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**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
November 10th, 2011**

- 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	Brenda Lageson, District Administrative Assistant
Dave Ausen, Treasurer	Mark Schaetzke, District Technician
Paul Heers, Jr., Board Secretary	Ed Moffett, NRCS District Conservationist
Colin Wittmer, Supervisor	

- Absent:**

Chris Dahl, Vice-Chair

- III. **Minutes of the Previous Meeting:**
 - Minutes of the October 13th regular meeting were approved as presented on a motion made by Ausen and seconded by Heers, Jr. Results of a roll call vote were as follows: Affirmative- Kropp, Ausen, Heers, Jr. and Wittmer. Opposed – None. **The motion carried.**

- IV. **Treasurer's Report:**
 - The treasurer's balance as of October 31st, 2011, was \$1,833.86 in checking and \$305,550.37 in savings. A motion approving the treasurer's report as read and payment of bills was made by Wittmer and seconded by Heers, Jr. Results of a roll call vote were as follows: Affirmative- Kropp, Ausen, Heers, Jr. and Wittmer. Opposed – None. **The motion carried.**
 - Received contribution agreement reimbursement from NRCS via MASWCD for writing CRP plans.
 - Schaetzke has passed his Wetland Delineator Certification. There is a processing fee of \$140. A motion was made by Ausen and seconded by Heers, Jr. authorizing payment of the processing fee. Results of a roll call vote were as follows: Affirmative- Kropp, Ausen, Heers, Jr. and Wittmer. Opposed – None. **The motion carried.**

- V. **State Cost Share Program Actions and/or Information:**
 - Received our state grants from BWSR on Oct. 28th. A motion adopting the same cost share policies made last year was made by Ausen and seconded by Heers, Jr. Results of a roll call vote were as follows: Affirmative- Kropp, Ausen, Heers, Jr. and Wittmer. Opposed – None. **The motion carried.**

VI. New Business:

- NRCS Agency report given by Ed Moffett, District Conservationist. Ed reported on current workload, the NRCS budget, EQIP sign-up has started, and that the new Ducks Unlimited technician has started.
- Kropp and Schaetzke reported on a Fair Board meeting they attended on Nov. 1st. Discussion was regarding the possible building of a new conservation building.
- Staff reported on the BWSR Academy training they attended Oct. 25-27th.
- Schaetzke reported on a grant opportunity with MPCA in the LeSueur Watershed. Involves landowner interviews on conservation what they are doing or not doing and why.
- Schaetzke reported on training he will be attending on Nov. 17 in St. Peter. This training is on how to complete the 1026 wetland determination process.
- Staff reported on current workload.
- Reviewed contract for services with Mower SWCD. Involves taking an inventory of BMP practices installed in the last 10 years in the Cedar River Basin. After some discussion a motion was made by Ausen and seconded by Wittmer to enter into this contract with Mower SWCD. Results of a roll call vote were as follows: Affirmative- Kropp, Ausen, Heers, Jr. and Wittmer. Opposed – None. **The motion carried.**
- Reviewed proposed amendments to the county water plan.
- Reviewed Turtle Creek WD minutes from their October 18th meeting.
- Reviewed Tillage Transect Report.
- Reviewed Wedge Creek Habitat Improvement Plan Summary from Shell Rock W.D.
- Reviewed MOU between Hiawatha Valley RC&D and Driftless Area Initiative, Inc.
- Reviewed minutes from MASWCD Board of Directors, Sept. 14th meeting.

VII. Adjournment:

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

The next regular meeting will be held **Thursday, December 8th, 2011** at 1:30 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,

Paul Heers, Jr., Board Secretary

Date