

AITKIN COUNTY SWCD  
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Minutes of the Aitkin County Soil & Water Conservation District Board of Supervisors meeting held on Monday, March 16, 2009 at the Ag Service Center. Meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Donna Rae Asp, Chair.

Those attending were:

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

Those absent were:

Bob Janzen, Vice Chair

Additions to the agenda:

-RMB \$2300  
-Aitkin County Environmental Services \$40,358

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

A motion was made by Frank Turnock and seconded by Russ Ruud to approve the February 17, 2009 minutes as corrected. Approved.

#### TREASURER'S REPORT

Steve Hughes handed out deferred revenue reports and discussed. A motion was made by Russ Ruud and seconded by Frank Turnock to approve the February financial report. Approved.

#### CHECKS WRITTEN

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

#### CORRESPONDENCE

Discussion.

## OLD BUSINESS

### LONG LAKE CONSERVATION CENTER SUMMER CAMPS

Discussion. It was decided to put back on agenda later in the year when we get some dollars in.

### LEGISLATIVE DAY AT THE CAPITOL

Steve Hughes attended Legislative Day at the Capitol with Dan Steward on February 23, 2009. They were able to spend some time at BWSR getting support on their proposal before going to the Capitol. Leanne Buck is scheduled to be here on April 6, to meet with the forestry committee that put together the proposals.

### WETLAND BANKING UPDATE

Steve Hughes updated the Board on Points North (property north of the Aitkin Airport).

### WATER PLANNING ACTIVITIES AND ENHANCED WATER PLAN FUNDING

Steve Hughes showed some information that we are receiving from RMB.

### MASWCD DUES

Steve Hughes talked to Leanne at MASWCD re: two payments for MASWCD dues. Leanne is fine with that and happy to have us as a member but asked that a letter be sent requesting paying our dues in two payments.

### BILLS OVER \$1500

A motion was made by Russ Ruud and seconded by Mike Lentz to approve payment of \$2300 to RMB. Approved.

### AITKIN COUNTY ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

A motion was made by Frank Turnock and seconded by Mike Lentz to approve payment of \$40,358 to Aitkin County Environmental Services. Approved.

LUNCH

CALLED MEETING BACK TO ORDER

EXCEPTIONAL NATURAL RESOURCE VALUE (ENRV)

Steve Hughes showed form (ENRV) and discussed the form.

RC&D REPORT (Russ Ruud)

- Marketing Plan. A brochure will be made to tell people what RC&D is.
- RC&D meeting 3/26 in Aitkin
- Stream and water monitoring workshop in North Branch
- Woody Biomass workshop in Brainerd
- State Convention hosted by RC&D end of July at the Cloquet Forestry Center.

SNAKE RIVER REPORT (Donna Rae Asp)

- Project update
- Summer intern
- TMDL update (entire watershed and will start 2011)

IMPACT 6 REPORT (Donna Rae Asp)

- TSA Agreement (Steve Hughes and Donna Rae Asp will meet in Duluth on 3/17/09)

DISTRICT MANAGER'S REPORT

- Funding update (County, State \$ expected haven't heard of any cuts at this time, no \$ expected from Lessard Outdoor Heritage Council)
- Vehicle received from the County (White Jeep)

DISTRICT CONSERVATIONIST'S REPORT (see attached)

- Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) presentation
- DISTRICT TECHNICIAN'S REPORT (Janet)

-Big Sandy Continuation Grant wrap-up. All \$ are allocated except for about  
\$1,000

-Update on new grants for Big Sandy  
-TMDL 3 month extension from June

FOREST STEWARDSHIP PLAN WRITER REPORT (see attached)

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 21, 2009, at the Ag Service  
Center at 10:00 a.m.

A motion was made by Frank Turnock and seconded by Mike Lentz to adjourn at  
2:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Russell Ruud  
Secretary