

HUBBARD COUNTY SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

MINUTES FROM MAY 12, 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

Others present: Julie Kingsley, District Manager
 Melissa Koebernick, District Administrative Assistant
 Dan Pazdernik, District Conservationist

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 Goodrich to accept the agenda with the addition of Area 8 meeting and the removal of new cost-share item, seconded by Supervisor Sells. Affirmative: All. Opposed: None. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Supervisor Sells to approve the minutes of April 14, 2015, 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

None.

DISTRICT CONSERVATIONIST

Civil Rights

- May is Asian Pacific Islander Month.
- Dan reviewed the "And Justice For All" poster.

Program Update

- CSP
 - o Currently working on existing applications.
 - o General applications must be obligated by June 30th.
 - o Renewal applications (2011 contracts) must be obligated by December 11th.

- EQIP
 - o 1st round applications have been completed and obligated.
 - o 2nd round applications have now been pre-approved.
 - o 3rd round applications will be considered on June 18.

Outreach/Educational

- Submitted article on Russ Johnsrud's volunteer work to the State NRCS webpage on May 1st.

Current activities/other

- EQIP and CSP application/contracting activities.
- Field visits.
- Currently completing tree planting certifications/payments.

Supervisor Sells made a motion to recess the meeting until after the county presentation at the courthouse, seconded by Supervisor Grandy. Affirmative: All. Opposed: None. Motion carried. Meeting recessed at 8:44 am.

Supervisor Goodrich made a motion to reconvene the meeting, seconded by Supervisor Rettinger. Affirmative: All. Opposed: None. Motion carried. Meeting reconvened at 10:00 am.

REPORTS

Supervisors' Reports: Supervisor Iles attended a PPI meeting and a PPI finance meeting where it was decided that they will increase our administrative portion to cover Supervisor compensation and a portion of our audit expenses. He also helped bag trees.

Supervisor Goodrich attended two PPI meetings and helped bag trees. He also attended a Personnel Committee meeting to discuss the Water Quality Resource Specialist position.

Supervisor Grandy helped bag trees. She also attended the Hart Lake Township meeting and talked to them about what the SWCD is and the programs we have.

Supervisor Sells mentioned there will be a SWCD Forestry Association meeting next week and they will have the plan for the new grant.

Supervisor Rettinger attended the Personnel Committee meeting.

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

Last Month

- Nitrate clinic tested 31 samples.
- AIS Training Julie Kingsley and Bob Gack are Level 2 certified.
- PPI meeting.
- Bob Gack started as the AIS Assistant.
- 2 - PPI Meetings.
- Envirothon
- Received a Community Partner's application for Mill Rd Storm sceptor from Park Rapids Community Development Corp.
- Tree Sales
- Water Quality Monitoring on Long Lake.
- Wild Rice RIM meeting
- Obwell
- Completing 3 WCA Projects, 13 new WCA requests

Next Month

- Straight River Groundwater Management meeting
- Freshwater Festival
- Obwell

OLD BUSINESS

Cost-share – Supervisor Sells made a motion to pay \$301 for the Crimmins windbreak project, seconded by Supervisor Goodrich. Affirmative: All. Opposed: None. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Fall Tour Update – the Methodist camp in Park Rapids has been reserved.

Strategic Planning – reviewed plan from 2014 and made changes for 2015.

Area 8 registration – Supervisors Goodrich, Iles, and Rettinger will be attending along with Julie Kingsley.

Closed meeting By-laws – reviewed the MN Open Meeting Law.

CORRESPONDENCE

Bank statements, MN Lakes and Rivers newsletter

NEXT MEETING: The next regular board meeting of the Hubbard County Board of Supervisors will be on June 9, 2015 at 8:30 a.m. in the office at 212 ½ Second Street W, Park Rapids. We will be reviewing the 2016 Draft Budget, Fall Tour, and Water Quality Resource Specialist.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Supervisor Sells to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Supervisor Iles, meeting adjourned at 12:25 p.m.

APPROVED: 6-9-15 SECRETARY Ruth Grandy
Date Ruth Grandy, Secretary