

HUBBARD COUNTY SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

MINUTES FROM JANUARY 12, 2010 REGULAR BOARD MEETING

Minutes from the Hubbard County Soil and Water Conservation District Board of Supervisors meeting. 212 ½ Second Street West, Park Rapids, MN.

Members present: Don Sells, Chair
Don Rettinger, Vice-Chair
Carol Berg, Secretary

Members absent: Doug Ralston, Treasurer
Lynden Nelson, PR&I

Others present: Shane Foley, District Manager
Marilyn Berry, District Secretary
Larry Voltz, NRCS District Conservationist, Bemidji

Sells opened the meeting at 10:00 a.m. and led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

AGENDA AND MINUTES

Motion by Berg, seconded by Rettinger, to approve the agenda. Affirmative: Berg, Rettinger, Sells. Opposed: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Rettinger, seconded by Berg to approve the minutes of December 15, 2009. Affirmative: Berg, Rettinger, Sells. Opposed: None. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The treasurer's report for the month of December, 2009 was reviewed and accepted by the board subject to auditor's review.

Motion by Berg, seconded Rettinger to designate State Bank of Park Rapids as the depository for district checking and savings accounts for 2010. Affirmative: Berg, Rettinger, Sells. Opposed: None. Motion carried.

Signing for certificates of deposit was discussed. Motion by Berg, seconded by Rettinger that Shane Foley, Marilyn Berry, Don Sells and Doug Ralston will be approved to sign certificates of deposit. Affirmative: Berg, Rettinger, Sells. Opposed: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Berg, seconded by Rettinger to pay 2010 dues to MASWCD of \$2,750 and NACD of \$750 for 2010. Affirmative: Berg, Rettinger, Sells. Opposed: None. Motion carried.

PUBLIC INPUT

There was no public input.

REPORTS

Chair's Report: No chair's report.

Supervisors' Reports: Berg will be attending the RC&D winter meeting in St. Cloud this month. They will be voting on a budget and electing officers.

Rettinger will be attending a JPB meeting on February 8 in Bemidji.

Manager's Report: Foley reported on his activities during the past month:

- Well run;
- 2010 SWAG grant was approved; 7 of the 13 lakes will be monitored by the SWCD with all costs and staff time included in the grant;
- Foley and Sells attended an Area 8 planning meeting on Jan. 6 in Bemidji; area meetings were set for March 19, June 4, and September 9-10.
- Discussed plat book data and cost with Hubbard County GIS department;
- Provided quote information to plat book companies.

Activities for the next month will include:

- Prepare tree storage building;
- Crow Wing Watershed Intensive Watershed Monitoring meeting in Staples;
- Judge at Laporte Science Fair;
- Final 2008-9 SWAG report will be completed;
- Will send letters and graphs of data per lake to 2008-9 SWAG volunteers who helped monitor lakes;
- Receive final plat book quote;
- E-link reporting for WCA.

There will be a Green Acres Public Forum in March at which Foley will be one of the speakers, addressing the SWCD responsibilities and developing conservation plans. He has also been asked to be on an advisory committee for a Lake Emma Township water quality grant.

OLD BUSINESS

The draft annual work plan for 2010 was reviewed. Motion by Berg, seconded by Rettinger to approve the 2010 Annual Work Plan. Affirmative: Berg, Rettinger, Sells. Opposed: None. Motion carried.

The proposed items for a 2010 calendar of events were reviewed. Dates for Area 8 meetings were added. Motion by Berg, seconded by Rettinger to approve the 2010 Calendar of Events. Affirmative: Berg, Rettinger, Sells. Opposed: None. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Motion by Berg, seconded by Rettinger to adopt the County Local Water Management Plan as the Comprehensive Plan for the Hubbard County SWCD for 2010-2011. Affirmative: Berg, Rettinger, Sells. Opposed: None. Motion carried.

Foley presented a Joint Powers Agreement for WCA administration for 2010 and a resolution to accept administrative responsibility of the WCA for 2010 for Hubbard County. Motion by Berg, seconded by Rettinger to accept the JPA and resolution and sign both copies. Affirmative: Berg, Rettinger, Sells. Opposed: None. Motion carried.

Foley also noted that another supervisor must be appointed to the WCA Appeals Committee along with Sells who is currently a member. Motion by Berg, seconded by Rettinger to add Lynden Nelson as the second member of the committee. Affirmative: Berg, Rettinger, Sells. Opposed: None. Motion carried.

Notification was received from MASWCD that Legislative Days will be February 17-18. Sells and Berg asked to be notified when registration information is received.

Foley presented copies of plat books from three companies and the quotes received for printing Hubbard County plat books. After reviewing the books and quotes, motion by Berg, seconded by Rettinger to proceed with the Rockford Company unless a quote from Farm and Home is less. Discussion: Foley is to check on getting a color background; number of copies to purchase was discussed. Affirmative: Berg, Rettinger, Sells. Opposed: None. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

The mileage rate for 2010 is set at \$.50.

The next JPB meeting will be on February 8 in Bemidji.

DISTRICT CONSERVATIONIST

Larry Voltz, D.C. in Beltrami County, is taking over duties in Park Rapids for January.

The local EQIP work group will be meeting this afternoon. There has been a change from last year in the way things will be set up for this year. The group will gauge resources the same, look at what has been done in the past, but then change to a new set of categories based on land uses. National, state and local criteria will be evaluated for a greater chance of uniformity nationwide. The next EQIP sign-up will most likely be the first part of February.

The Conservation Security Program is progressing. Applications on file have been pre-approved, and the staff will be working on corresponding with applicants.

Voltz will be in the Park Rapids office one day per week in January. In February, the D.C. in Mahanomen may be taking over, depending on schedules. He also noted that as Bill Hunt retired, Jenny Hegland is now acting State Conservationist.

NEXT MEETING: The next regular board meeting of the Hubbard County Board of Supervisors will be on Tuesday, February 9, 2010 at 8:30 a.m. in the office at 212 ½ Second Street W, Park Rapids.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Berg to adjourn the meeting at 11:50 a.m.

APPROVED: _____ SECRETARY _____
Date Carol Berg, Secretary

