

Stevens Soil & Water Conservation District

MINUTES

Tuesday, March 16, 2010

- I. Chair Scharf called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. Present: Scharf, Libbon, Huntley. Absent: Lonergan, Krosch. Staff present: Solemsaas, Rice, McNally, Staebler. Staff Absent: Feigum, Johnston. NRCS present: Jeff Hellermann.
- II. Supervisor Libbon moved to approve the agenda as amended. Supervisor Huntley seconded. Passed unanimously.
- III. Huntley moved to approve the Minutes from the February 16, 2010 regular meeting. Second by Libbon. All members voting aye, the motion passed.
- IV. Libbon moved to accept the Treasurer's Report, subject to audit, and pay the following bills. Second by Supervisor Krosch. Passed unanimously.

A. Bills to pay

1. Don Huntley	Supervisor Pay	55.41
2. George Libbon	Supervisor Pay	75.41
3. Dave Lonergan	Supervisor Pay	502.65
4. Mary Ann Scharf	Supervisor Pay	115.82
5. Valnes Rentals	March Rent	836.33
6. Matt Solemsaas	Expenses for Legislative Days	119.97
7. Otter Tail Power	Electric bill, shed	17.34
8. Morris Area Chamber	Copy of Mailing List for Water Fest	10.00
9. Bremer Credit Card	Toner cartridges, Shade Tree Course registration	833.98
10. Conservation Volunteer	Annual subscription	25.00
11. Willie's Super Valu	JPB meeting expense	15.16
12. Morris Lumber & Millwork	Hinge & roller for shed door	13.52
13. Federated Telephone	High Speed connection	49.95
14. Stevens County Highway	Gas	49.90

V. Old Business

- A. None.

VI. New Business

- A. Krosch moved to approve Resolution #2010-1 to accept the authority and administrative responsibility to implement WCA as the Stevens County LGU. Second by Supervisor Lonergan and all members voting aye, the motion passed. Libbon moved to approve Resolution #2010-2 to appoint the SWCD District Administrator as the WCA decision-making authority. Second by Huntley. Passed unanimously. Bill Kleindl, Stevens County Environmental Services Coordinator, will support the WCA administration. He was on hand to discuss related responsibilities and answer questions for the board about the county's desire to restructure this and other areas. The CLWP will also become the SWCD's responsibility after the new 5-year plan is finalized and adopted by the board of commissioners. Bill will contact the DNR and BWSR, which require notice within 15 days of the new LGU appointment.
- B. Krosch moved to accept the Stevens County Board of Commissioners' recent appointment of Stevens SWCD as the County Weed Inspector. Seconded by Libbon and all members voting aye, the motion passed. Solemsaas summarized what the expectations and duties will be. Individuals will still report weed problems to their local township boards. SWCD will monitor ag lands as part of their normal work in the field.
- C. Revision of job descriptions was discussed. Draft revisions will be voted on at the April meeting.
- D. State Cost Share
 1. Huntley moved to approve the final payment of \$5303 to Contract 05/08 for sediment control structures. Cost share including EQIP funding was 70%. Seconded by Krosch and all members voting aye, the motion passed.

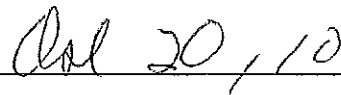
2. Libbon moved to approve the following three allocations. Second by Huntley. Passed unanimously.
 - a. \$910 (\$400 FY 09 and \$510 FY10) to Contract 11/09 for up to 75% cost share of a farmstead windbreak in Baker 11.
 - * b. \$1948 to Contract 04/10 for up to 75 cost share of a farmstead windbreak in Moore 18.
 - c. \$1095 to Contract 05/10 for up to 75% cost share of a farmstead windbreak in Baker 22.
- E. Additions to written staff reports
 1. Solemsaas discussed the relationship between WCA and Swampbuster.
 2. The board read through Feigum's report in his absence. He is attending a shade tree conference.
 3. Libbon moved to approve the Ecological Technical Approval Authority for Andy Rice, as recommended by Bob Honeman. Huntley seconded and all members voting aye, the motion passed. Rice also reported on 10,000 additional SAFE acres, which he has been working on promoting to those who were left out of this program last round because of the limited acres available. There will be about 150 acres' worth of contracts submitted to FSA.
 4. McNally reported there will be another large pasture management project in Swift County similar to the one in Stevens.
 5. The board read through Johnston's report in her absence. The board noted that the 2009 Annual Review came out very well as usual.
 6. Staebler gave a summary of the administrative session breakouts that will be offered at the training the end of March.
- F. NRCS Report – See written report by Jeff Hellermann
 - 1.
- G. Supervisor Reports
 1. Krosch reported on his trip to Washington DC to testify in Congress on behalf of NACD. He was part of a 5-person panel representing different interests in the USDA's IT services. While there, he took the time to meet with Collin Peterson and aides of Amy Klobuchar and Al Franken as well as tour the area.
 2. Lonergan reported on the last RC&D meeting.
- H. The board made travel arrangements for the upcoming Area 2 meeting and talked about registering for the Barnes Aasted annual meeting on April 1.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:00 noon.

Respectfully submitted,



Don Huntley, Secretary



Date

**A RESOLUTION REGARDING THE ADMINISTRATION
OF THE MINNESOTA WETLAND CONSERVATION ACT**

Stevens Soil & Water Conservation District
Resolution # 2010-1

WHEREAS, the Minnesota Wetland Conservation Act of 1991 (WCA) requires local government units (LGUs) to implement the rules and regulations promulgated by the Board of Water and Soil Resources (BWSR) pertaining to wetland draining, filling and excavation; and

WHEREAS, Minnesota Rules chapter 8420 have been adopted by BWSR in accordance with the rulemaking provisions of Minnesota Statutes, chapter 14, for the purpose of implementing WCA; and

WHEREAS, Minnesota Rules 8420.0200, Subpart 1, Item E allows a county, city, or town to delegate implementation of chapter 8420 and the act to another governmental entity by the passage of resolutions by both parties; and

WHEREAS, both parties must provide notice to BWSR, the Department of Natural Resources, and the Soil and Water Conservation District of the delegation, including a copy of the resolution and a description of the applicable geographic area, within 15 business days of adoption of the resolution; and

WHEREAS, Stevens County has passed a resolution delegating the implementation of Minnesota Rules chapter 8420 to Stevens SWCD.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Stevens SWCD hereby accepts the authority and administrative responsibility to implement WCA as the LGU within the legal boundaries of Stevens County as of April 1, 2010 in accordance with Minnesota Rules, Chapter 8420.

Adopted this 16th day of March, 2010.

By: Mary Ann Scharf
Chair of the Board of Supervisors

Offered by Supervisor Krosch, seconded by Supervisor Loneragan, adopted by a vote of 5-0 at the regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Stevens SWCD on March 16, 2010.

Attest: Christine Staebler
{Staff Name} Christine Staebler
{Position Title} Office Manager

**A RESOLUTION REGARDING THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE
MINNESOTA WETLAND CONSERVATION ACT**

Stevens Soil & Water Conservation District
Resolution # 2010-2

WHEREAS, Stevens SWCD has accepted the authority and administrative responsibility to implement the Wetland Conservation Act (WCA) within the legal boundaries of Stevens County in accordance with Minnesota Rules, Chapter 8420; and

WHEREAS, Stevens SWCD is authorized by Minnesota Administrative Rules Part 8420.0200, Subpart 2, Item C, to delegate certain functions with regard to implementation of WCA, including the authority to make decisions on applications, with its staff.

THEREFORE; BE IT RESOLVED by the Stevens SWCD Board of Supervisors, that decision-making authority for WCA {*exemption, no-loss, wetland boundary and type, sequencing, replacement plan, and wetland banking*²} applications is placed with the ~~Matt Solemsaas~~, District Administrator.
SWCD

Adopted this 16th day of March, 2010.

By: MaryAnne Scharf
Chair of the Board of Supervisors

Resolution No. 2010 -- 2: Offered by Supervisor Libbon, seconded by Supervisor Huntley, adopted by a vote of 5-0 at the regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Stevens SWCD on March 16, 2010.

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