

MINUTES FROM THE MONTHLY BOARD MEETING, DECEMBER 11, 2008

Chairman Trebelhorn called the meeting to order at 4:02 P.M.

Members present:

Dave Trebelhorn, Chairman
Glen Uecker, Vice-Chairman
Tom Pfarr, Treasurer
Gerald Smith, Secretary
Gary Schafer, Reporter

Others present:

Loren Evenson, District Manager
Kevin Pioske, District Technician
John Dotolo, NRCS District Conservationist
Ron Otto, Water Management Coordinator
Lisa Pfarr, Sibley County Auditor
Jackie Smith, Faxon Township Resident

Motion by Smith; seconded by Schafer, to approve the November secretary's report.
Yeas: all; Nays: none. Motion carried.

Motion by Pfarr; seconded by Uecker, to approve the November treasurer's report.
Yeas: all; Nays: none. Motion carried.

NRCS Report

NRCS has been kept busy with a program audit of the EQIP program. The audit is being performed across the State USDA is attempting to calculate how many unspent dollars remain in the program. Dotolo has been ordered to finish his part of the audit work before the end of the year. His annual leave has been suspended until the job has been finished.

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Water Management Report

Otto reported that the dry hydrant project for Silver Lake should be installed shortly. This has been an ongoing project. The money has finally been made available.

An LLCMR grant application for low interest loans and incentive payments for water quality improvements in areas not currently in a project area was not accepted.

Patterson has received the Rush River Watershed draft workplan back from MPCA. She will now begin working on the final plan.

Seventeen septic system upgrades and 96 intake alternatives have been installed in the project areas.

Otto has been pricing out the computer systems, server, and internet connections that will be needed when the District disconnects from the USDA system. The total price will be \$8,150.65.

Motion by Pfarr; seconded by Schafer, to approve the purchase of needed computers, software, server, and internet connection. Yeas: all; Nays: none. Motion carried.

District Report

Winter weather came too soon. Earthwork projects not completed this fall will have to schedule completion next year.

Trees and shrubs have been ordered for the 2009 tree program. All stock will be purchased from Schumacher's Nursery, Heron Lake. Our previous supplier of potted evergreens has passed away, and his business closed.

An EQIP workgroup meeting was arranged by the staff. Ten members attended the meeting. Priorities were the same as last year: water quality and erosion control.

Old Business

There was no old business to report.

New Business

Motion by Schafer; seconded by Pfarr, to approve the third quarter supervisor per diems and expenses. Yeas: all; Nays: none. Motion carried.

Motion by Schafer; seconded by Uecker, to approve a State Cost-Share practice completion of James Luskey, Green Isle Township for the sealing of an unused well. Yeas: all; Nays: none. Motion carried. Payment of \$350.00 will be issued for the completion of Contract #FY09-2. Technical and administrative funds in the amount of \$87.50 will be retained by the District.

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New Business (continued)

Motion by Smith; seconded by Uecker, to approve a State Cost-Share practice completion of James Luskey, Green Isle Township for the sealing of a second unused well on his property.

Yeas: all; Nays: none. Motion carried. Payment of \$200.00 will be issued for the completion of Contract #FY09-3. Technical and administrative funds in the amount of \$50.00 will be retained by the District.

Motion by Uecker; seconded by Schafer, to approve a State Cost-Share practice completion of Kenneth Briese, Severance Township for the sealing of an unused well. Yeas: all; Nays: none. Motion carried. Payment of \$292.25 will be issued for the completion of Contract #FY08-17. Technical and administrative funds in the amount of \$73.06 will be retained by the District.

Motion by Schafer; seconded by Pfarr, to approve a State Cost-Share practice completion of Larry Baumgardt, Grafton Township for the sealing of an unused well. Yeas: all; Nays: none. Motion carried. Payment of \$275.00 will be issued for the completion of Contract #FY09-7. Technical and administrative funds in the amount of \$68.75 will be retained by the District.

Motion by Pfarr; seconded by Schafer, to renew the District nursery license for 2009. Yeas: all; Nays: none. Motion carried.

The supervisors reported that attendance was down at the MASWCD convention. The message that they brought home was that the Districts need to be proactive.

Other Business

Motion by Pfarr; seconded by Uecker, to reimburse Schafer for the items auctioned at the MASWCD annual convention. Yeas: all; Nays: none. Motion carried.

The State Auditors office has completed their work at the office.

Motion by Schafer; seconded by Uecker, to sign the corrected copy of the State Auditor's report. Yeas: all; Nays: none. Motion carried.

Motion by Pfarr; seconded by Schafer, to adjourn the meeting. Yeas: all; Nays: none. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 5:12 P.M. The next meeting will be held on January 13, 2009, at 4:00 P.M., at the Agricultural Service Center.

Secretary's Signature _____