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MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF BOARD OF SUPERVISORS April 9th, 2009

I. The meeting was called to order at 7:30 P.M. by Chairman Don Kropp in our district office located at 1400 West Main Street, Albert Lea, MN.

II. Those present were as follows:

Don Kropp, Chairman	Don Flatness, District Manager
Cole Pestorius, Vice Chairman	Brenda Lageson, District Administrative Assistant
Dave Ausen, Treasurer	Mark Schaetzke, District Technician
Chris Dahl, Board Secretary	Ed Moffett, NRCS District Conservationist
Roger M. Nelson, Supervisor	

ABSENT:

None

III. Minutes of the Previous Meeting:

- Minutes of the March 12th regular meeting were approved as presented on a motion made by Dahl and seconded by Ausen. Results of a roll call vote were as follows: Affirmative- Kropp, Pestorius, Ausen, Dahl and Nelson. Opposed -- None. **The motion carried.**

IV. Treasurer's Report:

- **The treasurer's balance as of March 31st, 2009**, was \$4,472.02 in checking and \$293,078.69 in savings. A motion approving the treasurer's report as read and payment of bills was made by Dahl and seconded by Ausen. Results of a roll call vote were as follows: Affirmative- Kropp, Pestorius, Ausen, Dahl and Nelson. Opposed -- None. **The motion carried.**

V. State Cost Share Program Actions and/or Information. . .

- None at this time.

VI. New Business:

- NRCS Agency report given by Ed Moffett, District Conservationist. Ed reported that there has been a lot of interest for a possible EQIP sign-up to be held in April. He also reviewed FIOA and how it affects the way we do business. Ed also reviewed two (2) outstanding contribution agreements that NRCS has with the district, these will expire this summer.
- Read memo from Robert Borchert re: Area 7 meeting, to be held in Rochester on April 14th. A motion was made by Pestorius and seconded by Ausen authorizing supervisors and staff to attend as their schedules allow. Results of a roll call vote were as follows: Affirmative- Kropp, Pestorius, Ausen, Dahl and Nelson. Opposed -- None. **The motion carried.**

- Reviewed copy of letter sent by BWSR to Mark Ritchie, Secretary of State re: Boundary changes for Cedar River, Turtle Creek and Shell Rock River Watersheds.
- Reviewed NPDES comment form on Compressor Station Project for Northern Natural Gas planned northeast of Hartland. Our board offered a no comment response.
- Reviewed letter from Security Bank Minnesota re: safe deposit box. After some discussion a motion was made by Nelson and seconded by Pestorious to authorize access to the districts' safe deposit box with the resolution that follows. Results of a roll call vote were as follows: Affirmative- Kropp, Pestorious, Ausen, Dahl and Nelson. Opposed -- None. **The motion carried.**

AUTHORIZATION RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING FREEBORN COUNTY SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT RENTAL OF SAFE DEPOSIT BOX #329 AT SECURITY BANK MINNESOTA

WHEREAS, the Freeborn County Soil & Water Conservation District rents a safe deposit box located at Security Bank Minnesota, 437 Bridge Ave, PO Box 891, Albert Lea, MN 56007;

WHEREAS, the rental of safe deposit box is for the safekeeping of materials and documents of the district.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the financial institution named above is designated as a depository of materials and documents of this district; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution shall continue in effect until express written notice of its rescission or modification has been received and recorded by the financial institution; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all transactions with respect to deposit and withdrawal of materials or documents by or on behalf of the district with the financial institution prior to the adoption of this resolution are hereby ratified, approved, and confirmed, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that any two of the persons named below, so long as they act in a respective capacity as agents of the district, are authorized to make any and all deposits and withdrawals of materials and documents from time to time, with the financial institution; and

Donald Kropp, Chairman
David Ausen, Treasurer
Brenda Lageson, District Admin. Assistant

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this district agrees to the terms and conditions of the financial institution related to the rental of the safe deposit boxes.

Adopted, signed, and approved this 9th day of April, 2009.

Chairman

Agenda items continued. . .

- Discuss replacing a tire on our Kawasaki Mule. Don F. reported that the tire has been repaired twice and still doesn't hold air. A motion was made by Ausen and seconded by Pestorius to replace the mule tire. Results of a roll call vote were as follows: Affirmative- Kropp, Pestorius, Ausen, Dahl and Nelson. Opposed -- None. **The motion carried.**
- Don F. reported on the Shell Rock River Watershed Advisory meeting he attended on April 3rd. They talked about the South Shore Drive Project, Mud Lake Fish Barrier ribbon cutting ceremony, Lobby Day at the Capitol and their booth at the Home Show at Skyline Plaza.
- Don F. then gave a report on the GBERBA Technical committee meeting he attended on March 25th in Mankato. Regular business was held, discussed the status on filling the water quality trading coordinator position.
- Mark reported on the Rain Garden Workshop that he and Brenda attended in Fairmont on March 16th. The workshop was well presented and gave a lot of new ideas on the variations of rain gardens.
- Reviewed resolution process and preparedness. Resolutions are due to MASWCD office by July 21st.

VII. Adjournment:

- There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by Ausen seconded by Pestorius. Results of a roll call vote were as follows: Affirmative- Kropp, Pestorius, Ausen, Dahl and Nelson. Opposed -- None. **The motion carried.**

The next regular meeting will be held **Thursday, May 14^h, 2009** at 7:30 P.M. at our SWCD office at 1400 West Main, Albert Lea.

These are preliminary minutes subject to board approval at the next regular monthly meeting of the Board of Supervisors. Respectfully submitted,

Chris Dahl, Board Secretary

Date