

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, October 20, 2009.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Those attending were:

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

Those absent were:

Russ Ruud, Secretary

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

A motion was made by Mike Lentz and seconded by Bob Janzen to approve the September 15, 2009 minutes. Approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Discussion. A motion was made by Frank Turnock and seconded by Bob Janzen. Approved.

CHECKS WRITTEN

A motion was made by Mike Lentz and seconded by Russ Ruud to approve checks written.

CORRESPONDENCE

Discussion.

MASWCD RESOLUTION PACKET

Resolution packet is due at MASWCD on October 31, 2009.

2009 AREA III FALL TOUR AND MEETING

Mike Lentz and Frank Turnock attended the Area III meeting and tour in Virginia, MN on September 23-24, 2009

WELCOME DANA RAINES FROM Onanegozie RC&D

Dana handed out a summary of projects for 2009.

MASWCD Annual Convention

Mike Lentz and Frank Turnock will attend the MASWCD Annual Convention in Duluth on Dec. 6-8, 2009.

NACD DUES

A motion was made by Frank Turnock and seconded by Mike Lentz to not pay NACD dues this year due to budget restraints.

MFRC LANDSCAPE COMMITTEE

Discussion re: district get involved and have supervisor on this committee. It meets every other month in Grand Rapids. Steve Hughes will attend as a staff person.

RC&D PROPOSED 2010 DUES/\$300

A motion was made by Frank Turnock and seconded by Mike Lentz to approve \$300 dues and will pay when we receive a bill. Approved.

TREE TEAM/FORESTRY/HABITAT/WATER QUALITY GRANTS

Steve updated the board on grants that are being applied for.

RENTAL AGREEMENT

A motion was made by Mike Lentz and seconded by Bob Janzen to sign the lease agreement with Bob Cummings. Approved.

LUNCH

CLEAN WATER PARTNERSHIP

A Clean Water Partnership Grant was applied for \$210,000 Mille Lacs and \$40,000 Big Sandy. After grant applications were sent in found out they were not eligible as the County was not the project sponsor. Many districts applied for these grants and did not receive any dollars. After much discussion with MPCA, etc. it was okayed to reapply if you had specific minutes, resolutions, etc. Aitkin County SWCD had minutes from Big Sandy, Mille Lacs and letter of support from the county. Our application was still not funded. Applications will open up again in January.

BIG SANDY TMDL

An informational meeting was held in McGregor on Friday, September 25, 2009. Barr Engineering attended. Barr Engineering will not finish their part when they expected to. \$24,000 under budget. MPCA okayed Aitkin SWCD to move \$ around to cover the next few months of work.

EPA 319 GRANT

An EPA 319 Grant of \$37,400 contract will be coming soon. It will be for no mow zone, shoreline workshops, Rivers & Lakes Fair, etc. A motion was made by Frank Turnock and seconded by Mike Lentz to approve Steve or Janet to sign the contract when it comes in the mail. Approved.

POINTS NORTH

Update on meeting that was held in Mora at the Kanabec County Courthouse.

FLEMING BROOK

MPCA, DNR, etc. sent back lots of letters to Planning & Zoning with lots of questions re: Fleming Brook.

RC& D REPORT

This was covered under report given by Dana Raines.

SNAKE RIVER REPORT (Donna Rae Asp)

- Snake River is still not spending enough \$.
- Yigliola is no longer at Snake River.

TSA III REPORT (Donna Rae Asp)

Survey equipment was purchased. In January the TSA III meeting will be held in Aitkin County. Possible locations might be Long Lake Conservation Center, Rice Lake Refuge, or Fireside in McGregor.

DISTRICT MANAGER'S REPORT

The Water Plan Tour will be held tomorrow, Wednesday, October 21, 2009. The tour will include Sharon Moenkhaus Conservation Easement, Chris Moser's feedlot and City of McGrath.

DISTRICT CONSERVATIONIST'S REPORT (see attached)

FOREST STEWARDSHIP PLAN WRITER REPORT (see attached)

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 17, 2009 at 10:00 a.m. at the Ag Service Center.

A motion was made by Frank Turnock and seconded by Mike Lentz to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,

Russ Ruud
Secretary