

HUBBARD COUNTY SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

MINUTES FROM DECEMBER 9, 2014 REGULAR BOARD MEETING

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

Members present: Don Rettinger, Chair
Lynn Goodrich, Vice-Chair
Bob Iles, Secretary
Don Sells, Treasurer
Ruth Grandy, PR&I

Members absent: Kathy Grell, Hubbard County Commissioner

Others present: Julie Kingsley, District Manager
Melissa Koebernick, District Administrative Assistant
Dan Pazdernik, District Conservationist
Nathan Sitz, Water Quality Resource Specialist

Supervisor Rettinger opened the meeting at 8:37 a.m. and led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

AGENDA AND MINUTES

A motion was made by Supervisor Goodrich to accept the agenda with the addition of Cost-share and Appointment of Supervisor, seconded by Supervisor Iles. Affirmative: All. Opposed: None. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Supervisor Iles to approve the minutes of November 12, 2014, seconded by Supervisor Grandy. Affirmative: All. Opposed: None. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The treasurer's report was accepted as presented, by the board, subject to auditor's review.

PUBLIC INPUT

None.

REPORTS

Supervisors' Reports: Supervisor Rettinger reviewed the Personnel Policy at the Personnel Committee meeting. He will attend the Giziibii meeting on December 10. There was an article regarding the Straight River Groundwater Management Area in the Farmer magazine.

Supervisor Iles attended the League of Women Voters meeting regarding the Straight River Groundwater Management Area.

Supervisor Sells attended the League of Women Voters meeting regarding the Straight River Groundwater Management Area. The DNR will be taking a look at the permits and has already denied some permits. In the Badoura area, the DNR has installed three new inspection wells and will be monitoring for nitrates. On January 6, the League of Women Voters will be holding another forum regarding groundwater issues. Julie Kingsley will be the presenter and will discuss the BWSR Clean Water road map and what we are doing in the county.

Supervisor Goodrich reviewed the Personnel Policy at the Personnel Committee meeting.

Water Quality/Resource Specialist Report - Nate Sitz reported on the following:

- Worked on formatting a template for drainage ditch reports.
- Continued to locate wells for the Geologic Survey.
- Attended the final Crow Wing WRAP meeting.
- Conducted further analysis of car counter data
- Worked on 2015 hour allocations
- DNR Delegation Agreement needs to be signed

District Manager's Report – Julie Kingsley reported on the following:

Last Month

- AIS meeting
- Obwell run – completed 2014 monitoring.
- Personnel Committee meeting to review Personnel Policy
- Envirothon will be held on May 6, 2015 at Lake Bemidji State Park
- Leech Lake River Watershed meeting with RESPEC and run HSPF modeling scenarios
- Meeting with GIS Specialists regarding Local Water Plan
- Straight River GMA meeting discussing DNR actions
- Two more Wild Rice RIM easements have been submitted.
- WCA meeting regarding easements on property and many phone calls

Next Month

- Natural Heritage Webinar
- Enbridge Pipeline 3 open house
- AIS Summit in St. Cloud

Aquatic Invader's Summit – Supervisor Iles made a motion to send Nate Sitz to the Summit in St. Cloud and authorize one night hotel stay, seconded by Supervisor Sells. Affirmative: All. Opposed: None. Motion carried.

Wetland Conference Training – Supervisor Sells made a motion to send Julie Kingsley to the Wetland Conference, seconded by Supervisor Iles. Affirmative: All. Opposed: None. Motion carried.

DISTRICT CONSERVATIONIST

Program Update

- CSP
 - o No information on new signup.
- EQIP
 - o Remaining signup dates: December 19.
 - o EQIP training: January 15 & 16

Outreach/Educational

- National Heritage Information Webinar

Current activities/other

- Fall applied EQIP practice check outs and payments
- CSP renewals/payments
- CSP quality assurance reviews
- Planning for 2015 Grazing Workshop

OLD BUSINESS

Draft Annual Work Plan – Supervisor Sells made a motion to approve the 2015 Work Plan as amended, seconded by Supervisor Grandy. Affirmative: All. Opposed: None. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Pay Equity Report – Supervisor Sells made a motion that we submit the Pay Equity Report as presented, seconded by Supervisor Iles. Affirmative: All. Opposed: None. Motion carried.

2015 Calendar of Events – Supervisor Sells made a motion to approve the 2015 Calendar of Events as presented, seconded by Supervisor Goodrich. Affirmative: All. Opposed: None. Motion carried.

Delegation Agreement – Supervisor Goodrich made a motion to sign and accept the MN Delegation Agreement with the DNR, seconded by Supervisor Grandy. Affirmative: All. Opposed: None. Motion carried.

Appointment for Supervisor – tabled until next month.

Cost-Share – Supervisor Sells made a motion to approve Larsen well-sealing cost-share contract #14-8 for \$275 or 50% of total cost whichever is less, seconded by Supervisor Iles. Affirmative: All. Opposed: None. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

NW Foundation newsletter and MCIT annual report

NEXT MEETING: The next regular board meeting of the Hubbard County Board of Supervisors will be on January 15, 2015 at 8:30 a.m. in the office at 212 ½ Second Street W, Park Rapids. We will be reviewing by-laws, designating financial institution, reorganizing the board and discussing SWCD shirts.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Supervisor Iles to adjourn the meeting, meeting adjourned at 11:52 a.m.

APPROVED: _____

Date

SECRETARY _____

Robert Iles, Secretary

