

AITKIN COUNTY SWCD
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Minutes of the Aitkin County Soil & Water Conservation District Board of Supervisors meeting held on Tuesday, April 21, 2009 at the Ag Service Center. Meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Donna Rae Asp, Chair.

Those attending were:

Those absent were:

Donna Rae Asp, Chair
Bob Janzen, Vice Chair
Russ Ruud, Secretary
Mike Lentz, Treasurer
Frank Turnock, Reporter
Steve Hughes, District Manager
Lori Nelson, District Secretary
Scott Kittleson, District Conservationist

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Additions to the agenda:

- Special District Form
- Letter to sign re: audit

A motion was made by Frank Turnock and seconded by Bob Janzen to approve the amended agenda. Approved.

A motion was made by Russ Ruud and seconded by Frank Turnock to approve the March 16, 2009 minutes. Approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Discussion re: financial outlook for remainder of 2009 and into 2010.

A motion was made by Bob Janzen and seconded by Frank Turnock to approve the March financial statement. Approved.

A motion was made by Frank Turnock and seconded by Mike Lentz to approve checks written. Approved.

CORRESPONDENCE

Discussion.

OLD BUSINESS

TREE TEAM MEETING WITH MASWCD

Meeting was held in Brainerd. Next meeting will be the end of May. Forestry and Water Quality future projects were discussed.

Frank Turnock suggested attending Legislative Days in the future.

WETLAND BANKING UPDATE

Discussion. Working with banking applications.

WATER PLANNING ACTIVITIES

Steve Hughes will have a draft of the Water Plan for the next Water Planning meeting. Discussion re: rain garden in the back of the Ag Service Center.

TREE SALES

Update on the tree sales for 2008/2009.

FLOW METER RENT

Joni Torgerson, Kennecott is renting the flow meter from Aitkin County Soil & Water for \$25/day.

BILLS OVER \$1500

A motion was made by Frank Turnock and seconded by Bob Janzen to approve payment of \$1900 to Hugh Heinecke, CPA. Approved.

A motion was made by Russ Ruud and seconded by Bob Janzen to approve payment of \$6900 to RMB Env. Lab Inc. Approved.

A motion was made by Russ Ruud and seconded by Frank Turnock to approve payment of \$1620 to RMB Env. Lab Inc. Approved.

LOGGER'S WORKSHOP

Good attendance. A number of topics were covered.

RESOLUTION RE: WETLAND BANKS FOR MINING IMPACTS

A resolution was recommended by the Technical Evaluation Panel for the County Board approval. A motion was made by Mike Lentz and seconded by Frank Turnock to write a letter of support. Approved.

FLEMING BROOK WATERSHED

A meeting was held on Friday, April 17, 2009 at the Fleming Town Hall. Greg Saunders is the Chair. EAW needs to be approved by the County and can then move ahead with public meeting and grant writing to get the \$to do the work , etc.

OFFICE DYNAMICS/NEW OFFICE SPACE

Discussion. Scott Kittleson and Candi Fuller will be moving to the office that was occupied by First National Insurance Agency.

LUNCH

MEETING CALLED BACK TO ORDER

TSA 3 MERGER REPORT

The TSA Merger will take place by July 1, 2009. Meeting was held in Duluth in March re: budget, personnel policy etc. The next meeting will be April 22, 2009 in Carlton.

TOWNSHIP AG INSPECTOR REPORT

The Township Ag Inspector meeting was held in McGregor. Steve Hughes made a presentation.

2009/2010 FUNDING OUTLOOK

This was discussed earlier in detail under the Treasurer's Report.

SPECIAL DISTRICT FINANCIAL REPORTING FORM 2007/2008

Steve Hughes filled out this form for 2007 and will be completing the 2008 Special District Financial Reporting form by the end of June.

HUGH HEINECKE, CPA

Letter was signed re: audit.

RC&D REPORT (Russ Ruud)

- Russ thanked Scott Kittleson for attending. Ross Wagner spoke at the RC&D meeting.
- Wind turbine workshop
- By-laws
- State RC& D meeting will be held at the Cloquet Forestry Center.

SNAKE RIVER REPORT (Donna Rae Asp)

- Project update
- Summer intern, Yigliola Malca
- Bear Creek

IMPACT 6 REPORT (Donna Rae Asp)

- Training on CAD software, etc. \$1800

DISTRICT MANAGER'S REPORT

- June 20, Rivers & Lakes Fair
- Resolution meeting June 5, 2009 in Carlton, same place as last year, \$15 per person, 9:00-3:30.
- New vehicle from county (Jeep)

DISTRICT TECHNICIAN'S REPORT

- Three grants are ending in June
- Rivers and Lakes Fair
 - Brochures need to be completed.
 - All presenters are planned for the fair.

- Aitkin County SWAG, 2 yr. grant, 1 yr. sampling
- Mille Lacs Watershed meeting April 20, 2009
 - Shannon Smith analyzed data. Preliminary report was given, low dissolved oxygen. Public meeting will be held on June 22.
- Mille Lacs SWAG Grant
 - Shoreland revegetation project grant through MN Waters
 - City of Wahkon will be putting a rain garden in for \$800 through a Project Aware Grant.
- Big Sandy Continuation Grant
 - Planting Workshop, May 16, 2009
 - Wetland Restoration n. side of Big Sandy
 - All project money is allocated
 - Wrapping up sampling

DISTRICT CONSERVATIONIST'S REPORT (see attached)

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 19, 2009 at 10:00 a.m. at the Ag Service Center.

A motion was made by Frank Turnock and seconded by Bob Janzen to adjourn at 2:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Russ Ruud
Secretary