

HUBBARD COUNTY SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

MINUTES FROM SEPTEMBER 8, 2015 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: Bob Iles, Chair
Lynn Goodrich, Vice-Chair
Don Sells, Treasurer
Ruth Grandy, Secretary
Don Rettinger, PR&I

Members absent: Ed Smith, Hubbard County Commissioner
Dan Pazdernik, District Conservationist

Others present: Julie Kingsley, District Manager
Melissa Koebernick, District Administrative Assistant
Jamin Carlson, Water Quality/Resource Specialist
Alicia Laturmus, Soil Technician

Supervisor Iles opened the meeting at 8:31 a.m. and led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

AGENDA AND MINUTES

A motion was made by Supervisor Sells to accept the agenda with the addition of computer training and to table Administrative Assistant Performance Review until next month, seconded by Supervisor Iles. Affirmative: All. Opposed: None. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Supervisor Sells to approve the minutes of August 11, 2015, 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 Iles attended the NRCS local work group meeting. He also attended a PPI meeting. Supervisor Iles shared an article on DNR float planes that were retrofitted with wheels so they can decontaminate the plane after it has landed in an infested water body.

Supervisor Goodrich attended a PPI meeting. He mentioned that the township association meeting will be held on September 21. Craig Engwall with Minnesota Deer Hunter's Association will be talking about the large land purchase. Supervisor Goodrich also looked at Hubbard County Sheriff's cars with the SWCD staff. He went to the AIS fundraiser held at Sleeping Fawn Resort.

Supervisor Grandy attended the nitrate clinic held at Hart Lake town hall.

Supervisor Sells reported that the Forestry Association is interviewing candidates for the forester position. He attended the public hearing regarding Enbridge's Line 3 proposal.

Water Quality/Resource Specialist's report – Jamin Carlson reported on the following:

Last Month

- Contacted PR Enterprise regarding year-end AIS
- Meeting regarding year-end AIS materials
- Most inspectors are done for the season
- Straight River Groundwater Management Area presentation
- PPI meeting
- Leech Lake WRAPS meeting
- Countywide AIS reports
- Obwell
- Water Quality Monitoring on Long Lake
- Veliger Sampling
- Looked at possible vehicles from Hubbard County Sheriff's Dept

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

Last Month

- NRCS work group meeting
- County Commissioner meeting
- COLA meeting
- Test drove county vehicles
- PPI meeting
- Straight River Groundwater Management meeting
- Groundwater workshop
- Eagle Bay Community Partner's contracts have been signed
- Cost-share site visits
- Obwell
- 3 WCA site visits
- Wild Rice RIM Easements

Next Month

- JPB meeting
- Nevis wellhead protection meeting
- Fall Tour
- Obwell
- WCA site visits

DISTRICT CONSERVATIONIST

Program Update

- No new information

Agency Update

- Feds Feed Families – Potato gleaning

Current activities/other

- Fall applied EQIP practice certifications.
- Field visits for programs and technical assistance.
- Accepting new applications on an ongoing basis.

- Alicia is assisting Cass County NRCS with TA, program applications and program contracts.
- Performance appraisals

OLD BUSINESS

Fall Tour Update – Supervisor Sells and Supervisor Iles will attend both days. Supervisor Goodrich and Supervisor Grandy will attend both days but not be there for the Thursday evening meal. Don Rettinger will go on the tour.

Cost-share – Supervisor Sells made a motion to approve payment of \$137.50 for Walsingham well-sealing cost-share contract, seconded by Supervisor Grandy. Affirmative: All. Opposed: None. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Buffer Implementation – Supervisor Goodrich made a motion to authorize the District Manager to request the funds for the Buffer Initiative and the Minnesota Agricultural Water Quality Certification Program, seconded by Supervisor Rettinger. Affirmative: All. Opposed: None. Motion carried.

District Manager Authorization – no action needed at this time.

Computer Training – Supervisor Sells made a motion to authorize Melissa Koebernick to attend advanced excel training on October 8 – 9, 2015, seconded by Supervisor Grandy. Affirmative: All. Opposed: None. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

Tullibee Forest Stewardship watershed information

NEXT MEETING: The next regular board meeting of the Hubbard County Board of Supervisors will be on October 13, 2015 at 8:30 a.m. in the office at 212 ½ Second Street W, Park Rapids. We will be discussing the Administrative Assistant’s Performance Review, District Manager’s Performance Review, the fall tour, draft annual work plan and resolutions voting.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Supervisor Sells to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Supervisor Iles, meeting adjourned at 12:14 p.m.

APPROVED: 10-14-15 SECRETARY Ruth Grandy
Date Ruth Grandy, Secretary

