

## **MINUTES FROM THE MONTHLY BOARD MEETING, SEPTEMBER 9, 2008**

Chairman Trebelhorn called the meeting to order at 4:05 P.M.

### Members present:

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

### Others present:

Loren Evenson, District Manager  
Kevin Pioske, District Technician  
John Dotolo, NRCS District Conservationist  
Joel Wurscher, High Island Creek Project Coordinator  
Brooke Patterson, Rush River Project Coordinator

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

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

### **NRCS Report**

The fiscal year is winding down. All EQIP payments for completed projects are to be made by today. Any outstanding invoices will not be paid until sometime in October.

Dotolo will be checking CRP eligibilities for new sign-ups.

Three RIM-WRP projects have been selected for funding by the State office.

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## **NRCS Report (continued)**

Confusion has arisen regarding funding for dry hydrant projects in Sibley County. The RC&D coordinator was to have been working on coordinating an application for several requests in Sibley County. Nothing has been done in over a year. A dry hydrant may have proven beneficial to fighting the warehouse fire in Green Isle this summer. Otto has been scrambling to get some resolve in getting these projects on the ground.

## **Water Management Report**

Patterson reported that new implementation monies have arrived in the County for the Rush River project. Six septic system upgrades have been installed and payments finalized during the last month.

Patterson is very pleased at the number of applications received for cover crops this year. There seems to be increasing interest in this incentive.

Wurscher received one application for four slotted risers during the last month.

Otto was not in attendance, but left a written report of monthly activities. He approached the County Board to request funding for mileage expenses to perform a well inventory for the Minnesota Geological Survey. The information gathered will be used to develop a geologic atlas of the County.

A breakdown of 2008 encumbered and finished projects in the watershed was presented.

Otto will be submitting an application for an LLCMR grant which will address septic upgrades and practice incentives for those areas of the County which fall outside of watershed implementation areas of the County.

## **District Report**

Three of the seven applications for the RIM-WRP program, totaling 468.12 acres, have been accepted for funding. One application was accepted on the first round, the other two on the second round. Two of the accepted easements are currently enrolled in the CRP, and will involve little if any establishment costs. Multiple basins and being in a high priority area were necessary in gaining the points needed to be considered. Landowners are being contacted to complete the necessary preliminary paperwork.

Staff investigated erosion problems on the Tom Wickenhauser property in Faxon Township, along State Highway #25. The source of the problem and its solution are in the jurisdiction of the State Highway Department.

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## **Old Business**

Zone 10 will be requesting \$400 from each participating District to supplement their budget. The Zones across the State will also be re-configured. Two additional counties will be added to Zone 10.

## **New Business**

Motion by Schafer; seconded by Smith, to approve a State Cost-Share practice completion of Ray Meyer, Alfsborg Township. Yeas: all; Nays: none. Motion carried. Cost-Share funds in the amount of \$225.00 will be issued for Contract #FY08-9, for the sealing of an unused well. Technical assistance funding of \$56.25 will be retained by the District.

Motion by Smith; seconded by Schafer, to approve a State Cost-Share practice completion of Allen Schmitz, Belle Plaine. Yeas: all; Nays: none. Motion carried. Cost-Share funds in the amount of \$250.00 will be issued for Contract #FY06-17, for the sealing of an unused well in Kelso Township. Technical assistance funding of \$62.50 will be retained by the District.

Motion by Uecker; seconded by Schafer, to approve a State Cost-Share Feedlot Water Quality practice completion of Mark Lenzen, Washington Lake Township. Yeas: all; Nays: none. Motion carried. Cost-Share funds in the amount of \$ 18112.52 will be issued for Contract # FY07-1FL, for the abatement of feedlot runoff. Technical assistance funding of \$1,811.25 will be retained by the District. Funding for this project was paired with USDA EQIP dollars. The NRCS Area VI engineer signed off as the technical supervisor of the project.

Motion by Uecker; seconded by Smith, to approve a State Cost-Share contract amendment of James Sallstrom, Bismarck Township. Yeas: all; Nays: none. Motion carried. The completion date will be amended to September 12, 2009, for Contract #FY06-14. Contractor workload was the cause for the amendment request.

Motion by Schafer; seconded by Smith, to approve a State Cost-Share request of Stanley Braatz, Jessenland Township, for the construction of Water and Sediment Control Basins. Yeas: all; Nays: none. Motion carried. Cost-Share funds in the amount of \$1,500.00 will be encumbered from FY2009 funds (Contract #FY09-1). Technical assistance funding of \$375.00 will also be encumbered to design and oversee construction of the project. This project will be piggy-backed with USDA EQIP funds.

Motion by Smith; seconded by Schafer, to approve a State Cost-Share request of James Luskey, Green Isle Township, for the sealing of an unused well. Yeas: all; Nays: none. Motion carried. Cost-Share funds in the amount of \$400.00 will be encumbered from FY2009 funds (Contract #FY09-2). Technical assistance funding of \$100.00 will also be encumbered for the project.

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## **New Business (continued)**

Motion by Schafer; seconded by Smith, to approve a State Cost-Share request of James Luskey, Green Isle Township, for the sealing of a second unused well on his property. Yeas: all; Nays: none. Motion carried. Cost-Share funds in the amount of \$400.00 will be encumbered from FY2009 funds (Contract #FY09-3). Technical assistance funding of \$100.00 will also be encumbered for the project.

Motion by Uecker; seconded by Smith, to approve a State Cost-Share request of Ron Krueger, New Auburn Township, for the sealing of an unused well. Yeas: all; Nays: none. Motion carried. Cost-Share funds in the amount of \$400.00 will be encumbered from FY2009 funds (Contract #FY09-4). Technical assistance funding of \$100.00 will also be encumbered for the project.

Motion by Uecker; seconded by Schafer, to approve a State Cost-Share request of Curtiss Weckwerth, Kelso Township, for the sealing of an unused well. Yeas: all; Nays: none. Motion carried. Cost-Share funds in the amount of \$400.00 will be encumbered from FY2009 funds (Contract #FY09-5). Technical assistance funding of \$100.00 will also be encumbered for the project.

Motion by Uecker; seconded by Schafer, to approve a State Cost-Share request of Earl Krone, New Auburn Township, for the sealing of an unused well. Yeas: all; Nays: none. Motion carried. Cost-Share funds in the amount of \$400.00 will be encumbered from FY2009 funds (Contract #FY09-6). Technical assistance funding of \$100.00 will also be encumbered for the project.

Motion by Schafer; seconded by Smith to approve a AgBMP loan request of Trent Peterson, Bismarck Township, for the upgrade of an individual sewage treatment system. Yeas: all; Nays: none. Motion carried.

Area VI MASWCD will be holding its next quarterly meeting on September 10<sup>th</sup> (tomorrow) at the community hall in Lafayette.

## **Correspondence**

Motion by Smith; seconded by Schafer, to authorize an application to the LLCMR for a grant to offer incentives and low interest loans to landowners outside of the current watershed implementation project areas. Yeas: all; Nays: none. Motion carried.

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

## **Other Business**

The 2009 MASWCD resolution packages were distributed to the supervisors for their review. Supervisors should return a tally of their decisions at the next meeting.

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**Other Business (continued)**

Motion by Uecker; seconded by Smith, to adjourn the meeting. Yeas: all; Nays: none.  
Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 5:00 P.M. The next meeting will be held  
on October 14, 2008, at 4:00 P.M., at the Agricultural Service Center.

Secretary's Signature \_\_\_\_\_