

AITKIN COUNTY SWCD  
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AITKIN, MN 56431

Minutes of the Aitkin County Soil & Water Conservation District Board of Supervisors meeting held on Tuesday, September 15, 2009 at 10:05 a.m. at the Ag Service Center.

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

Those absent were:

Russ Ruud, Secretary  
Scott Kittleson, District Conservationist

Additions to the agenda:

- Conservation Farmer of the Year (MASWCD)
- Cost of goodies at Board Meetings
- Proposed change to the Wetland Banking Ordinance

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

Correction to spelling of Kuklis, should be Klucas. A motion was made by Mike Lentz and seconded by Bob Janzen to approve the August 18, 2009 minutes. Approved.

#### TREASURER'S REPORT

Discussion. General Services Grant & Cost-Share \$ were received early September. Also, \$1,000 was received from MN Resource Council. The Natural Resource Block Grant still coming.

Deferred revenue report was handed out by Steve Hughes and discussed.

A motion was made by Bob Janzen and seconded by Mike Lentz to accept the August financial statement. Approved.

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

#### CORRESPONDENCE

Discussion.

#### WATER PLANNING UPDATE

Final adoption of the Water Plan update needs to be done by the County Board and then it will be complete.

#### WETLAND BANKING UPDATE

Discussion re: Points North Appeal. Pre-hearing conference of Points North will be on Tuesday, Oct. 13 at 9:30 a.m. at the Kanabec County Courthouse in Mora.

A motion was made by Frank Turnock and seconded by Mike Lentz supporting a moratorium on wetland banking. Approved.

Russ arrived at 10:45 a.m.

#### MASWCD MEETING

Update on meeting that was held Tuesday, August 25, 2009 in St. Paul re: tree team proposal etc.

A motion was made by Russ Ruud and seconded by Frank Turnock that supports conservation easements on riparian lands in MN. Approved.

#### PLASMA GASIFICATION PLANT (PROPOSED)

Update on Plasma Gasification Plant. At this time it has been rejected.

#### FUTURE RENTAL AGREEMENTS

Steve Hughes will get together with Bob Cummings to work out future rental agreement as we will no longer be a part of the NRCS rent agreement effective October 1, 2009.

Discussion re: NRCS space agreement. A motion was made by Mike Lentz and seconded by Frank Turnock to approve the space agreement for \$10,178. Approved.

#### LUNCH

Scott Kittleson arrived.

#### FRIENDS OF RICE LAKE REFUGE

A motion was made by Mike Lentz and seconded by Russ Ruud to approve payment of dues to Friends of Rice Lake Refuge in the amount of \$35. Approved.

#### 2009 DRAFT RESOLUTION PACKET

2009 Draft Resolution packet was handed out to the Supervisors.

#### 2009 AREA III FALL TOUR & MEETING

The 2009 Area III Fall Tour and meeting will be held on Wednesday and Thursday, September 23-24, 2009 in Virginia. Mike Lentz, Bob Janzen and Frank Turnock will attend.

#### NRCS SPACE AGREEMENT TO SIGN

This was discussed under future rental agreement and approved.

#### TREE TEAM/FORESTRY/HABITAT/WATER QUALITY GRANTS

Update on these grants.

#### COST-SHARE PROJECTS TO BE APPROVED

A motion was made by Frank Turnock and seconded by Russ Ruud to approve cost-share not to exceed \$2898.50 or 50% of the total eligible costs whichever is less to Diane Rydrich, north side of Big Sandy. Approved.

#### PROPOSED CHANGE TO WETLAND COUNTY ORDINANCE

Re: banking applications, special fees, Steve Hughes will attend.

#### CONSERVATION FARMER OF THE YEAR

A motion was made by Frank Turnock and seconded by Bob Janzen to nominate Joe & Ruth Courier as Conservation Farmer of the Year. Approved.

#### COST OF SNACKS FOR THE BOARD MEETING

Discussion re: snacks for the board meeting. There has to be enough dollars contributed to continue snacks.

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

- Emerald Ash Borer
- Computer Use
- New Farm Bill
- Bill Hunt retirement
- By-laws
- Next meeting is October 22

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

Snake River Watershed Water Quality Analysis, 10 Year Stream Monitoring Data has been prepared by Yigliola Malca.

The St. Croix TMDL meeting will be held on Monday, September 21, at 3:00 p.m.

Projects are still needed for Snake River Watershed.

#### TSA 3 REPORT (Donna Rae Asp)

Donna Rae Asp has been asked to be a part of the Personnel Committee.

#### DISTRICT MANAGER'S REPORT

Mississippi Headwaters Board will be having a meeting on October 14, 2009.

Steve Hughes attended the Land Classification meeting on Thursday, September 10, 2009. City of McGrath was part of the discussion at the meeting.

DISTRICT CONSERVATIONIST'S REPORT (see attached)

FOREST STEWARDSHIP PLAN WRITER REPORT (see attached)

The next meeting will be Tuesday, October 20, 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