

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, June 16, 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
Frank Turnock, Reporter
Steve Hughes, District Manager
Lori Nelson, District Secretary
Scott Kittleson, District Conservationist

Those absent were:

Russ Ruud, Secretary

Additions and Corrections to the Agenda:

- Joanne Toews \$2498.25
- Customix Concrete \$2003.27
- Jerry Pawlak (not to exceed \$2400)
- S.E.H. \$2400 not \$2550
- Clark Township \$7460.54

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

A motion was made by Frank Turnock and seconded by Bob Janzen to approve the May 19, 2009 minutes. Approved.

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

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

CORRESPONDENCE

Discussion.

TREE SALES REPORT

Steve handed out the 2008/2009 tree sales report. The SWCD sold about 7500 trees this year.

WATER PLANNING ACTIVITIES

-Water Plan update discussion. Water Plan update is due the end of June.
-Rain Garden at Long Lake Conservation Center has been started. Ron Ritter volunteered the use of a backhoe. Great River Gardens has agreed to donate plants. The Water Plan Task Force meeting will be held at Long Lake Conservation Center on Wednesday, June 17 and at that time will be able to see the start of the rain garden. Also, Water Planning will install a rain garden and rain barrel at the SWCD office.

FLEMING BROOK WATERSHED ACTIVITIES

EAW was approved with minor changes. A public information meeting will be held on Friday evening, June 26, in Palisade. Steve Hughes will present overview of the watershed.

IMPACK6/REORGANIZATION/MERGER

Discussion re: reorganization.

A motion was made by Frank Turnock and seconded by Mike Lentz to request a meeting of all nine managers of the IMPACK6 areas to meet on Wednesday, June 24, at 8:30 a.m. in Duluth before the regular meeting to go over issues re: personnel policy, by-laws, etc. of the new TSA 3 and to come to an agreement before the merger happens. Approved.

IMPACK 6 REPORT

-Returning cost-share \$ to districts that were a part of IMPACK 6 (\$2629, Aitkin).

-AGBMP Chisago no longer wants to be a part of the AGBMP. New MOU with AGBMP (AGBMP IMPACK 6 FUNDS) needs to be written. Septic systems will be high priority.

-Contract with BWSR 6/30 extension

-Farm Island Project (plants and logs) Steve will look at the project and take pictures and have a report in July for the Board. Aitkin County SWCD is not sure what they can do because money wasn't paid to the landowner, it was paid to IMPACK 6 as they were not getting paid for this project.

WETLAND BANKING UPDATE

Points North Appeal (430 acres)- Appeal was held on June 4, 2009. There was 20 minutes for each side to present their case, 5 minutes response time, audience for their input, Board went through discussion. Board upheld the staff, reasonable decision. Ron Shelito and Keith Grow attended and commented best run Appeals Board that they had attended.

Mining Co. Mitigation-Discussion. Mining Co., DNR, Army Corp. had a meeting with us to go through all concerns about the site.

ADJOURN FOR LUNCH

CALL MEETING BACK TO ORDER AT 12:35 P.M.

GRANT DEADLINES

-LCCMR

-319 Demo Education Research Projects

-Bonding for two years, end of July. Permanent projects such as conservation easements

-CWP/MPCA

-Clean Water Legacy

-Lessard Sams Outdoor Heritage Council-This application was reworked similar to what we applied for last time

-TMDL \$/Horseshoe Lake

FAIR BOOTH SCHEDULE

The Aitkin County Fair Booth schedule was passed around for anyone to take a shift that wanted to.

MASWCD/2009 DUES

A motion was made by Frank Turnock and seconded by Donna Rae Asp to pay MASWCD dues in the amount of \$1375. (3 Yes, 1 No) Approved.

GRAZING WORKSHOP

Grazing Workshop to be held on August 20, 2009 at Joe Courier's farm. Donation of \$50 was requested. No action taken at this time.

BILLS OVER \$1500

A motion was made by Bob Janzen and seconded by Frank Turnock to pay Aitkin County Planning & Zoning \$3157.03. Approved.

A motion was made by Frank Turnock and seconded by Mike Lentz to pay David Nelson \$2831.25. Approved.

A motion was made by Mike Lentz and seconded by Bob Janzen to pay Joanne Toews \$2498.25. Approved.

A motion was made by Frank Turnock and seconded by Bob Janzen to pay Russ Thompson \$3397.50 pending paperwork from U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. Approved.

A motion was made by Frank Turnock and seconded by Mike Lentz to pay the City of Cromwell \$7944. Approved.

A motion was made by Bob Janzen and seconded by Mike Lentz to pay Customix Concrete \$2003.27. Approved.

A motion was made by Bob Janzen and seconded by Frank Turnock to pay cost-share not to exceed \$2400 to Jerry Pawlak pending installation and inspection. Approved.

A motion was made by Frank Turnock and seconded by Bob Janzen to pay John Grones \$1719.22. Approved.

A motion was made by Mike Lentz and seconded by Bob Janzen to pay Joe Graffunder \$1737.48. Approved.

A motion was made by Frank Turnock and seconded by Bob Janzen to pay Carlton County SWCD \$4342.50. Approved.

A motion was made by Bob Janzen and seconded by Mike Lentz to pay Big Sandy Lake Association \$4618.34. Approved.

A motion was made by Frank Turnock and seconded by Mike Lentz to pay Aitkin County SWCD \$2350.78. Approved.

A motion was made by Bob Janzen and seconded by Frank Turnock to pay Aitkin County SWCD \$1409.61. Approved.

A motion was made by Frank Turnock and seconded by Bob Janzen to pay Clark Township \$7460.54. Approved.

A motion was made by Frank Turnock and seconded by Mike Lentz to pay S.E.H. \$2400 after successful completion of the meeting. Approved.

LONG LAKE CONSERVATION CENTER SCHOLARSHIPS

Discussion. Tabled until a later date.

MN DNR GROUND WATER LEVEL MONITORING WELL AGREEMENTS

A motion was made by Frank Turnock and seconded by Bob Janzen to approve signing of the MN DNR Ground Water Level Monitoring Well Agreements. Approved.

AREA III RESOLUTION MEETING/CARLTON, MN

Excellent meeting and good information. Area meeting will be September 23-24, 2009 in Virginia.

SNAKE RIVER REPORT (no meeting)

DISTRICT MANAGER'S REPORT (no report)

DISTRICT CONSERVATIONIST'S REPORT (see attached)

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 21, 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.

Respectfully submitted,

Russ Ruud
Secretary