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SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Final 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 January 14, 2016. The meeting was called to order at 3:30 p.m.
By .

Members Present

Larry Hagen
Jessie Shaffer, Secretary
Todd Stencil, Treasurer

Staff Present

Eric Gulbransen, District Manager
Adrienne Justman, Administrative Assistant
Tyler Polster, District Technician

Others

Noel Frank, NRCS District Conservationist
Cheri Brummund, Altima, NRCS
Jennifer Mocol-Johnson, BWSR

The agenda was reviewed and no changes were made. Motion was made by Stencil, seconded by Hagen, to approve the agenda as written. Motion carried. All yes

Minutes of the December Board Meeting were distributed to the supervisors prior to the meeting. Motion was made by Hagen, seconded by Stencil, to approve the minutes as written. Motion carried. All yes.

Cash flow worksheet was reviewed. The treasurer's report dated December 2015 was presented to the Board for review. Motion was made by Stencil, seconded by Hagen, to approve the Treasurers Report. Motion carried. All yes.

Bills: (See Attached) Motion was made by Stencil, seconded by Hagen, to approve payment for the presented invoices that total \$4,237.10. Motion carried. All yes.

Old Business

1. Meeting Reports – Jessie Shaffer reported on GBERBA meeting that she attended on January 8. It was decided to keep the existing board. They also discussed a LCCMR grant that they intend to pursue. They are looking for recommendations for communities that would be good candidates for a tree program. There was discussion about a Clean Water Fund grant for hydro-conditioning of the Le Sueur River. Jessie also reported that there was a speaker presenting information about potential new nitrogen application regulations.
2. 2016 Calendar – The calendar has been distributed and there has been some feedback already from people who received it.

New Business

1. Committees and Appointments – Motion was made by Hagen, seconded by Stencel, to keep the committees and appointments the same as established in 2015.
 - a. Personnel – Cords & Hildebrandt
 - b. Budget & Planning – Stencel & Cords
 - c. County Water Plan - Stencel
 - d. GBERBA – Shaffer
 - e. South Central TSA – Cords
 - f. Waseca Lakes Assoc – Hildebrandt
 - g. Lake Elysian Assoc – Cords
 - h. Commissioner Contact – Stencel
 - i. CRWP – Hagen
 - j. Le Sueur River Watershed Net - Shafer

2. Annual Approvals
 - a. Board Meeting Date & Time – Tabled until Feb Board Meeting
 - b. Supervisor Compensation Rate – Motion was made by Hagen, seconded by Stencel, to keep this the same as 2015. Motion carried by voice vote.
 - c. Official Financial Institution – Tabled until Feb Board Meeting
 - d. Official Newspaper and Radio Station – Motion was made by Stencel, seconded by Hagen, to keep these the same as 2015.

3. Resolution to adopt the County Water Plan – After discussion it was decided to table this topic until the February meeting to give all of the Supervisors the chance to review the Water Plan.

4. Request payment from LCCMR grant for completed projects – Gulbransen reported that the funds from the LCCMR grant were available. Motion was made by Hagen, seconded by Stencel, to send the request. Motion carried by voice vote.

5. Soil Health Team Meeting – Owatonna, January 19 – Gulbransen presented the information about this meeting so that anyone interested could attend.

6. WRC Support Letter – Gulbransen presented a letter of support for a WRC project that is currently facing challenges due to a anonymous citizen complaint. The board agreed to support the project.

Agency Reports:

Noel Frank reported for NRCS. He introduced the new new Altima employee, Cheri Brummund, who will be working in the Waseca office. He reported that CSP is done for the year. There has been lots of interest in enrolling for CRP, and there is 1 EQIP application for cover crops.

Jennifer Mocol-Johnson from BWSR spoke about the Local Capacity building grant. She reiterated that these funds are to be used for doing something new within the District. There was discussion about good uses for the money such as hiring new staff, buying needed equipment and establishing new practices, such as local cost share program.

Staff Reports:

Polster stated that he attended meetings for both Bull Run and the New Richland projects. They are planning a community forum in New Richland in February to hopefully gain landowner interest in the project. Tyler also reported that there have been a few tree sales already.

Eric Gulbransen reported that there is a webinar on the Buffer law that he will be attending on January 20. He also has been looking at local windbreaks with the landowners.

Justman reported that the majority of her time has been spent on year end wrap up. She will be completing the eLink grant reporting in the upcoming weeks.

Meeting was adjourned by Jessie Shaffer.

January Bills

Steele Co. SWCD	Hours		2031.13
	Expenses/Mileage		132.30
Clemons Properties	January Rent		665.00
Jared J Dufault	Accounting		125.00
MCIT	Property & Casualty	2502.00	
	Workers Comp	386.00	2888.00
Peterson Company LTD	2014 Audit		2354.44
Sportsman Stop	Gas		47.27
DMV	Plate Renewal		16.00
Tri-M	2016 Calendar Postage		787.73
Supervisor Comp & Exp.	4 th Quarter		1630.14
Le Sueur Co. SWCD	Tech Assist. On LCCMR		1160.50
		Total	8884.08