



**MINNESOTA
SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICTS**

**SIBLEY SOIL AND WATER
CONSERVATION DISTRICT**

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MINUTES FROM THE MONTHLY BOARD MEETING, JUNE 9, 2009

Members present:

Dave Trebelhorn, Chairman
Paul Wiemann, Vice Chairman
Tom Pfarr, Treasurer
Bob Nielsen, Secretary
Gary Schafer, Reporter

Others present:

Loren Evenson, District Manager
Ron Otto, Water Management Coordinator
John Dotolo, District Conservationist
Brooke Patterson, Rush River Coordinator
Tom Fischer, BWSR

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Trebelhorn at 4:01 P.M.

Motion by Pfarr; seconded by Nielsen, to approve the May meeting minutes. Yeas: all; nays: none. Motion carried.

Motion by Schafer; seconded by Pfarr, to approve the May financial report subject to audit. Yeas: all, nays: none. Motion carried.

NRCS Report

EQIP signup ended May 22 with 9 applications. 7 will be funded, 1 cancelled and 1 ineligible.

There has been 3 applications for RIM/WRP. The sign up ended June 5 and all applications have to be to the state by June 12.

With farmers busy in the fields 1026 request have been quite low the past month.

No applications for WHIP have been received.

There was 1 new CRP signup.

Water Plan

Otto attended several meeting this past month.

Water Management helped the High Island Creek and Rush River Watersheds assemble and distribute another 25 rain barrels. They are currently looking for another 50-60 barrels to finish the program.

The watersheds signed up 34 alternative inlets in the last month.

There were 6 SSTS applications received and the invoices for completed systems are beginning to come in.

Otto did maintenance on the website and added information about Emerald Ash Borer and the remaining potted plants from tree sales.

Otto is also working on a data base for well sealings.

Patterson presented project reports for both the Rush river and High island Creek Watersheds.

Rush River Watershed will have a booth at the Nicollet County Fair this year.

The High Island Creek and Rush River Watersheds will have a technical meeting on June 18, 2009 at 9:00 A.M. in the Sibley County Service Center. The Fecal Coliform TMDL Plan Draft will be discussed.

The Friends of High Island have started Barley Straw on two ditches leading to High Island Lake.

June 25, 2009 there will be an open house for the Fecal Coliform TMDL to gather comments from the public on the draft plan.

District Report

Evenson presented the District report to the board. One well sealing was finished and 3 applications were filled out. Construction was completed on 2 water and sediment basin's and designs are being completed for two more water and sediment basins.

Old Business

Questions about the meeting for the private ditch in Green Isle Township were raised by the supervisors..The supervisors feel this meeting needs to take place in the near future.

Tim Thomas' CREP project was discussed again. Tom Fischer will be contacting the office to schedule a time to look at the project.

Three Rivers RC&D summer tour will be in Sibley County on July 13, 2009. The meeting will begin at 9:00 at the Sibley County Service Center. The meeting will conclude with a short bus tour at 12:30 P.M. Brooke, Joel, Ron, Kevin and Loren are working on this.

New Business

Steve Heinz 2-638's \$905.25 First Motion by Scafer seconded by Wiemann. Carried
Second Motion by Schafer seconded by Wiemann. Carried

Vice Chair Wiemann presiding

Well Trebelhorn Farms \$400.00 Motion by Pfarr seconded by Nielsen Carried
Trebelhorn abstained

Chair Trebelhorn presiding

Well E John Bach \$400.00 Motion by Schafer seconded by Pfarr Carried

Well Gerald Miller \$400.00 Motion by Pfarr seconded by Schafer Carried

Well Dale Gerholz \$400.00 Motion by Wiemann seconded by Nielsen Carried

Ag BMP

Ag Waste & SSTS Haefs Farms Motion by Schafer seconded by Pfarr Carried

Zone 10 is now South Central Technical Service Area. A motion by Weimann; seconded by Nielsen to sign 2 Joint Powers Agreements with South Central Technical Service Area (1 agreement with Brown County as a member and 1 agreement without Brown County as a member. ! agreement will be shredded depending which way Brown County decides.) Yeas: All, nays: none. Motion carried.

Resolution to have Rain Gardens included in the technical service guide using Blue Thumb design was discussed. This question will be voted on at the next Area VI meeting.

Area VI meeting will be held at Lafayette on June 29, 2009 at 9:00 A.M. Nicollet County will be the host.

Annual Picnic was discussed and a motion by Schafer; seconded by Pfarr to have the Annual Picnic on August 11, 2009 at Melsha's Pond. It will begin at 4:00 P.M. and have former supervisors, legislators, county commissioners and Tom Fischer invited. A plaque will be presented to Gerald and Jackie Smith for their years of service to the District.

Correspondance

An invoice from the State Auditor's office was presented to the supervisors. The amount was \$6,249.37. After discussing this invoice it was decided to have Tom Fischer look into this matter for the District.

Evenson presented a preliminary budget for 2010 to the board. The supervisors felt that it was ok and told Evenson to present it as written.

Evenson also presented a report for the 2009 Tree Sales Program. There is a profit of \$5,753.44 at this time. There are about 70 potted American Arborvitae left to sell.

Tom Fischer presented an Overview of BWSR 2009 Legislative Summary.

There being no further business Wiemann made a motion, seconded by Pfarr to adjourn at 6:15 P.M. Yeas: All, nays: none. Motion carried.