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**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
September 9th, 2010**

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

Those present were as follows:

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| Donald Kropp, Chairman | Don Flatness, District Manager |
| David Ausen, Treasurer | Brenda Lageson, District Admin. Assist. |
| Christopher Dahl, Board Secretary | Mark Schaetzke, District Technician |
| Roger M. Nelson, Supervisor | Ed Moffett, NRCS District Conservationist |

Absent:

Cole Pestorious, Vice Chairman

II. Minutes of the Previous Meeting:

- **Minutes of the August 9th regular meeting** were approved as presented on a motion made by Nelson and seconded by Dahl. Results of a roll call vote were as follows: Affirmative- Kropp, Ausen, Dahl and Nelson. Opposed -- None. **The motion carried.**

III. Treasurer's Report:

- **The treasurer's balance as of August 31st, 2010**, was \$1,342.83 in checking and \$322,028.61 in savings. A motion approving the treasurer's report as read and payment of bills was made by Dahl and seconded by Nelson. Results of a roll call vote were as follows: Affirmative- Kropp, Ausen, Dahl and Nelson. Opposed -- None. **The motion carried.**
- Reviewed five year budget forecast required by BWSR. After some discussion a motion was made by Ausen and seconded by Dahl to approve budget forecast 2010 – 2015 as prepared by staff. Results of a roll call vote were as follows: Affirmative- Kropp, Ausen, Dahl and Nelson. Opposed -- None. **The motion carried.**
- Discussion was then held on adopting the Freeborn County Comprehensive Local Water Management Plan as the Comprehensive Plan of our SWCD. A motion was made by Ausen and seconded by Dahl to adopt a resolution declaring that the Freeborn SWCD adopts the Freeborn County CLWMP as its Comprehensive Plan for calendar years 2010 through 2015. Results of a roll call vote were as follows: Affirmative- Kropp, Ausen, Dahl and Nelson. Opposed -- None. **The motion carried.**
- Reviewed letter from MCIT regarding 2011 estimated renewal and schedule of covered property.

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

- None at this time.

V. Greater Blue Earth River Basin (GBERBA) Cost Share Program Actions and/or Information:

- District Manager Flatness presented a cost share application by John Korman for cost share assistance:

| <u>Contract #</u> | <u>Name</u> | <u>Practice</u> | <u>Project Cost</u> | <u>Encumbered</u> |
|-------------------|--------------|---------------------------------|---------------------|-------------------|
| CWL-CSA-10-24-1 | Korman, John | D.8 Water & Sediment Basins (2) | \$6,710 | \$5,033 |

After reviewing this request for cost share assistance a motion was made by Ausen and seconded by Nelson approving the project# CWL-CSA-10-24-1 with the dollar amount mentioned above. Results of a roll call vote were as follows: Affirmative- Kropp, Ausen, Dahl and Nelson. Opposed -- None. **The motion carried.**

VI. New Business:

- Discussed upcoming SE Area Association of SWCD's fall meeting at the Miracle Lodge in Stewartville on Sept. 16. Kropp, Dahl and staff will attend.
- Staff would like to attend the BWSR Training Academy in Breezy Point, Oct. 26 – 28th. Funds are available from GBERBA for training. After some discussion a motion was made by Nelson and seconded by Dahl authorizing staff to attend. Results of a roll call vote were as follows: Affirmative- Kropp, Ausen, Dahl and Nelson. Opposed -- None. **The motion carried.**
- NRCS Agency report was given by Ed Moffett. He has been making EQIP payments, the General CRP sign-up produced 16 applications, staff is working on CCRP enrollments, CSP and EQIP sign-up dates will be announced soon.
- Ed then asked the board if they are interested in having a formal EQIP Local Workgroup meeting. This meeting is held for interested parties before the sign-up for input as to what practices and/or watersheds would be a priority. Ed states that we haven't had a problem getting projects approved for funding and the docket hasn't changed much since the last LWG meeting, therefore he would recommend holding an open forum instead of a formal meeting. He would take any comments by phone, mail, email or individual meeting.

After some discussion a motion was made by Nelson and seconded by Dahl to suspend the formal meeting for this year and proceed with the open forum options. Results of a roll call vote were as follows: Affirmative- Kropp, Ausen, Dahl and Nelson. Opposed -- None. **The motion carried.**

- Don F. reported on the GBERBA Tech Committee Meeting he attended on Aug. 25th in Mankato. Minutes and Cost Share projects were acted on. Reports were given by staff and agency personnel. Topics included; Clean Water Grant for 2011 projects, buffer initiative, Invasive species management tools, and the BWSR Academy.
- Reviewed the Turtle Creek W.D. minutes from their August 17th meeting.
- Reviewed well records.
- Reviewed correspondence from DNR regarding the Rotenone treatment for White Lake.
- Chairman Kropp asked about the status of replacing the our district's credit card with a different one after receiving notice last month that our current credit card company will no longer carry our account. Brenda reported that she has not acquired a new district credit card yet.

VII. Adjournment:

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

The next regular meeting will be held **Thursday, October 14, 2010** at 7:30 **A.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,

Christopher Dahl, Board Secretary

Date