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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 Oct. 9, 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

Others: County Commissioner Mike Hintz

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

Motion by Larry, second by Wayne to approve the minutes of Sept 12, 2013. Motion carried.
Affirmative: All Opposed: None

Cash flow worksheet was reviewed. The treasurer's report dated September, 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, paying the county the corrected amount for entire 3rd quarter payroll.
Motion Carried: Affirmative: All Opposed: None

Supervisors Reports:

Wayne reported on meetings Jeff Nielsen and Chris Hughes of BWSR had requested with him. Discussion was centered on seeking managerial services. Basic areas include grant writing, seeking more funding for the district, assistance with budgeting, completing reporting duties and staff over site. There was no discussion of the financial cost and how to cover such services. Waseca SWCD supervisors, Bob Drager and Wayne Cords will meet with representatives of Steele SWCD in early Nov. to discuss this service.

New Supervisors: Scott Hildebrandt of St. Mary's township has volunteered to fill the supervisor position vacated by Ron Purcell. Motion by Wayne, second by Larry to appoint Scott Hildebrandt as a Waseca Soil and Water District Supervisor until the next general election is held.

Motion Carried: Affirmative: All Opposed: None

Press release was reviewed to seek a representative for Byron, New Richland or Otisco townships.

Staff Report: Darlene reported on RC&D, GBERBA, and District activities. RC&D members voted to dissolve the organization, tentative plan is by January 1, 2014. GBERBA submitted 5 grant applications for Clean Water Funds. RIM inspections were completed. The Federal shutdown affected some district activities and tasks but other work activity continued.

GBERBA Buffer Incentive projects: Chris Hughes approved the use of about \$800 from GBERBA through the LeSueur Watershed technician grant for Darlene to contact and complete the encumbered buffer contracts. Cancellations: Reason is they had not started CRP process and it became too late to do so with the threat of a federal shutdown and a new farm bill was not in place yet.

CWF-SI-11-	81-03	Willie Eichorst	\$2,320.00	2.9 acres
CWF-SI-11-	81-04	Gerald Lohberger	\$4,240.00	5.3 acres
CWF-SI-11-	81-05	Lloyd Amundson	\$3,200.00	4.0 acres
CWF-SI-11-	81-08	Edna Wenzel	\$3,520.00	4.4 acres
CWF-SI-11-	81-09	Blaine Amundson	\$5,680.00	7.1 acres

Motion by Wayne, second by Larry to accept the above cancellations and forward the contracts to GBERBA for final action. Motion Carried: Affirmative: All Opposed: None

Clarence Guse/Richard Guse and Harold Guse/Malterer Farms were still interested in a new CRP enrollment if the federal shut down ends soon enough to complete the work before this grant ends in December. Possin and Myre Buffer incentives will need final approval, probably next month.

MASWCD: By Law changes and Resolutions

Supervisors received information on the recommended changes to the MASWCD By Laws that will be acted on at the annual convention in December. Resolution packet was reviewed and the pre-convention voting process discussed. The 2013 Resolution ballot must be mailed before Nov 1, 2013.

LCCMR grant: Wayne received information via email about interest in a partial payment for one of the City of Waseca park projects of the Southern Minnesota Lakes Restoration Project. Darlene was instructed is to obtain all the necessary information for the next meeting.

Adjourn: The meeting was declared adjourned at 7:30 p.m. by Bob Drager, Chairman.

The Next Board Meeting will be Nov. 14, 2013 at 6:30 P.M. at the Waseca SWCD office.