goose Park. Mike Hintz, Co. Commissioner, will look into the progress of the project.

The meeting was declared adjourned at 10:00 p.m. by Bob Drager, Chairman.

The Next Board Meeting will be June 14, 2012 at 6:30 P.M. at the Waseca SWCD office.

May 16<sup>th</sup> – Court of Appeals at St Paul

May 18<sup>th</sup> – 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Environmental Day