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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 August 8, 2013. The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Bob Drager, Chairman.

Members Present

Bob Drager, Chairman
Larry Hagen, Secretary
Wayne Cords

Staff Present

Darlene Kukuczka, Office Assistant

NRCS:

Noel Frank

Others: County Commissioner Mike Hintz and Roland Norton

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

Motion by Wayne, second by Larry to approve the minutes of July 11, 2013. Motion carried.
Affirmative: All Opposed: None

Blooming Grove-Rice Lake Ditch Group – Roland Norton as a representative of this legal entity discussed the need to have the lower end of the ditch system cleaned. An application will be submitted to DNR in the near future and the group is requesting a letter of recommendation from Waseca SWCD to support the cleaning and maintaining the ditch in accordance with state statute. The group is requesting the same type of letters from Blooming Grove Township and the Waseca County Commissioners. These letters will be attached to the DNR application. Details of the ditch system and its needs were discussed. Consensus by members was to do further review and make a decision at their next board meeting in September.

Cash flow worksheet was revised and updated for the last 6 months of the year. Members reviewed it.

The treasurer's report dated July, 2013 was presented to the Board for review. Motion by Wayne, second by Larry to approve the Treasurer Report and file for audit. Motion carried. Affirmative: All Opposed: None

Invoices: Motion by Wayne, second by Larry to approve the payment of the presented invoices, including reimbursement to BWSR for a duplicate payment of \$4000.00, partial payment of \$500 for MASWCD dues and \$6474.00 to the County for final 1st quarter payroll expenses. Motion Carried: Affirmative: All Opposed: None

Supervisors Reports:

Wayne discussed the balance of WCA funds with county administrator and planning/zoning staff. The district will receive the additional \$2500.00 of the 2013 allocation. Payroll: Over payment was given to Marla during the county payroll process. Her time sheet was for 40 hours in the pay period but she received sick leave payment of 80 hours. The options to correct it were discussed.

Bob recommended leaving those pay periods as they were already paid out.

NRCS: Noel reported on payments being made on the CRP program with a few new enrollments and many renewals. EQIP payments are also being made. New state law will not reduce property taxes on land enrolled in permanent easements. A new cover crop program for prevented planted acres was made available through NRCS. The program had a limited sign up time and funding levels. There was a lot of signups and ranking were done in a short time frame.

Staff Report: Darlene reported on GBERBA, RC&D work and District activities.

Computer upgrade: NRCS is upgrading their operating system and district computers do not have enough capacity to handle the upgrade. Consensus by board was to look for a used one and get a quote for a new one. Decision on Marla's computer will be dealt with at a later time.

RIM-WRP: David Lynch easement #81-02-10-02

Motion by Wayne, second by Larry to sign the plan for the David Lynch RIM-WRP easement.

Motion Carried: Affirmative: All Opposed: None

New Supervisors: The Lakes Association was contacted but there was no response, as of this meeting. Some individuals will be contacted before the next meeting.

2014 Budget Update: A meeting was scheduled by the county for Sept 3rd. Supervisors reported no one could attend. Rescheduling will be done, hopefully for August 20th.

Cost share project: Larry Hagen presented a cost share project he had received. It is through the Southern Minnesota Lakes Restoration Project, a LCCMR funded grant that is coordinated by LeSueur County. The encumbering request was for the City of Waseca. Motion by Wayne, second by Larry to table the request until the board had better information about the grant and its process.

Motion Carried: Affirmative: All Opposed: None

NACD 2013 Dues: Motion by Wayne, second by Larry not to pay the 2013 dues.

Motion carried. Affirmative: All Opposed: None

RIM Inspections: Members reviewed the prepared group and map of their locations to divide between the three of them. Wayne will plan to take off work and do all of them.

The meeting was declared adjourned at 9:00 p.m. by Bob Drager, Chairman.

The Next Board Meeting will be Sept. 12, 2013 at 6:30 P.M. at the Waseca SWCD office.