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MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

June 10th, 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.

Those present were as follows:

Don Kropp, Chairman

Dave Ausen, Treasurer

Roger M. Nelson, Supervisor

Don Flatness, District Manager

Brenda Lageson, District Admin. Assist.

Mark Schaetzke, District Technician

Ed Moffett, NRCS District Conservationist

Absent:

Cole Pestorious, Vice Chairman

Chris Dahl, Board Secretary

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

- **Minutes of the May 13th regular meeting** were approved as presented on a motion made by Ausen and seconded by Nelson. Results of a roll call vote were as follows: Affirmative- Kropp, Ausen and Nelson. Opposed -- None. **The motion carried.**

III. **Treasurer's Report:**

- **The treasurer's balance as of May 31st, 2010**, was \$1,865.09 in checking and \$244,652.47 in savings. A motion approving the treasurer's report as read and payment of bills was made by Nelson and seconded by Ausen. Results of a roll call vote were as follows: Affirmative- Kropp, Ausen and Nelson. Opposed -- None. **The motion carried.**
- **Read an email from Chris Hughes/BWSR regarding FY11 proposed SWCD Base Grants.**
- **Reviewed FY2011 Ground Water Level Monitoring agreement with DNR.** A motion was made by Ausen and seconded by Nelson to sign the agreement and return it to the State. Results of a roll call vote were as follows: Affirmative- Kropp, Ausen and Nelson. Opposed -- None. **The motion carried.**

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

- None at this time.

V. **New Business:**

- NRCS Agency report given by Brian Jensen, Soil Conservation Tech. Brian talked about NRCS' 75th year anniversary, the CSP Program, CRP re-enrollments, EQIP projects and the Upcoming field day at the Paul Heers Farm.

- Read a letter from the new NRCS State Conservationist Don Baloun regarding his recent visit to our office to meet the staff and introduce himself.
- Read email from LeAnn Buck re: Water Management Summit, July 12th in St. Cloud. A motion was made by Ausen and seconded by Nelson for supervisors and/or staff to attend as their schedules allow. Results of a roll call vote were as follows: Affirmative- Kropp, Ausen and Nelson. Opposed -- None. **The motion carried.**
- Don F. reported on the GBERBA meeting he attended in Mankato on May 26th. Items discussed included; financial audit, Cobb River Drainage Assessment Grant (awarded to Freeborn County), enforcement of the 50' buffer requirement along public waters, cost share dollars available, a TMDL study in Freeborn County and cost share and personal development requests received.
- Don F. also reported on a meeting he attended in Owatonna on May 18th regarding a "Bear Lake Leadership Project" by DNR. They would like to improve water quality, reduce bounce, improve access, reduce cattails, manage rough fish and encourage desirable vegetation.
- Don F. then reported on the Shell Rock River W.D. Advisory meeting he attended on June 4th. They discussed the Brookside Boathouse, Take a Kid Fishing Day, installation of aerators on sides of I35 Bridge, Hiring of ISTS Technician by the county, purchasing land around the Albert Lea Lake Dam site, need of a grant writer, and the water quality entering Albert Lea Lake from the channel by the bike trail.
- Reviewed agenda for the June 30th Resolutions Meeting to be held in Dodge Center. A motion was made by Nelson and seconded by Ausen authorizing supervisors and/or staff to attend as their schedules allow. Results of a roll call vote were as follows: Affirmative- Kropp, Ausen and Nelson. Opposed -- None. **The motion carried.**
- Reviewed well records.
- Reviewed the Turtle Creek W.D. minutes from their May 18th meeting.
- Riceland project update was given by staff.

VI. Adjournment:

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

The next regular meeting will be held **Thursday, July 8th, 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,

Dave Ausen, Acting Board Secretary

Date