



WASECA

SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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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 14, 2014. The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Bob Drager, Chairman.

Members Present

Bob Drager, Chairman
Wayne Cords, Vice Chair
Scott Hildebrandt, Secretary
Jessie Shaffer

Staff Present

Dan Arndt, Manager
Darlene Kukuczka, Office Assistant

Others: Waseca County Commissioner, Mike Hintz

Motion by Wayne, second by Scott to approve the agenda as distributed. Motion carried. All yes

Motion by Scott, second by Jessie to approve the minutes of July 10, 2014. Motion carried. All yes.

Cash flow worksheet was reviewed. The treasurer's report dated July, 2014 was presented to the Board for review. Motion by Wayne, second by Jessie to approve the Treasurer Reports and file for audit. Motion carried. All yes.

Bills: Supervisors compensation and expenses-Dan discussed methods of payment to do in house or have the county include in the payroll service which increases their administrations costs to the district. Motion by Wayne, second by Scott to approve the Board of Supervisors for meetings and mileage expenses for January through July, 2014 and make payment for the other presented invoices that total \$18611.45. Motion carried. All yes.

Old Business

News Release: It was noted that it was published in the local papers

Other: Dan and Wayne plan to meet with Mark Leiferman about the county shoreland ordinance and the district's responsibilities with it.

New Business

Budget and Planning Committee Meeting Aug. 5th Report: Proposed Plan of Work and Proposed Five Year Budget were distributed. Action tabled until next month.

Discussion was held on the revised 2015 budget that was part of the five year budget plan. A preliminary budget had been provided to the county in June. Motion by Wayne, second by Jessie to resubmit a 2015 budget proposal and provide the county with a proposed long term 5 year budget plan. Motion carried. All yes

2014 Outstanding Conservation Farmer Candidates: Candidates and their conservation activities were discussed. Motion by Wayne, second by Scott to select Janet Rudolph as the 2014 Outstanding Conservationist. Motion carried, all yes.

2014-16 State Cost-Share Program: Dan presented a written policy for as guidance. High priority will be on erosion areas where there also has been good upland treatment. Windbreaks will not be funded. Discussion was held. Motion by Jessie, second by Scott to adopt the policy as presented. Motion carried, all yes.

Approve use of truck by Steele County contract employees: Dan had some discussion with MCIT about the insurance coverage. Motion by Scott, second by Wayne to authorize Steele County SWCD staff to drive the Waseca SWCD truck for district related business. Motion carried, all yes.

Schedule Conservation Tour: An afternoon tour of conservation practices will be planned for the week of Sept 15. Transportation was discussed and notification to the County Commissioners.

“Strengthening Your SWCD: Taking Charge of your Strategic Direction, Sponsored by MASWCD: Dan presented details of the event.

Other: Brochure about a LeSueur Watershed Network meeting at St. Olaf Lake was reviewed. Jessie plans to attend it.

Agency Reports: Mike Hintz county commissioner reported that the planning process to harvest walnut trees has been slow, therefore there has been no progress in the actual harvesting of the trees.

Ag preservation program: Waseca is one of only five counties that participated in this program in the late 1980’s with three of the counties being in the metro area. Waseca County is reviewing options to allow landowners to opt out of the program.

Staff Reports: Darlene reported that all the old district reports have been approved by BWSR and archived in Elink. Other work included filing and work with Dan.

Dan stated that Eric is doing the RIM inspections. With Todd’s assistance Dan submitted a flood damage report of many locations to BWSR totaling \$162,000. Additional damaged sights are being tracked to submit later when requested by BWSR. He also did an on sight WCA review, participated in a TEP meeting, completed technical review of CRP plans, and met with Lauren Klement of LeSueur County for an update on the LCCMR grant, as Waseca has 3 projects involved with it.

Jessie cleared brush and checked other signs in the county.

Motion by Wayne, second by Jessie to adjourn the meeting Motion carried. All yes

Adjourn: The meeting was declared adjourned at 8:50 pm by Bob Drager, Chairman.

Next Board Meeting Sept.11, 2014 @ 6:30 p.m. at Waseca SWCD office.