

AITKIN COUNTY SWCD  
130 SOUTHGATE DRIVE  
AITKIN, MN 56431

Minutes of the Aitkin County Soil & Water Conservation District Board of Supervisors meeting held on Tuesday, July 21, 2009 at 10:00 a.m. at the Ag Service Center.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Those attending were:

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

Those absent were:

Frank Turnock, Reporter

Additions to the agenda:

-Committee assignments for supervisors

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

A motion was made by Bob Janzen and seconded by Mike Lentz to approve the June 16, 2009 minutes. Approved.

#### TREASURER'S REPORT

Discussion. 2<sup>nd</sup> 1/2 of the County \$ received in July in the amount of \$51,177.50.

Discussion re: Steve Hughes and Dennis Thompson 10% reduction. No motion made at this time.

A motion was made by Russ Ruud and seconded by Bob Janzen to accept the June financial statement. Approved.

#### CHECKS WRITTEN

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

#### CORRESPONDENCE

Discussion.

#### AITKIN COUNTY FAIR REPORT

Good fair. Review of the Farm Olympics and fair booth.

#### WATER PLANNING ACTIVITIES

Water Plan is out for review. Public hearing for the Water Plan is Tuesday, August 11, 2009 at 9:00 a.m. at the courthouse.

On August 11, 2009 there is also a meeting in Grand Rapids (Lessard Sams Outdoor Heritage Council).

#### IMPACK 6/REORGANIZATION/MERGER

Very good meeting and discussion. A motion was made by Mike Lentz and seconded by Russ Ruud to return IMPACK 6 refund of \$2629 to TSA 3. Approved.

#### WETLAND BANKING UPDATE

Points North has appealed to BWSR.

Steve Hughes attended wetland training on July 20, 2009. Additional workload is coming.

Update on U.S. Steel.

#### 2010 BUDGET

Copy of what was sent to the County was handed out. No detailed budget at this time.

Steve is working on three grants with Dan Steward.

#### GRAZING WORKSHOP/AUGUST 20, 2009

A motion was made by Donna Rae Asp and seconded by Bob Janzen to approve \$50 for the Grazing Workshop (3 yes, 1 no). Approved.

#### BILLS OVER \$1500

A motion was made by Mike Lentz and seconded by Russ Ruud to approve \$12,785 to RMB Environmental Lab, Inc. Approved.

A motion was made by Russ Ruud and seconded by Bob Janzen to approve \$13,080 to RMB Environmental Lab, Inc. Approved.

#### COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

Discussion re: committee assignments and supervisor compensation. Mike Lentz will come up with a list of what meetings each supervisor attends and bring the list back to the August meeting. At that time can review the list and make any changes and set policy for attending meetings.

#### LUNCH

#### CALL MEETING BACK TO ORDER AT 12:30

#### RC&D REPORT (Russ Ruud)

- NACD Charitable Tax Update
- McGregor Grant
- State Convention/Cloquet Forestry Center

#### SNAKE RIVER REPORT (Donna Rae Asp)

- 10 yr. monitoring data report
- Laminate map
- Lynn Carter, Mille Lacs SWCD is making a brochure and CD on what SWCDs and Snake River Watershed do
- Dana Raines, RC&D is helping Kelly write a grant for Groundhouse River
- CAC meeting time changed

#### TSA 3 REPORT (No report)

#### DISTRICT MANAGER'S REPORT

Tree team (subcommittee of the State Forestry Committee) continues to meet. Two applications, maybe three are being put together. The next meeting is Monday, August 4, 2009 in Brainerd.

Onanegozie RC&D provided information on Emerald Ash Borer and this information was available at the Aitkin County Fair in the Ag Service Center booth.

#### ST CROIX TMDL

Steve Hughes attended meeting re: St. Croix TMDL.

DISTRICT CONSERVATIONIST'S REPORT (see attached)

FOREST STEWARDSHIP PLAN WRITER REPORT (see attached)

MILLE LACS WATERSHED WATER QUALITY PUBLIC MEETING (Bob Janzen)

Bob Janzen attended this meeting on June 22 and reported on this meeting.

#### FLEMING BROOK WATERSHED MEETING

Steve Hughes attended a Fleming Brook Watershed meeting on June 26, 2009. Steve gave general information at this meeting and will be backing out of this group in the future as it is at a point now for DNR, etc. to take over re: state agency review.

The next meeting will be Tuesday, August 18, 2009 at 10:00 a.m. at the Ag Service Center.

A motion was made by Bob Janzen and seconded by Mike Lentz to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,

Russ Ruud  
Secretary