

Stevens Soil & Water Conservation District

MINUTES

Tuesday, November 17, 2009

- I. In the absence of the chair, Don Huntley called a special meeting of the budget committee to order at 8:30 a.m. The board discussed several options to reduce a budget shortfall with District Administrator Solemsaas. The regular meeting was called to order at 10:10 a.m. Present: Krosch, Lonergan, Huntley, Scharf. Staff present: Feigum, Johnston, McNally, Rice, Solemsaas, Staebler. Also present: Jeff Hellermann, NRCS.
- II. Supervisor Krosch moved to approve the agenda as amended. Supervisor Lonergan seconded. Passed unanimously.
- III. Lonergan moved to approve the Minutes from the October 21, 2009 regular meeting. Second by Krosch. All members voting aye, the motion passed.

IV. Supervisor Scharf moved to accept the Treasurer's Report, subject to audit. Second by Lonergan. Passed unanimously.

A. Scharf moved to pay the following bills. Seconded by Lonergan, the motion passed unanimously.

1. PERA	Supervisor PERA	6.00
2. Don Huntley	Supervisor Pay	65.31
3. Jim Krosch	Supervisor Pay	55.41
4. Dave Lonergan	Supervisor Pay	66.03
5. Mary Ann Scharf	Supervisor Pay	176.73
6. Valnes Rentals	November Rent	836.33
7. Stevens County Highway	Gas	56.25
8. Ottertail Power	Electric Bill	17.29
9. Bremer Credit Card	BWSR Academy hotels, Antivirus update	1068.69
10. Morris Sun Tribune	Advertising	108.00
11. Coborn's		8.77
12. Donnelly Cooperative	Gas	55.38
13. Willie's Super Valu	Tree seminar, JPB	19.55
14. Munsterman Accounting	Quarterly tax filing assistance	30.00
15. Morris Electronics	Tech support	30.00
16. Town & Country	Supplies	4.48
17. RMB Labs	JPB Monitoring Sample Testing	480.00
18. MACDE	Annual Staff memberships	120.00

V. Old Business

- A. Staff and supervisors went over final details for auction and hospitality rooms at the MASWCD annual convention.

VI. New Business

A. Krosch moved to approve the following allocations of state cost share funding. Seconded by Lonergan and all members voting aye, the motion passed.

- 1. \$928 to contract #11/09 for a shelterbelt at the West Central Research & Outreach Center (Framnas section 31).
- 2. \$2428 to contract #12/09 for a shelterbelt in Baker section 8 (Tom Claassen).

B. Additions to written staff reports

- 1. Andy noted that he is waiting for the state offices (NRCS and BWSR) to complete things on their end so that the RIMWRPs in progress can be closed. There are quite a few landowners whose contracts won't close by the end of the year because their paperwork won't be done, and he expects there to be complaints because of the delay.
- 2. Shaun noted that the contract for the fecal coliform TMDL implementation plan is still held up at the state level. The Pomme de Terre River Association Annual Public Meeting will be held Monday, ~~October~~ *November* 23 at Old #1 Southside and all supervisors are encouraged to attend.

C. NRCS Report – see written report by Jeff Hellermann

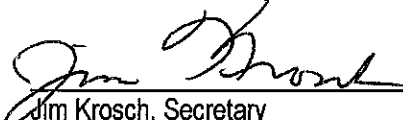
D. Supervisor Reports

- 1. Scharf reported on the recent Area 2 meeting. The bills for hospitality room refreshments, etc. will be handled at the next Area meeting, after all expenses are in.

- E. In light of budget shortfalls in recent years and impending cuts to the county budget allocation, the board proposed a temporary reduction of existing full time staff (excluding the Pomme de Terre Project Coordinator) to 80% time (part time decreased from 24 hours per week to 16), effective at the beginning of the next pay period, November 21 and subject to change upon the final 2010 budget figures. The board then gave time for each staff and supervisor to comment on the proposal. Supervisor Krosch moved to table the matter until the December meeting. Seconded by Scharf and all members voting aye, the motion passed. The Stevens County Board of Commissioners meets for a final budget session on December 15. The SWCD board meeting will be moved to December 16, to allow more time for consideration of the comments received, and to await the final figure of the county budget allocation.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:25 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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Jim Krosch, Secretary

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