

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, May 19, 2009 at 10:00 a.m. at the Ag Service Center.

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:

Mike Lentz, Treasurer

Additions to the agenda:

- Representative needed from SWCD Board to be on the WCA Appeals Board/June 4, 2009
- MN DNR (trees) \$4689
- Farm Family of the Year/Lunch, 40 Club

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

A motion was made by Frank Turnock and seconded by Bob Janzen to approve the April 21, 2009 minutes. Approved.

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

TREASURER'S REPORT

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

Steve Hughes handed out the Deferred Revenue Report. Update on \$ coming in (1st ½ of the County money was received in May, expecting the 2nd ½ anywhere between June-Aug instead of December).

CORRESPONDENCE

Discussion.

WELCOME KEVIN DAW, NRCS

Updated the SWCD Board on the EQIP/WHIP sign up. Aitkin being the top district in the sign up.

RESOLUTION IMPACK 6-NEW TSA

Discussion. Steve read an e-mail that was received from Chisago re: request for funds to be returned, 2007 contribution. A motion was made by Frank Turnock and seconded by Russ Ruud to not support Chisago's request for 2007 funds being returned. Approved.

A motion was made by Frank Turnock and seconded by Russ Ruud to accept the resolution for IMPACK 6 to become TSA3. Approved.

A motion was made by Russ Ruud and seconded by Bob Janzen to terminate IMPACK6 effective June 30, 2009. Approved.

Steve Hughes will e-mail the other districts involved and let them know what Aitkin County SWCD Board did re: resolution and 2007 contribution.

WETLAND BANKING UPDATE

Discussion re: Points North. The WCA Appeals Board is made up of 1 County Commissioner, 1 SWCD Supervisor, and 1 Board of Adjustment Representative. A SWCD Supervisor is needed for the WCA Appeals Board. The meeting will be held on June 4, 2009. A motion was made by Russ Ruud to have Donna Rae Asp, Chair be the Board Representative on the WCA Appeals Board. No second. Motion dies. A motion was made by Frank Turnock and seconded by Bob Janzen to have Mike Lentz be the Board Representative on the WCA Appeals Board if Mike agrees to it. Approved. Terry Neff can send Mike information on this.

PERA/EMPLOYER TRAINING SESSION

Steve Hughes and Lori Nelson attended a PERA Workshop in Brainerd on April 29, 2009.

TREE SALES

7000-7500 trees were sold this year. The tree report will be given in June.

WATER PLANNING ACTIVITIES

Water plan update discussion etc.

SHARON & PAT MOENKHAUS/CONSERVATION EASEMENT

230 acres Conservation Easement completed. After completion of the Conservation Easement the landowner receives an incentive payment of \$5,000. A motion was made by Bob Janzen and seconded by Frank Turnock to approve payment of \$5,000 to Sharon & Pat Moenkhaus. Approved.

SMARTWOOD/ANNUAL AUDIT

A motion was made by Russ Ruud and seconded by Bob Janzen to approve payment of \$1,744 for annual audit. Approved.

MN DNR/TREES

A motion was made by Frank Turnock and seconded by Russ Ruud to approve payment of \$4689 to MN DNR. Approved.

FLEMING BROOK WATERSHED ACTIVITIES

As of 5/19/09 EAW is in the mail for review. Meeting will be set up this week or next.

A public informational meeting will be coming up—a requirement of Lonnie Thomas, MN DNR Waters before he writes a permit for any activities.

TSA 3 MERGER REPORT

This was already discussed under item #1.

2009/2010 FUNDING OUTLOOK

We will be seeing some financial hits for NRBG, General Services, Cost-Share but no specific \$ amounts yet. At this time Dan Steward doesn't know any \$

amounts just have to stay informed. There will be some \$ to apply for this fall. Aitkin is in a very good position to apply for these \$.

LUNCH AT THE 40 CLUB/FARM FAMILY OF THE YEAR

CALL MEETING BACK TO ORDER AT 1:35

RESOLUTION MEETING/JUNE 5, 2009, CARLTON

Frank Turnock and Russ Ruud will be attending. Donna Rae Asp may be attending and will talk to Mike Lentz to see if he will be attending.

RC&D REPORT (RUSS RUUD)

SNAKE RIVER REPORT (DONNA RAE ASP)

- Yigilio (summer intern) is working out very well.
- Update on projects

IMPACT 6 REPORT (Donna Rae Asp)

- Wage increases
 - AG BMP/Kanabec County
- Discussion re: to continue having Kanabec County administer the AGBMP Program. Each district would pay \$200. A motion was made by Frank Turnock and seconded by Russ Ruud to approve each district involved to pay \$200 to have Kanabec County administer the AGBMP Program. Approved.

DISTRICT MANAGER'S REPORT

- Mining Company discussion
- BWSR Board meeting to be held May 27, 2009 in the cities to discuss the Enhanced Water Planning project and how it turned out.
- Tree payment. A motion was made by Bob Janzen and seconded by Frank Turnock to approve payment of \$32 to Brad Nelson for helping with trees. Approved.

DISTRICT TECHNICIAN'S REPORT

Updated the Board on grants etc.

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 16, 2009 at the Ag Service Center at 10:00 a.m.

A motion was made by Bob Janzen and seconded by Frank Turnock to adjourn at 2:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Russ Ruud
Secretary