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MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

March 13, 2008

- I. The meeting was called to order** at 1:30 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

Obert Haldorson, Secretary

Cole Pectorious, Vice Chairman

Don Flatness, District Manager

Brenda Lageson, District Administrative Assistant

Mark Schaetzke, District Technician

Ed Moffett, NRCS District Conservationist

ABSENT:

Dave Ausen, Treasurer

Chris Dahl, Supervisor

II. Minutes of the Previous Meeting:

- Minutes of the February 14th 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 and Haldorson. Opposed -- None. **The motion carried.**

III. Treasurer's Report:

- **The treasurer's balance as of February 29th, 2008**, was \$2,379.11 in checking and \$261,259.07 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 and Haldorson. Opposed -- None. **The motion carried.**

Reviewed request from School District 241 Science Fair. After some discussion a motion was made by Haldorson and seconded by Pectorious to donate \$50.00 as we have in the past. Results of a roll call vote were as follows: Affirmative- Kropp, Pectorious and Haldorson. Opposed -- None. **The motion carried.**

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

- Reviewed New Native Buffer Cost Share Program Grant being offered by BWSR. After some discussion a motion was made by Pectorious and seconded by Haldorson to apply for these program funds. Results of a roll call vote were as follows: Affirmative- Kropp, Pectorious and Haldorson. Opposed -- None. **The motion carried.**

V. Old Business

- Reviewed policy regarding election of SWCD Supervisors. **The following resolution was offered by Pectorious and seconded by Haldorson.** Results of a roll call vote were as follows: Affirmative- Kropp, Pectorious and Haldorson. Opposed -- None. **The motion carried.**

Resolution Affirming Election of Supervisors “at large”

Whereas, currently our SWCD Supervisors represent pre-determined nomination districts and new candidates for an open position must reside in that nomination district.

And Whereas, The candidates are then voted upon by the entire electorate of the county;

Therefore, be it resolved, that the election option described above as outlined in Minnesota Statute 103C.311 subdivision 1 is the option our board wishes to continue using and does not wish to change to the option described in subdivision 2 of the same statute. Option 2 provides for election by the people who reside in the nomination district only. SWCD Nomination Districts must then also align with county commissioner districts.

VI. New Business:

- NRCS Agency report was given by Ed Moffett, District Conservationist. Farm Bill has been extended until April 18th. EQIP contracts totaled \$70,000.00. All EQIP status reviews have been completed. ArcGIS and Tool-Kit are being updated on staff computers.
- Haldorson and Don F. reported on the GBERBA Technical meeting they attended on Feb. 27th in Mankato. Topics covered included; Planning of Annual Meeting and Summer Tour, Conservation Innovation Grant, New training funds available, Upcoming Drainage Conference, Un-sewered communities and a legislative proposal for water planning on a basin wide basis. Presentations were given on Greater Blue Earth Turbidity, Wisconsin Water Quality Monitoring Program and LiDar (Light Detection and Ranging).
- Brenda gave a PowerPoint Presentation with highlights on her Leadership trip to Washington DC, March 1 – 5th. There were several professional appointments and tour of Capitol, Senate Bldg., and Supreme Court Bldg. just to name a few.
- Staff reported on the Area 7 Annual Employee Meeting they attended on March 11th in Stewartville. Regular Business, Discussion on computer access changes, Agency Reports, Requirements for Web sites, PRAP (Performance Review & Assistance Program) by Don Buckhout, BWSR, SE Flood presentation by Daryl Buck, Winona SWCD, and an Invasive Species Update by Jamie Edwards, DNR.
- Don F. reported on his meeting with a representative from MCIT regarding “contents insurance on tree stock”. After some discussion it was decided by the board not to invest in this type of insurance at this time.
- Reviewed the Turtle Creek Watershed District Minutes from their Feb. 19th meeting.
- Reviewed Legislative Update from Judy Erickson, SWCD Lobbyist.
- Reviewed a Summary of the Tillage Transect Survey completed by our staff in May of 2007.
- Reviewed a draft agenda for Area 7 Association meeting to be held April 1st in Kasson. A motion was made by Pectorious and seconded by Haldorson authorizing any staff or supervisors to attend as their schedules allow. Results of a roll call vote were as follows: Affirmative- Kropp, Pectorious and Haldorson. Opposed -- None. **The motion carried.**

VII. Adjournment:

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

The next regular meeting will be held **Thursday, April 10th, 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