

District Regular Board Meeting Minutes
For January 19, 2016
625 Jefferson Ave.
Wabasha, MN 55981

I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER: estimated 8 am

Members Present: Roland Wood, Chairman; Tom Gosse, Treasurer; Chuck Fick, Secretary; Terry Helbig, Member; Nate Arendt, Member

Others Present: Terri Peters, Jen Wahls, Matt Kruger and Drew Chirpich SWCD; Mike Wobbe and Brian Gohl County Commissioners; Tom Gile BWSR BC; Derek Husmoen NRCS; Jennifer Monsos, CPA; Lawrie Svien, ZWP; Mark Miller, DNR

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. AGENDA Option for County Commissioners to move agenda items of interest up while they are present.

Move DNR Report before district reports. Correction to NRCS Staff Report – Derek Husmoen. Old Business moved up. *Gosse moved to approve agenda as amended, Helbig seconded Ayes: Arendt, Wood, Helbig, Fick and Gosse Nays: None. Motioned Carried.*

IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS - None

V. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS - None

VI. SECRETARY'S REPORT

A. Approve December 15, 2015 District Regular Minutes

Helbig moved to approve and Fick seconded *Ayes: Arendt, Wood, Helbig, Fick and Gosse Nays: None. Motioned Carried.*

B. Approve December 30, 2015 Special Meeting Minutes

Helbig moved to approve and Fick seconded *Ayes: Arendt, Wood, Helbig, Fick and Gosse Nays: None. Motioned Carried.*

VII. TREASURER'S REPORT/PAYABLES REPORTS

A. Helbig moved to approve treasurer's report and Gosse seconded. *Ayes: Arendt, Wood, Helbig, Fick and Gosse Nays: None. Motioned Carried.*

B. Helbig moved to approve payment of monthly bills Gosse seconded. *Ayes: Arendt, Wood, Helbig, Fick and Gosse Nays: None. Motioned Carried.*

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

A. **Budget Update and Progress Report** – Jennifer Monsos - Program Record for BWSR will be completed by end of day. Financials for 2014 & 2015 are reconciled. 2014 adjusted financial statements will be made for 2014 actuals. Waiting on response from IRS regarding penalties and interest incurred/waived. Back taxes have been paid. Final thing is completing the Corrective Actions required by BWSR.

B. **RC&D Membership Discussion** - Arendt moved to take up from the table the discussion from previous meeting Fick seconded. Arendt moved to stop participation in RC&D seconded by Helbig. *Ayes: Arendt, Wood, Helbig, Fick and*

Gosse Nays: None. Motioned Carried Discussion: allow Chairman to attend the annual meeting to inform RC&D of the Board's decision.

IX. DISTRICT REPORTS

- A. **DNR Report** – *Mark Miller* - Report on timber sales, working with landowners and NRCS as well as Emerald Ash Borer. Information on Forestry Days on February 12th. Gosse moved to pass the Donut Resolution that the SWCD provides donuts and coffee for the 2016 Wabasha County Forestry Days and 100 trees for door prizes seconded by Gosse. *Ayes: Arendt, Wood, Helbig, Fick and Gosse Nays: None. Motioned Carried*
- B. **Chair Report** – *Roland Wood* – No Report
- C. **County Commissioners** – No report
- D. **District Manager Report** – *Terri Peters* – End-of-year reporting. Upcoming meeting for technology, grant reporting for BWSR and Governor's Summit. Attended meeting in Elgin for groundwater.
- E. **NRCS Report** – *Derek Husmoen* – Acting District Conservationist. 29 eligible EQIP applications, end of February is deadline ranking. General CRP signup with FSA, deadline is February 26. SAFE and HEL acres available for continuous CRP sign up. Soil health workshop on February 4 in Plainview from, open to all.
- F. **Engineering Tech Report** – *Matt Kruger* – AgCertainty, 14 landowners have signed applications. Feedlot, 3 landowners: manure storage, milkhouse waste and feedlot runoff control structure. Completing hours from feedlot grant money that ends July 1st – will focus on a watershed inventory to use funds towards. State cost/share grant with Goodhue County for 12 ponds for Mississippi (Lake Pepin) Drainage. Wellhead protection area in Elgin – working with landowners
- G. **District Tech** – *Drew Chirpich* – Pollution reduction calculations for EQIP and HFHW. Mailing list for Buffers. WCA site checks with Amber Steele, Elgin Wellhead mapping, AgCertainty visits with Matt.
- H. **A.I.S.+ (Aquatic Invasive Species) Report** – *Jen Wahls* – Envirothon topic this year is Hydrilla, contacted area ag teachers about sending teams and covering cost of substitute teacher and possibly travel. Worked with Mower County setting up AIS program. Attending regional workshop in St. Peter. Field checked a plant in McCarthy WMA. Sent out plant sample to state. Site restoration visit in Goodhue County. Spoke with Olmsted County about buffer law. Completed hours for FY2012 CWMA grant. Resurge CWMA group. Change in work plan was approved by the County Board.

X. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. **ZWP** – *Lawrie Svien* – Grant with MPCA for load monitoring during the storm event, 2 yr contract at this time with potential for extension. Zumbro WRAPS with MPCA has been contracted, Cannon River has been completed. LCCMR, recreational learning sites, moving forward with 6 site options.
- B. **Whitewater** - *Sheila Harmes* – Soil health workshop in Plainview. Discussion on fish kill on Whitewater River last spring/summer

XI. NEW BUSINESS

- A. **Election of SWCD Officers Board Positions** – Motion made by Helbig to keeping current board positions seconded by Helbig. *Ayes: Arendt, Wood, Helbig, Fick and Gosse Nays: None. Motioned Carried.*
- B. **Budget and Personnel Committee** – Discussion to change members on committees. Motion made by Arendt to keep committees as they stand with the addition of Roland Wood, Chairman, to the Budget Committee seconded by Helbig. *Ayes: Arendt, Wood, Helbig, Fick and Gosse Nays: None. Motioned Carried.*
- C. **Set time for employee annual reviews** - Decision: Terri will email board the date and time.
- D. **Maynard Schumacher 319 Feedlot Cost Share Assistance Contract: 16-319FL-1 requesting \$11,400: Decision.** Motion by Gosse to approve Maynard Schumacher 319 Feedlot Cost Share Assistance Contract: 16-319FL-1 for \$11,400 seconded by Fick. *Ayes: Arendt, Wood, Helbig, Fick and Gosse Nays: None. Motioned Carried.*
- E. **FY2014 & 2015 Easement Implementation Grant Agreement (to bill for time spent implementing RIM Easement): Decision/Signature.** Motion by Fick to approve FY2014 & 2015 Easement Implementation Grant Agreement seconded by Helbig. *Ayes: Arendt, Wood, Helbig, Fick and Gosse Nays: None. Motioned Carried.*
- F. **Upcoming Events**
 - 1. **SE SWCD Tech Support JPB Meeting – January 27, 2016**
 - 2. **“Building Soil Health Experts: Advanced Training for Professionals – February 17, 2016**
 - 3. **Governor’s Water Summit – February 27, 2016 (information previously forwarded to Supervisors)**
 - 4. **2016 MASWCD Legislative Briefing Day – March 21, 2016**
- G. **Sub-agreement for AgCertainty** – Motion by Fick to sign sub-agreement for AgCertainty with the Joint Powers Board Meeting seconded by Arendt. *Ayes: Arendt, Wood, Helbig, Fick and Gosse Nays: None. Motioned Carried.*
- H. **SE MN Nitrogen BMP Outreach Program – MDA** - Motion by Fick to go into negotiations with the Joint Powers Board for SE MN Nitrogen BMP Outreach Program contract to be signed at Joint Powers Board Meeting seconded by Helbig. *Ayes: Arendt, Wood, Helbig, Fick and Gosse Nays: None. Motioned Carried.*

XII. **CLOSED SESSION:** Motion made by Helbig for a Closed Session seconded by Fick. *Ayes: Arendt, Wood, Helbig, Fick and Gosse Nays: None. Motioned Carried.* Session closed at 10:08 am. Session opened at 10:51 am.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: Adjourned the meeting at 10:51 a.m. on January 19, 2016. The next regular Board Meeting is scheduled for the THIRD TUESDAY of the next month. (February 16, 2015)

Respectfully Submitted
Chuck Fick, Secretary