



**Freeborn Soil & Water  
Conservation District**

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**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

**May 13<sup>th</sup>, 2008**

- I. The meeting was called to order** at 7:30 A.M. by Chairman Don Kropp in our district office located at 1400 West Main Street, Albert Lea, MN. Chairman Kropp introduced Jeff Koster, Hiawatha Valley RC & D Coordinator from Rochester.

Those present were as follows:

Don Kropp, Chairman

Cole Pectorious, Vice Chairman

Obert Haldorson, Board Secretary

Don Flatness, District Manager

Brenda Lageson, District Administrative Assistant

Mark Schaetzke, District Technician

Ed Moffett, NRCS District Conservationist

Dan Pazdernik, NRCS Soil Conservationist

ABSENT:

Dave Ausen, Treasurer

Chris Dahl, Supervisor

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

- Minutes of the April 10<sup>th</sup> 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 April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2008, was \$3,156.81 in checking and \$272,347.92 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.**

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

- None at this time.

**V. New Business:**

- Jeff Koster, Hiawatha Valley RC & D spoke to our group. Jeff updated us on projects he has worked on in other counties which include weed control, alternative fuel sources, aerial seeding and gun club site renovation. He is interested in getting a project going in Freeborn County and is looking for ideas. RC & D can help with implementation and may help seek or match funding for projects.



- Reviewed well records.
- Progress was discussed re: Our upcoming conservation tour scheduled for June 19<sup>th</sup>. The Edgewater Park North Pavilion has been rented. Hy-Vee has been contacted and they will deliver the meal about 5 p.m. (estimated cost \$300). Guest list was discussed, staff will send invitations out 2 weeks before the event. Staff is still working on the tour route. Staff will also contact Albert Lea Bus.

Suggestion was made to order shirts with the SWCD logo to be worn that day. Brenda had a cost estimate from Reinertson's Embroidery for approximately \$325 (which includes a \$75 one time set-up fee). After some discussion a motion was made by Pestorius and seconded by Haldorson to authorize staff to order shirts with our district logo for staff and supervisors.

- Read memo from Bob Borchert re: The Area Resolutions Meeting will be June 17<sup>th</sup>, 12:30 p.m. at the Peoples Co-op in Rochester. This will be discussed again at our next regular district meeting.
- Reviewed information from MASWCD regarding the 2008 SWCD Election Process. Staff has put a link on the District's web-site. Staff will also distribute a news release to local newspapers.
- Mark requested to attend Wetland Training Delineation training. After some discussion a motion was made by Haldorson and seconded by Pestorius to authorize Mark to attend Wetland Delineation training in Redwood Falls, June 16 – 20<sup>th</sup> and reimburse allowable expenses. Results of a roll call vote were as follows: Affirmative- Kropp, Pestorius and Haldorson. Opposed -- None. **The motion carried.**
- Staff requested authorization to attend the MACDE Summer Conference. After some discussion a motion was made by Pestorius and seconded by Haldorson authorizing staff to attend the summer conference at Breezy Point on June 23 – 25. Results of a roll call vote were as follows: Affirmative- Kropp, Pestorius and Haldorson. Opposed -- None. **The motion carried.**
- Shell Rock W.D. called for assistance in setting up their new web-site. After some discussion a motion was made by Pestorius and seconded by Haldorson authorizing Brenda to help as needed. Results of a roll call vote were as follows: Affirmative- Kropp, Pestorius and Haldorson. Opposed -- None. **The motion carried.**

## VI. Adjournment:

- There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by Pestorius and seconded by Haldorson. 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, June 12<sup>th</sup>, 2008 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,

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**Obert Haldorson, Board Secretary**

**Date**