

MINUTES FROM THE MONTHLY BOARD MEETING, OCTOBER 14, 2008

Chairman Trebelhorn called the meeting to order at 4:05 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
Joel Wurscher, High Island Creek Project Coordinator
Brooke Patterson, Rush River Project Coordinator
Tom Fischer, Minnesota BWSR

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

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

NRCS Report

EQIP payments for the new fiscal year will be resumed once the ProTract program is up and running.

Soil rental rates for the CRP program have been increased. The new prices are more in line with actual rental prices than were those using the previous rates. Hopefully this will stimulate interest in the program.

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NRCS Report (continued)

Five new continuous CRP contracts have been developed and signed.

Water Management Report

Otto has been gathering well location data for the Minnesota Geological Survey. Active wells throughout Sibley County are being inventoried using global positioning technology. When the survey is completed, the location data and well driller's boring record will be used to generate a county geologic atlas. Five townships have been completed thus far.

A LCCMP grant application has been submitted for funding alternative intakes in portions of Sibley County which are not covered by watershed incentive payments. A Clean Water Legacy grant application will be submitted for septic system loans, buffer strips, and tile intake alternatives.

Patterson has been focusing on public outreach to give the Rush River project more visibility. Several projects are arriving at the payment phase.

Wurscher announced that the next High Island Creek technical committee meeting will be held on January 8, 2009.

District Report

Paperwork has been travelling back and forth between the field office and the NRCS office in regards to the accepted RIM/WRP contracts. Survey and design work for the wetland restorations should begin this fall.

Trebelhorn and Evenson attended a Zone 10 meeting in Mankato. The main talking points were the ongoing budget woes and the realignment of Zone boundaries across the State. Zone 10 will be adding Renville and McLeod Counties to its area being served. Zone 10 will also be asking each District to make a monetary contribution to help keep the boat afloat.

The District Website is up and running. The staff will add to and update the site with more of the required elements as time will allow.

Old Business

There was no old business to report.

New Business

Motion by Schafer; seconded by Pfarr, to approve the 3rd quarter supervisor per diems.
Yeas: all; Nays: none. Motion carried.

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New Business (continued)

Motion by Schafer; seconded by Smith, to approve a State Cost-Share practice completion of Delores Grack for the sealing of an unused well in Grafton Township. Yeas: all; Nays: none. Motion carried. Payment of \$275.00 will be issued for the completion of Contract #FY06-19. Technical and administrative funds in the amount of \$68.75 will be retained by the District.

Motion by Uecker; seconded by Schafer; to approve a State Cost-Share practice completion of Earl Krone for the sealing of an unused well in New Auburn Township. Yeas: all; Nays: none. Motion carried. Payment of \$312.75 will be issued for the completion of Contract #FY09-6. Technical and administrative funds in the amount of \$78.18 will be retained by the District.

Motion by Schafer; seconded by Smith, to approve a State Cost-Share practice completion of John Cauley for the construction of a water and sediment control basin in Faxon Township. Yeas: all; Nays: none. Motion carried. Payment of \$1,500.00 will be issued for the completion of Contract #FY07-3. Technical and administrative funds in the amount of \$375.00 will be retained by the District. Pioske and Evenson have technical approval fo the project.

Motion by Schafer; seconded by Pfarr, to approve a resolution which authorizes the delegation of Minnesota Wetland Conservation Act decisions to the District Technician. Yeas: all; Nays: none. Motion carried.

Motion by Smith; seconded by Pfarr, to contribute (as requested) \$400.00 to Zone 10. Yeas: Trebelhorn, Uecker, Smith, and Pfarr; Nays; Schafer. The motion prevailed.

Convention registration materials were distributed to the supervisors.

Correspondence

A letter from Kathryn Kelly, Area VI MASWCD Chairman, was distributed to the supervisors.

Other Business

Motion by Pfarr; seconded by Schafer, to adjourn the meeting. Yeas: all; Nays: none. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 5:10 P.M. The next meeting will be held on November 18, 2008, at 11:00 A.M., due to the Veterans Day holiday, at the Agricultural Service Center.

Secretary's Signature _____