

HUBBARD COUNTY SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

MINUTES FROM NOVEMBER 12, 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: Julie Kingsley, District Manager
Melissa Koebernick, District Administrative Assistant

Others present: Dan Pazdernik, District Conservationist
Nathan Sitz, Water Quality Resource Specialist
Kathy Grell, Hubbard County Commissioner

Supervisor Rettinger 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, seconded by Supervisor Iles.
Affirmative: All. Opposed: None. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Supervisor Sells to approve the minutes of October 14, 2014 as amended to add "employees" to state convention and add title "Manager" before Kingsley, seconded by Supervisor Goodrich. 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

Commissioner Grell asked if they have requests for who serves on board next year, the board would like to see Commissioner Dotta. The Board approved the AIS plan and SWCD will be the fiscal agent. A \$2,000 increase was asked for from the County Allocation and is probably not likely. The SWCD appreciates the good working relationship that we have with the County Commissioners.

REPORTS

Supervisors' Reports: Supervisors went over the election results for the SWCD.

Supervisor Iles reported that he read that Minnesota has 260,000 acres in RIM/WRP.

Supervisor Goodrich attended NERO workshop in Walker it was better than the workshop in Bemidji but would still like to see some changes before holding one for this area. He attended the County Board

meeting when the AIS plan was presented and approved and a separate resolution was approved naming the SWCD as fiscal agent.

Supervisor Sells brought in an article regarding composting and CA is trying to pass a law that says you have to compost. He also gave some statistics regarding crop insurance, big business, large farm owners and their correlation.

Water Quality/Resource Specialist Report - Nate Sitz reported on the data from the 2014 Watercraft Inspection Program.

District Manager's Report

Last Month

- AIS meetings
- Obwell run – have 1 new well and will add several more.
- Presented State AIS Plan to the County Board
- RIM Site inspection
- Sent in Conservation Corps Apprentice application
- COLA meeting
- PRAP Watershed based performance review for Crow Wing River Watershed
- Cost share site inspection
- LWP meeting with Area GIS staff
- 1 WCA restoration completed, 2 restoration orders were served, 1 wetland project and many phone calls

Next Month

- Straight River GMA meeting
- Crow Wing WRAP meeting
- MASWCD annual meeting

DISTRICT CONSERVATIONIST

Civil Rights

- National American Indian Heritage Month

Program Update

- CSP
 - o No information on new signup.
- EQIP
 - o Signup dates: November 21, and December 19.
 - o EQIP training: January 15 & 16

Outreach/Educational

- Alicia presented to 4th graders at Century School for Natural Resource Day

Current activities/other

- Fall applied practice check outs
- EQIP payments on fall applied practices
- NRI – Natural Resources Inventory
- CSP renewals/payments
- CSP quality assurance reviews
- Started planning for 2015 Grazing Workshop
- Area meeting on November 25 at Thief River Falls

OLD BUSINESS

January 2015 meeting – Supervisor Iles made a motion to move the January 2015 meeting from the 13th to the 15th, seconded by Supervisor Sells. Affirmative: All. Opposed: None. Motion carried.

Draft Annual Work Plan – Supervisor Sells made a motion to table until next month, seconded by Supervisor Goodrich. Affirmative: All. Opposed: None. Motion carried.

NACD Dues– Supervisor Rettinger made a motion to pay dues at \$775, seconded by Supervisor Iles. Affirmative: All. Opposed: None. Motion carried.

Cost-Share – Supervisor Grandy made a motion that we pay the cost-share of \$3726.50 for the Seaton project, seconded by Supervisor Goodrich. Affirmative: All. Opposed: None. Motion carried.

Personnel Policy & Supervisor Handbook – Supervisor Sells made a motion to table until next month, seconded by Supervisor Iles. Affirmative: All. Opposed: None. Motion carried.

District Manager Salary –Supervisor Sells made a motion to grant Manager Kingsley her step increase retroactive to October 15, seconded by Grandy. Affirmative: All. Opposed: None. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

MASWCD – no supervisors will be attending the state convention.

CORRESPONDENCE

Bank statements, JPB report

NEXT MEETING: The next regular board meeting of the Hubbard County Board of Supervisors will be on December 9, 2014 at 8:30 a.m. in the office at 212 ½ Second Street W, Park Rapids. We will be discussing the draft annual work plan, Personnel policy, and review the 2015 Calendar of Events.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Supervisor Iles to adjourn the meeting, meeting adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

APPROVED: 12/09/14 SECRETARY Robert A. Iles
Date Robert Iles, Secretary