

## HUBBARD COUNTY SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

### MINUTES FROM FEBRUARY 9, 2016 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  
                              Ruth Grandy, Secretary  
                              Don Sells, Treasurer  
                              Don Rettinger, PR&I

Members absent:     Ed Smith, Hubbard County Commissioner

Others present:     Julie Kingsley, District Manager  
                              Melissa Koebernick, District Administrative Assistant  
                              Jamin Carlson, Water Quality/Resource Specialist  
                              Dan Pazdernik, District Conservationist

Supervisor Iles opened the meeting at 8:36 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 office furniture and Wadena County AIS, seconded by Supervisor Grandy. Affirmative: All. Opposed: None. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Supervisor Rettinger to approve the minutes of January 12, 2016, seconded by Supervisor Sells. 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.

The board discussed the upcoming 2016 plat books and after some discussion, Supervisor Sells made a motion to offer the 2013 plat books for \$15 or buy a 2013 plat book for \$30 and receive a coupon for a free 2016 plat book, seconded by Supervisor Goodrich. Affirmative: All. Opposed: None. Motion carried.

#### PUBLIC INPUT

None.

#### REPORTS

Supervisors' Reports: Supervisor Iles attended a PPI meeting and he brought an article from Outdoor news regarding cover crops.

Supervisor Goodrich attended a PPI meeting and a meeting regarding the transition of AIS to the County. He went to the Hubbard County Township Association meeting to let them know about the transition of AIS to the County.

Supervisor Sells attended the SWCD Forestry Association meeting. They talked about what the new forester will be working on and that each SWCD will be given 100 hours of his time.

The Supervisors discussed the upcoming Area 8 meeting and they all will attend with the exception of Supervisor Sells. Julie Kingsley, Melissa Koebernick and Dan Pazdernik will also attend the meeting.

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

Last Month

- AIS Master Schedule
- Wadena AIS Contract
- Grant research
- Meeting with lake associations for scheduling
- AIS Transition
- MDH groundwater meeting
- Buffer webinar
- Ditch Inventory work
- WCA
- Clearing office for move

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

Last Month

- MDH groundwater meeting
- Ag Water Quality Certification training
- eLink reports
- PPI meeting
- MN Association of Township meeting
- Buffer Webinar
- Cost-share Kabekona Lake
- Local Water Plan approved
- Pineland Sands Aquifer Grant
- Tullibee Forest Stewardship meeting
- Wild Rice RIM Easements
- 4 new WCA applications, Pickerel Road Hart Lake Township Notice of Decision is done

**DISTRICT CONSERVATIONIST**

Civil Rights

- February is Black History Month

Program Update

- CSP
  - o FY2016 General CSP signup deadline is March 31
  - o FY2017 contract renewal application deadline is March 31
- EQIP
  - o FY2016 – Application acceptance deadline of November 20, 2015.
    - Currently have 18 eligible applications.
    - All applications received after this date will be considered in FY2017 EQIP

- Screening deadline of February 12, 2016
- Ranking deadline of February 26, 2016
- Preapproval list – March 18, 2016

#### Agency Update

- Lease
- Dan will be going to leadership meeting February 24-26
- Danny Weber coming on February 19 for mid-year review
- DC meeting in TRF on February 29

#### Current activities/other

- EQIP planning and application activities.
- Grazing workshop 2016.
  - o February 10 in Guthrie.
- CSP outreach

### **OLD BUSINESS**

WCA Agreement – Supervisor Sells made a motion to approve the joint powers agreement with the County for WCA, seconded by Supervisor Rettinger. Affirmative: All. Opposed: None. Motion carried.

WCA Resolution – Supervisor Sells made a motion to approve the WCA resolution #2016-2, seconded by Supervisor Goodrich. Affirmative: All. Opposed: None. Motion carried.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Adopt Local Water Plan – Supervisor Goodrich made a motion to approve resolution #2016-1 to adopt the Hubbard County Local Water Plan, seconded by Supervisor Grandy. Affirmative: All. Opposed: None. Motion carried.

Self-Assessment Tool – The Board reviewed all areas and we are making progress from prior years.

Strategic Planning – will set a date for a strategic planning meeting later in the year.

Cost-of-Living – staff will find the Consumer Price Index for 2015, tabled until next month.

BWSR Financial Reports – Supervisor Iles signed the Final Financial Reports for 2015 Local Water Management, 2014 Conservation Delivery, 2015 Easement Delivery and 2015 WCA.

MN Lakes & Rivers Advocate – Supervisor Sells made a motion to pay the \$100 dues for 2016, seconded by Supervisor Goodrich. Affirmative: All. Opposed: None. Motion carried.

Friends of the Library/PRDBA – there was a request to donate money for “Sam Ting” to perform at Crazy Days. The Board decided not to donate funds because we sponsor him every year at the Freshwater Festival and feel that the area kids have had the opportunity to hear him and the younger kids will get the opportunity as 6<sup>th</sup> graders, but wanted to thank the Friends of the Library/PRDBA for choosing a conservation theme.

Office Furniture – we will look into office furniture once we know more about the space in the new location.

