

HUBBARD COUNTY SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

MINUTES FROM JULY 14, 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
 Jamin Carlson, Water Quality/Resource Specialist
 Dan Pazdernik, District Conservationist

Supervisor Iles opened the meeting at 8:32 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 Bank name change, seconded by Supervisor Goodrich. Affirmative: All. Opposed: None. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Supervisor Goodrich to approve the minutes of June 9, 2015 with the following corrections: under Supervisor Reports change the word "and" to "where" and under Water Quality Resource Specialist change the word "makes" to "made", seconded by Supervisor Rettinger. 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 veliger sampling training. On July 7, he helped take samples on Upper and Lower Bottle Lakes. He attended the PPI meeting.

Supervisor Goodrich went to the Wadena SWCD meeting. He is going to talk to Craig Engwall from the MN Deer Hunter's Association and have him present to the board on the acquisition of Potlatch land in Hubbard, Cass and Wadena counties. He also attended the PPI meeting.

Supervisor Grandy contacted Char at Hart Lake Township about the Nitrate Clinic being located there.

Supervisor Sells reported on an article in the Park Rapids Enterprise regarding RDO. The DNR is doing a vegetation survey on Fish Hook Lake. Curly-leaf pondweed was found in three places.

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

Last Month

- Attended the Mississippi Headwaters WRAP meeting
- Presented county wide AIS data at the COLA meeting
- Held a watercraft inspector meeting
- Attended a PPI meeting
- Completed Level 2 Watercraft training
- Completed veliger training
- AIS report for Wadena county
- Obwell
- Water Quality Monitoring on Long Lake
- Veliger Sampling
- Filled out new employee forms
- Visited resorts and checked on inspectors
- Worked on Hydrolab equipment and Trimble GPS

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

Last Month

- Groundwater management meeting
- MACDE meeting
- LWP Task force sub-committee meetings
- COLA meeting
- Received a Community Partner's application from Eagle Bay Resort
- PPI meeting
- Water Quality Monitoring on Long Lake
- Cost-share site visits
- Starting Round 2 for Tullibee Forest Stewardship
- Obwell
- 7 WCA site visits

Next Month

- AIS program presentation for Forestry Board
- Nitrate testing at fair
- County Commissioner board meeting
- WCA Presentation to Todd County Planning Committee
- Groundwater workshop in Ottertail
- COLA meeting
- Obwell
- WCA site visits

DISTRICT CONSERVATIONIST

July is "All Cultural Appreciation Month"

Program Update

- CSP
 - o General applications must be obligated by June 30th. One application was accepted.

- Renewal applications (2011 contracts) must be obligated by December 11, 2015 with field reviews completed by September 30. (8 applications)
- EQIP
 - 1st round has been completed and obligated (7 contracts; 2 cover crops, 1 CNMP CAP, 2 forest management plan CAP's and 2 tree plantings).
 - 2nd round applications have now been obligated (3 forest management plan CAP's).
 - 3rd round applications have now been obligated (3 contracts; 2 tree plantings and 1 forest management CAP).
 - 4th round applications – waiting for QAR list. These must be obligated by August 14, 2015.
 - Currently have 9 eligible applications.

Agency Update

- Danny Weber update – back to work on June 12.
- Civil rights training in Thief River Falls on July 23.
- Area meeting on August 6 in Thief River Falls.

Current activities/other

- EQIP and CSP application/contracting activities.
- FSA compliance reviews.
- Field visits for programs and technical assistance.
- Alicia is assisting Cass County NRCS with TA, program applications and program contracts.
- Local work group meeting to be held by August 21 (date TBD).

OLD BUSINESS

Fall Tour Update – Nick Davis from RDO is willing to do a tour on their farming practices. Also, spoke to Badoura nursery and they would let us tour the nursery. We have several options for places to tour and will now be working on the draft itinerary.

Hydrolab – still waiting on quotes from another company.

NEW BUSINESS

Fair Booth – Environmental building is set-up and we will hold the nitrate clinic on Friday, July 17 and Saturday, July 18.

SWCD Governance Workshop – handed out information for the training.

Lease – Supervisor Sells made a motion to pay \$730.50/month for the next 6 months, seconded by Supervisor Goodrich. Affirmative: All. Opposed: None. Motion carried.

Credit Card – Supervisor Goodrich made a motion to get a credit card with a \$2,000 limit for Jamin Carlson, seconded by Supervisor Grandy. Affirmative: All. Opposed: None. Motion carried.

Bank name change – Supervisor Sells made a motion that the SWCD recognize the name and ownership change from State Bank of Park Rapids to Northview Bank, seconded by Supervisor Goodrich. Affirmative: All. Opposed: None. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

JPB report, Enbridge letter, and Wetland Education information

NEXT MEETING: The next regular board meeting of the Hubbard County Board of Supervisors will be on August 11, 2015 at 8:30 a.m. in the office at 212 ½ Second Street W, Park Rapids. We will be reviewing the Fall Tour and hydrolab.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Supervisor Sells to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Supervisor Iles, meeting adjourned at 11:49 a.m.

APPROVED: 8-11-15 SECRETARY Ruth Grandy
Date Ruth Grandy, Secretary