

HUBBARD COUNTY SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

MINUTES FROM JANUARY 12, 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 8:35 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 Area 8 Dues, seconded by Supervisor Grandy. Affirmative: All. Opposed: None. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Supervisor Sells to approve the minutes of December 9, 2015, seconded by Supervisor Goodrich. Affirmative: All. Opposed: None. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Supervisor Goodrich to approve the minutes of the special meeting held on December 15, 2015, 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.

PUBLIC INPUT

None.

REPORTS

Supervisors' Reports: Supervisor Iles attended a PPI work session and the SWCD special board meeting.

Supervisor Goodrich attended the Local Water Plan presentation to the County Board. He also attended the AIS Presentation to the County Board and the SWCD special board meeting.

Supervisor Grandy attended the SWCD special board meeting.

Supervisor Sells has a MN SWCD Forestry Association meeting on January 21. He attended the SWCD special board meeting. He also mentioned that there will be a Land Stewardship meeting in Wadena on January 30.

Supervisor Rettinger attended the SWCD special board meeting and the Area 8 meeting to set the schedule for the year and to discuss possible presenters.

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

Last Month

- Webex on Pivot Tables for AIS
- Configured AIS tablets
- Assembled new decon unit
- AIS Summit
- PPI meeting
- SWCD special meeting
- Ditch Inventory
- WCA site visits
- Obwells
- Cost-share site visit
- New lease situation
- Six month performance evaluation

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

Last Month

- Straight River Ground Water Management meeting
- Area 8 meeting
- Cost-share site visits
- Worked on corrections, additions, clarifications to LWP
- Wild Rice RIM Easements

DISTRICT CONSERVATIONIST

Program Update

- CSP
 - o All FY2015 payments have been made
 - o Three renewal contracts have been obligated
 - o FY2016 General CSP timelines to be determined
- 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
- ACEP
 - o Agricultural Conservation Easement Program
 - Application acceptance deadline of January 15, 2016

Agency Update

- Ultima – Jon Geimer started on December 14th
- New MOA
- Lease Update

Current activities/other

- EQIP planning and application activities.
- Grazing workshop 2016.
 - o Set for February 10.

OLD BUSINESS

AIS Program – reviewed the letter from the County. After some discussion, the board authorized Julie Kingsley to meet with the transition team to work out the details.

NEW BUSINESS

Photo Contest – After reviewing the 69 photo entries, the board chose a photo of a Bluebird by Alissa Berthiaume, and in close second was a photo of turtles by Randy Holland.

Review by-laws – The Board reviewed the by-laws and no changes were needed.

SWCD Forestry Dues – Supervisor Goodrich made a motion that the SWCD pay dues to the MN SWCD Forestry for 2016 in the amount of \$60, seconded by Supervisor Iles. Affirmative: All. Opposed: None. Motion carried.

MASWCD Dues – Supervisor Sells made a motion to pay the 2016 MASWCD dues of \$3,240.06, seconded by Supervisor Goodrich. Affirmative: All. Opposed: None. Motion carried.

Giziibij – the Board would like them to send agenda and minutes to us to keep the Board informed on what projects they are involved in.

Personnel Policy – no changes needed.

Designate Financial Institute – Supervisor Goodrich made a motion to designate Northview Bank of Park Rapids as our financial institute for 2016, seconded by Supervisor Rettinger. Affirmative: All. Opposed: None. Motion carried.

WCA Agreement – tabled until we hear back from the County Board.

Area 8 Dues – Supervisor Goodrich made a motion to pay 2016 Area 8 Dues of \$225, seconded by Supervisor Sells. Affirmative: All. Opposed: None. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

Bank statement and campaign finance letter

NEXT MEETING: The next regular board meeting of the Hubbard County Board of Supervisors will be on February 9, 2016 at 8:30 a.m. in the office at 212 ½ Second Street W, Park Rapids. We will be discussing our strategic planning, cost of living and reviewing the self-assessment tool.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Supervisor Rettinger to adjourn the meeting; meeting adjourned at 12:27 p.m.

APPROVED: 2-9-16 SECRETARY Ruth Grandy
Date Ruth Grandy, Secretary