

HUBBARD COUNTY SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

MINUTES FROM SEPTEMBER 9, 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: None

Others present: Julie Kingsley, District Manager
Melissa Koebernick, District Administrative Assistant
Dan Pazdernik, District Conservationist
Nathan Sitz, Water Quality Resource Specialist
Kathy Grell, Hubbard County Commissioner

Supervisor Rettinger opened the meeting at 8:34 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 August 12, 2014, seconded by Supervisor Grandy. 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 gave an update on the courthouse remodeling. The county's preliminary budget is due and they are still planning on giving us the AIS Allocation.

REPORTS

Supervisors' Reports: Supervisor Rettinger has not heard when the next Giziibii meeting will be.

Supervisor Goodrich passed out the resolution to support alternate routes that the board approved last month. Friends of the Headwaters and Enbridge will speak at the Area 8 business meeting. He attended the Crow Wing Watershed TMDL meeting. Goodrich and Rettinger will be doing Kingsley's yearly performance evaluation after the meeting today.

Supervisor Grandy could not make the Mississippi Headwaters Board meeting in Walker.

Supervisor Sells brought in an article about restoring Federal protection to streams and rivers that affect drinking water. Next Wednesday, he is attending the Forestry meeting and will have more information on the grant. He also attended the Crow Wing Watershed TMDL meeting.

Supervisor Iles attended the Crow Wing Watershed TMDL meeting.

Water Quality/Resource Specialist Report

- Hubbard SWAG sampling
- Water quality monitoring on Long Lake
- Picked up LincPass.
- Most lakes will be done on labor day
- Veliger sampling finished
- Subgroup of the AIS Task Force has been meeting to write a plan for state aid for 2015
- Gave 3rd report to lakes
- Gave a presentation about our inspection program to Association of MN Counties workshop
- Decon station usage slowing some. One boat from Minnetonka had zebra mussels on it.

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

Last Month

- AIS meetings
- Obwell run
- NRCS Work plan
- 2 Cost-share and 1 Community Partners Grant site visits
- Crow Wing Watershed TMDL meeting
- Leech Lake Watershed Zonation model meeting and survey
- 3 Wild Rice RIM easements completed, 2 more applications will be submitted
- 3 WCA site visits, many phone calls

Next Month

- Straight River Groundwater meeting
- Leech Lake Foundation grant for Forestry Easements on Tullibee lakes
- Present at Association of Townships on AIS Funding and Nitrate testing
- BWSR Rim in the Trees meeting
- NERO Workshop
- Area 8 Fall Tour
- AIS presentation to DNR Regional Fisheries

DISTRICT CONSERVATIONIST

Civil Rights

- Hispanic heritage month

Program Update

- CSP
 - o Expiring CSP contracts in FY2014 will have a renewal option and must submit offer by September 12.
- EQIP
 - o No new information

Current activities/other

- Irrigation Plans
- CSP renewals
- FSA tract compliance reviews.
- Contract modifications
- Progress reporting
- Staff Performance reviews
- Trainings
- Feds Feed Families Deadline was August 27th; potato gleaning was put on hold because of weather and harvest complications. Still planning on gleaning potatoes this fall.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

NERO Workshop – Workshop will be held in Bemidji, Supervisor Goodrich will be attending.

USDA Lease – there may be available space open in the future.

Cost – Share– Supervisor Sells made a motion to approve payment of \$637.50 to Lugenbeal for cost-share contract, seconded by Supervisor Iles. Affirmative: All. Opposed: None. Motion carried.

Supervisor Sells made a motion to approve the well-sealing cost-share contract with Diffley for 50% of cost not to exceed \$252.50, seconded by Supervisor Grandy. Affirmative: All. Opposed: None. Motion carried.

Supervisor Goodrich made a motion to approve the cost-share contract with Seaton to install the practice from the Hageman bid for 50% of cost not to exceed \$3,726.50, seconded by Sells. Affirmative: All. Opposed: None. Motion carried.

Meeting closed at 11:14 am for Administrative Assistant Performance Review.

During closed meeting, Supervisor Sells made a motion to approve the annual step increase for the Administrative Assistant, seconded by Supervisor Iles. Affirmative: All. Opposed: None. Motion carried.

At 11:45 am Supervisor Sells made a motion to open the meeting, seconded by Supervisor Grandy. Affirmative: All. Opposed: None. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

Environmental Education Building sent a thank you letter, Enbridge letters, and bank statements

NEXT MEETING: The next regular board meeting of the Hubbard County Board of Supervisors will be on October 14, 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, resolutions voting, District Manager Performance review, Personnel policy and job descriptions, shared forester position.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Supervisor Sells to adjourn the meeting, meeting adjourned at 12:01 p.m.

APPROVED: 10/14/14 SECRETARY Robert A. Iles
Date Robert Iles, Secretary