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**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
May 13<sup>th</sup>, 2010**

- 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. Kropp introduced guest Justin Hanson, Mower Soil & Water Conservation District/Cedar River Watershed District.

**Those present were as follows:**

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

**Absent:**

None

II. **Minutes of the Previous Meeting:**

- **Minutes of the April 8<sup>th</sup> regular meeting** were approved as presented on a motion made by Pestorious and seconded by Dahl. Results of a roll call vote were as follows: Affirmative- Kropp, Pestorious, Ausen, Dahl and Nelson. Opposed -- None. **The motion carried.**

III. **Treasurer's Report:**

- **The treasurer's balance as of April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2010**, was \$4,656.49 in checking and \$263,497.95 in savings. A motion approving the treasurer's report as read and payment of bills was made by Pestorious and seconded by Nelson. Results of a roll call vote were as follows: Affirmative- Kropp, Pestorious, Ausen, Dahl and Nelson. Opposed -- None. **The motion carried.**
- **Read an email from Bill Eisele/BWSR regarding our financial audit.** The normal process is to have an audit every three years or when your accumulated revenue reaches \$500,000. BWSR has given us the option to waive an audit because we were very close to the \$500,000. If we do waive the audit we will need to be audited next year for 2010. After some discussion a motion was made by Pestorious and seconded by Ausen to waive the audit for 2009. Results of a roll call vote were as follows: Affirmative- Kropp, Pestorious, Ausen, Dahl and Nelson. Opposed -- None. **The motion carried.**

IV. **State Cost Share Program Actions and/or Information:**

- Two new applications presented by Technician Schaetzke for consideration by the board were reviewed. They were as follows:

<u>Contract #</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Practice</u>	<u>Est. Cost</u>	<u>Encumbered</u>
NB09-02	Good Samaritan Soc.	D.1 Critical Area Stabilization	\$8,000	\$6,000
FY09-06	Kuethe, Doug	D.4 Shelterbelt	\$2,000	\$1,500

- After reviewing these requests for state cost share assistance a motion was made by Pestorious and seconded by Ausen approving the project #NB09-02 with the dollar amount mentioned above. Results of a roll call vote were as follows: Affirmative- Kropp, Pestorious, Ausen, Dahl and Nelson. Opposed -- None. **The motion carried.**

- A motion was then made by Pestorius and seconded by Dahl approving the project #FY09-06 with the dollar amount mentioned above. Results of a roll call vote were as follows: Affirmative- Kropp, Pestorius, Ausen, Dahl and Nelson. Opposed -- None. **The motion carried.**

## V. New Business:

- NRCS Agency report given by Ed Moffett, District Conservationist. Ed encouraged the board members and staff to attend the upcoming Southern MN Cattle Management Field day on June 19 located on the Paul Heers, Jr. Farm. This event is being put on by Minnesota Resource Conservation & Development Assn. (RC&D). The new State Conservationist Don Baloun stopped in our office on May 12 to introduce himself and meet the staff. Ed reported that the EQIP sign-up has now been completed and he is currently conducting no-till checks and processing payments. There is a new Conservation Security Program (CSP) sign-up going on now through June 11<sup>th</sup>. There is also talk of a possible General CRP sign-up this summer.
- Justin Hanson gave a presentation on the new cost share programs available in the Cedar River Watershed. They include; rain gardens, wetland restorations, and culvert assessments. The District is also offering filter strip, buffer and wetland restoration incentives.
- Reviewed information from MASWCD re: 2010 Resolution process.
- Brenda reported on the Area 7 Envirothon that was held on May 5<sup>th</sup> at Chester Woods in Olmsted County. Rushford Peterson placed 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> with Medford coming in 3<sup>rd</sup>.
- Don F. gave a report on the GBERBA Conservation Drainage Grant meeting he attended on May 10<sup>th</sup> at the Freeborn County Courthouse. The grant has been funded with Clean Water Legacy dollars. This grant was awarded to implement strategies to reduce sediment yield in the Cobb River Ditch in Freeborn County. BARR Engineering will conduct a hydrology study and some computer modeling to determine which practices will reduce storm water runoff. Our district along with Environmental Services will conduct several informational meetings for landowners by the end of this year.
- Don F. then reported on the Shell Rock River Watershed District Advisory meeting he and Roger attended on Friday, May 7<sup>th</sup>. There was a request for funding to help repair a bridge on Lakeview Blvd to Hanson (Monkey Island), DNR has stocked Pickerel Lake with 120,000 Northern Pike, funds are available for low income homeowners to update failing septic systems, a new mechanical fish barrier is complete on Fountain Lake Dam, and Bob Jensen's "Fishing Minnesota West" show is coming to Albert Lea this spring to fish Albert Lea and Fountain lakes.
- Mark gave a report on the district's 2010 spring tree sale. Sales were average to slightly less than previous years with a net income of \$6,159.64. We sold 11,200 trees, 830 were potted stock. . We also helped provide some larger stock for the City of Alden and the Alden Cub Scout project. This year we offered rain barrels and sold 11 of them.
- Mark then reported on a LiDAR training session he attended on May 11<sup>th</sup> in Mankato. He shared with the board several maps that he created using this new technology.
- Reviewed MPDES permit for City of Glenville. Our board offered a no comment response.
- Reviewed the Turtle Creek W.D. minutes from their April 20<sup>th</sup> meeting.
- Read thank you from MASWCD for payment of 2010 dues.

**VI. Adjournment:**

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

The next regular meeting will be held **Thursday, June 10<sup>th</sup>, 2010** 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,

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**Chris Dahl, Board Secretary**

**Date**