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MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF BOARD OF SUPERVISORS April 10th, 2008

- 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	Don Flatness, District Manager
Cole Pectorious, Vice Chairman	Brenda Lageson, District Administrative Assistant
Obert Haldorson, Secretary	Mark Schaetzke, District Technician
Dave Ausen, Treasurer	Ed Moffett, NRCS District Conservationist
Chris Dahl, Supervisor	

ABSENT:

None

II. Minutes of the Previous Meeting:

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

III. Treasurer's Report:

- The treasurer's balance as of March 31st, 2008**, was \$6,450.04 in checking and \$249,156.23 in savings. A motion approving the treasurer's report as read and payment of bills was made by Pectorious and seconded by Haldorson. Results of a roll call vote were as follows: Affirmative- Kropp, Pectorious, Haldorson, Ausen and Dahl. Opposed -- None. **The motion carried.**

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

District Manager Flatness announced that the following have requested cost-share assistance:

<u>Contract #</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Practice</u>	<u>Est. Cost</u>	<u>Encumbered</u>
FY08-08	Paul Hansen	D.4 Grade Stab. Structure (4 ea.)	\$6,500	\$4,875
CWL07-01	David Thunstedt	D.5 Grassed Waterway (700')	\$2,900	\$1,764

After discussion, motion to approve Hansen's structures subject to receipt of technical approval authority signature from the NRCS Area Engineering Staff was made by Haldorson and seconded by Dahl. Results of a roll call vote were as follows: Affirmative- Kropp, Pectorious, Haldorson, Ausen and Dahl. Opposed -- None. **The motion carried.**

Cost Share funds for the Thunstedt Waterway will come from a Clean Water Legacy Act Grant available through the Greater Blue Earth River Basin Alliance (GBERBA). The cost estimate is \$2,900 for 700 ft. of waterway construction with tile support. Because the cost share available from this funding source is limited to \$2.52 per lineal foot of waterway constructed, the cost share payment will be limited to 75% of the actual cost or \$1,764, whichever is less.

A motion approving the project with the dollar amounts mentioned above was made by Pectorious and seconded by Ausen. Results of a roll call vote were as follows: Affirmative- Kropp, Pectorious, Haldorson, Ausen and Dahl. Opposed -- None. **The motion carried.**

VI. New Business:

- NRCS Agency report given by Ed Moffett, District Conservationist. Ed presented the Board of Supervisors with a plaque from NRCS recognizing our 60th year anniversary. Still no Farm Bill, currently working on an extension that expires April 18th. EQIP status reviews have been completed. Hiawatha Valley RC&D's new Coordinator would like to come to one of our upcoming board meetings and meet everyone.
- Flatness, Schaetzke and Haldorson reported on the Area 7 meeting they attended in Kasson on April 1st. They started with a short business meeting, discussion was held on increasing dues for next year. A motion was made and passed to authorize payment of all appropriate expenses incurred when the Area 7 Director attends the national convention. They also rescinded a previous motion to limit reimbursable expenses. There were several agency reports and informative sessions. Discussion of a possible tour in June 2008.
- Ausen and Dahl reported on Legislative Day at the Capitol they attended on February 25 and 26th in St. Paul. They met with Senator Dan Sparks, Representatives Robyn Brown and Jeanne Poppe.
- Ausen and Moffett reported on the RC&D meeting they attended in Rochester on March 24th. They held their regular business meeting, discussion regarding dues, North Central update, Leadership update, Value added ag conference, grazing workshops, driftless area initiative, budget 2008, workers compensation, endowments and changing by-laws.
- Haldorson reported on the GBERBA meeting he attended on March 14th. They approved bills to pay, budget and cost share requests. Reports given were; technical committee update, 2008 CIG proposal, HF2536 Lanning Bill, un-sewered communities, and agency reports
- Brenda reported on the Administrative training she attended in Carlton on March 17 & 18. She reported that there were several informative sessions which included; BWSR requirements for web site and financial reporting, Roberts Rules of Order, improving time management, open meeting law, and strategies for effective communication.
- Mark gave a 2008 tree program report to the board. We have sold close to 10,000 trees so far this year, trees will be delivered next week. Albert Lea High School students will help with tree planting for Arbor Day if weather permits.
- Read minutes from the Turtle Creek Watershed regular meeting held March 18th.
- Discussion was held on our upcoming tour. Board decided on June 19th for the date, with June 26th for a rain date. Staff will work on tour route, transportation, meal reservation and park building rental similar to the plan for last year which was cancelled due to severe weather.

VII. Adjournment:

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

The next regular meeting will be held **Thursday, May 8th, 2008** 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,

Obert Haldorson, Board Secretary

Date