

AITKIN COUNTY SWCD
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AITKIN, MN 56431

Minutes of the Aitkin County Soil & Water Conservation District Board of Supervisors meeting held on Tuesday, August 18, 2009 at 10:00 a.m. at the Ag Service Center.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

Additions to the agenda

-Hayland Woods, \$3,192.31
-Committee Assignments for Supervisors and Compensation for Supervisors

A motion was made by Mike Lentz and seconded by Russ Ruud to approve the amended agenda. Approved.

A motion was made by Frank Turnock and seconded by Mike Lentz to accept the July 21, 2009 minutes as corrected. Approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Discussion re: \$ that came in since last meeting. A motion was made by Russ Ruud and seconded by Bob Janzen to accept the July financial statement. Approved.

CHECKS WRITTEN

A motion was made by Mike Lentz and seconded by Bob Janzen to approve checks written. Approved.

CORRESPONDENCE

Discussion.

WATER PLANNING UPDATE

A Public Hearing was held at the courthouse on August 11, 2009. BWSR review was held on August 12, 2009 in Wadena. The County Board will officially adopt it. The next Water Plan meeting will be held on Wednesday, August 19, 2009.

WETLAND BANKING UPDATE

-Points North—BWSR will review appeal. Appeal in process and will take a few months yet to settle.

-Mining Company Mitigation-Receiving information now and thinks it is better than a year ago.

SHORELAND ACTIVITIES

Shoreland activities has picked up a little bit—some site reviews and enforcement.

MASWCD MEETING

Steve Hughes, Dan Steward, and Brad Matlack will be attending the MASWCD meeting on Tuesday, August 25, 2009 in St. Paul (State Board meeting) and have about one hour on the agenda.

GRANTS

Bonnie Finnerty, MPCA has a Mille Lacs Watershed/CWP grant available and SWCD would be the fiscal agent.

Conservation Easement Application

Tree Team Application

PLASMA GASIFICATION PLANT (Proposed)

Discussion.

FUTURE RENTAL AGREEMENTS

Discussion re: SWCD working out a separate agreement with Bob Cummings instead of being a part of the NRCS rent agreement. At this time no action was taken.

AG SERVICE CENTER GARDEN

Discussion re: Ag Service Center Garden. Also, a rain barrel is now in place and working well to water the garden. Discussion re: rain garden in the back of the Ag Service Center.

BILL OVER \$1500/HAYLAND WOODS \$3192.31

A motion was made by Mike Lentz and seconded by Russ Ruud to approve payment of \$3192.31 to Hayland Woods. Approved.

AREA III MEETING/FALL TOUR

Information presented re: Fall Tour September 23-24, 2009. Mike Lentz asked about making copies for the Area III meeting (Area III budget, 40 copies). SWCD will contribute copies, no cost to Area III for the copies. Mike Lentz and Frank Turnock will attend both days and Bob Janzen will attend for one day.

COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

Mike Lentz went over the list that he put together of meetings attended by supervisors. A motion was made by Mike Lentz to set committee assignments eliminating Fleming Brook Watershed, NE Forage and Grassland and Private Woodlands and adding Mille Lacs Watershed and limiting the MASWCD annual meeting to two supervisors attending and go from there. No second. Russ Ruud requested a copy of the list of meetings attended. Copies were made and handed out. No further discussion.

LUNCH

CALL MEETING BACK TO ORDER

RC&D REPORT (Russ Ruud)

SNAKE RIVER WATERSHED (Donna Rae Asp)

Snake River Watershed is in need of projects. At this time landowners do not have the 25%. Chris Kuklis, MPCA is looking to see if MPCA could go higher.

Lynn Carter is working on a presentation re: intro to SWCDs and Snake River Watershed.

TSA 3 (Donna Rae Asp)

Lake Superior dissolved, dollars in this are being put into TSA 3 as they are doing the same thing as Lake Superior did. The next meeting is September 30, 2009.

DISTRICT MANAGER'S REPORT

Steve Hughes showed a presentation re: Lawler Loops ATV Trail.

DISTRICT CONSERVATIONIST'S REPORT (see attached)

FSA REPORT (Dave Petry)

Dave updated the board on FSA Loan Programs, how many loans, \$ amount, etc.

Listening session on FSA perspective will be held at the Itasca County Fair in Grand Rapids 11:00-1:00. Dave invited anyone to go along for this session.

The next meeting will be on Tuesday, September 15, 2009 at 10:00 a.m. at the Ag Service Center.

A motion was made by Bob Janzen and seconded by Frank Turnock to adjourn at 2:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Russ Ruud
Secretary