

AITKIN COUNTY SWCD  
130 SOUTHGATE DRIVE  
AITKIN, MN 56431

Minutes of the Aitkin County Soil & Water Conservation District Board of Supervisors meeting held on Wednesday, August 25, 2010 at 9:00 a.m. at the Ag Service Center.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Those attending were:

Mike Lentz, Chair  
Frank Turnock, Treasurer  
Joe Courier, Reporter  
Donna Rae Asp, Secretary  
Steve Hughes, District Manager  
Scott Kittleson, District Conservationist  
Dale Lueck, Aitkin County Landowner

Those absent were:

Bob Janzen, Vice Chair  
Lori Nelson, District Secretary

Additions to the agenda:

- Gayleen Touhey, Shoreline Buffer Planting Workshop
- Tamarack Sno-Flyers, Rain Garden
- Hazeltown Township/Dan Bobseen
- Correction to Bills over \$1500/Big Sandy Lake Association, \$3264.12
- Lakes Printing, \$1697.87
- Final Financial Reports
- NRCS Letter
- Area III Annual Meeting

A motion was made by Joe Courier and seconded by Donna Rae Asp to approve the amended agenda. Approved.

A motion was made by Frank Turnock and seconded by Joe Courier to accept the July 20, 2010 minutes as sent out. Approved.

#### TREASURER'S REPORT

A motion was made by Donna Rae Asp and seconded by Joe Courier to accept the July financial statement. Approved.

## CHECKS WRITTEN

A motion was made by Joe Courier and seconded by Donna Rae Asp to approve checks written. Approved.

## CORRESPONDENCE

Discussion.

## DALE LUECK, AITKIN COUNTY LANDOWNER

Discussion of T.A. Towers Lessard Outdoor Heritage Council Application from November 2009. Dale also disagrees with the 2010 Acquisition Application citing "potential source for fertilizer runoff". "SWCD is on record as supporting." Do you want to take a stand? Discussion. A motion was made by Frank Turnock and seconded by Joe Courier to set policy that the SWCD Board requires a minimum of 30 days for applications in order to review and approval of staff time. Approved.

## FY 2011 SWCD BASE GRANT AGREEMENT

A motion was made by Joe Courier and seconded by Donna Rae Asp to sign the FY 2011 SWCD Base Grant Agreement. Approved.

## SIGNATURE CARDS

A motion was made by Donna Rae Asp and seconded by Joe Courier to approve the signing of signature cards for Security State Bank. Approved.

## NACD DUES

A motion was made by Mike Lentz and seconded by Frank Turnock to not contribute to NACD. Approved.

## RC&D DUES

A motion was made by Frank Turnock and seconded by Joe Courier to pay \$300 to RC&D. Approved.

## BIG SANDY LAKE ASSOCIATION

A motion was made by Donna Rae Asp and seconded by Joe Courier to approve payment to Big Sandy Lake Association in the amount of \$3264.12. Approved.

#### LAKES PRINTING

A motion was made by Frank Turnock and seconded by Joe Courier to pay Lakes Printing \$1697.87. Approved.

#### GAYLEEN TOUHEY/SHORELAND BUFFER PLANTING WORKSHOP

A motion was made by Joe Courier and seconded by Donna Rae Asp to approve Gayleen Touhey, Shoreland Buffer Planting Workshop \$2100 not to exceed 50%. Approved.

#### TAMARACK SNO-FLYERS/RAIN GARDEN

A motion was made by Donna Rae Asp and seconded by Joe Courier to approve Tamarack Sno-Flyers/Rain Garden \$1500 not to exceed 50%. Approved.

#### HAZELTOWN TOWNSHIP

A motion was made by Frank Turnock and seconded by Joe Courier to approve \$20,000 not to exceed 50% pending documentation of approval from Mille Lacs Watershed. Approved.

#### COST-SHARE PAYMENT/DIANE RYDRYCH/\$2898.50

A motion was made by Joe Courier and seconded by Donna Rae Asp to approve payment of \$2898.50 to Diane Rydrych. Approved.

#### AREA III ANNUAL MEETING/SEPTEMBER 23, 2010

The Area III Annual meeting will be held on Thursday, September 23, 2010. Mike Lentz and Frank Turnock will be attending. Donna Rae Asp and Joe Courier will let us know if they will attend.

Discussion of office layout-possibly get together before new lease-switch offices with FSA.

#### FINAL FINANCIAL REPORTS

Final Financial Reports were reviewed.

## RC&D REPORT

Received some funds from NRCS.

Applicants for assistance need to own land. Money will not go towards purchasing land. Aitkin SWCD will not endorse the McGrath project.

## SNAKE RIVER WATERSHED

- Funding is strong.
- Future projects discussed.

## CHRIS MOSER

Chris Moser requested a loan for dump truck and manure spreader.

A motion was made by Frank Turnock and seconded by Joe Courier that he is an active Ag Producer and the equipment will benefit water quality. Approved.

TSA REPORT (No report)

## DISTRICT MANAGER'S REPORT

Donna Rae Asp is choosing to not take reimbursement for expenses from the Aitkin County SWCD at this time. The Aitkin County SWCD Board accepts her decision.

## KELSEY KLUCAS/\$600

A motion was made by Frank Turnock and seconded by Joe Courier to pay Kelsey Klucas \$600 for Minnesota Forest Resource Council work. Approved

Rain Garden (earthwork) is completed at Long Lake Conservation Center.

DISTRICT CONSERVATIONIST'S REPORT (see attached)

FOREST STEWARDSHIP PLAN WRITER REPORT (see attached)

PRAP (PERFORMANCE REVIEW AND ASSISTANCE PROGRAM  
AUDITOR)

Discussion.

ATV TRAIL GEOBLOCK TOUR

There was a tour on Monday, August 23, 2010 to see how well the GeoBlock was performing on the ATV trails.

Meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Rae Asp  
Secretary