

MINUTES FROM THE MONTHLY BOARD MEETING, AUGUST 12, 2008

Chairman Trebelhorn called the meeting to order at 4:12 P.M.

Members present:

Dave Trebelhorn, 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
Ronald Otto, Water Management
Joel Wurscher, High Island Creek Project Coordinator
Brooke Patterson, Rush River Project Coordinator

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

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

Water Management Report

Patterson reported that three applications for open inlet alternatives and one septic system loan had been initiated in the last month. New grant monies for the Rush River Watershed have also been received.

Wurscher reported that one septic system loan had been initiated in June. He also indicated that another issue of *River Watcher* had also been distributed.

Otto added that incentives of 3,100 acres of cover crop have been applied for; 2,100 acres in the Rush River and 1,000 acres in the High Island Creek Watersheds. Six septic systems have been finalized in the Rush River Watershed and one in the High Island Creek Watershed.

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NRCS Report

Contract modifications and one contract renewal has been the activity for the Conservation Reserve Program.

One contract-signing has been completed for the RIM-WRP program.

As of this meeting, the field office has received notification that one RIM-WRP application has been accepted.

Motion by Pfarr; seconded by Smith, to approve the space contribution agreement between the District and NRCS. Yeas: all; Nays: none. Motion carried. The amount of space and rental amount have remained the same as last year.

District Report

Motion by Schafer; seconded by Pfarr, to approve a no loss wetland determination of a project for the City of Gaylord. Yeas: all; Nays: none. Motion carried. The City is proposing to cross the edge of a wetland with a floating dock (duck-board) at its Park Preserve. There is no drainage or filling involved.

Staff has reviewed a proposal by John Kohnen, New Auburn Township, to place a closed loop geothermal system on his property. There is no draining or filling of the site. The area has been effectively drained by an existing tile.

Old Business

There was no business to report.

New Business

Motion by Schafer; seconded by Pfarr, to approve a State Cost-Share practice completion of Rita Thomson, Roswell, Georgia, for the sealing of an unused well in Kelso Township. Yeas: all; Nays: none. Motion carried. Payment of \$287.50 will be issued for the completion of Contract #FY08-12. Technical and administrative funds in the amount of \$71.87 will be retained by the District.

Motion by Pfarr; seconded by Smith, to approve an AgBMP loan request of Fred Lobitz, Washington Lake Township, for a septic system upgrade. Yeas: all; Nays: none. Motion carried.

Motion by Pfarr; seconded by Smith, to approve an AgBMP loan request of Cory and Jenny Hoenemann, Washington Lake Township, for a septic system upgrade. Yeas: all; Nays: none. Motion carried.

The supervisors endorsed the 2008 District Capacity Award. Sibley SWCD will achieve the "honorable mention" category this year.

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Other Business

Area VI MASWCD will hold its next quarterly meeting on September 10th, at the Lafayette Community Center. Kandiyohi SWCD will be the host.

Sibley SWCD will receive a dividend of \$1,587 from the Minnesota Counties Insurance Trust.

Motion by Schafer; seconded by Pfarr, to approve the 2009 State Grants agreement. Yeas: all; Nays: none. Motion carried.

Motion by Schafer; seconded by Smith, to authorize Evenson to submit Public Employment Retirement Association reports electronically. Yeas: all; Nays: none. Motion carried. Beginning in September, reports will have to be submitted electronically.

Motion by Pfarr; seconded by Schafer, to adjourn the meeting. Yeas: all; Nays: none. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 4:44 P.M. The next meeting will be held on September 9, 2008, at 4:00 P.M., at the Agricultural Service Center.

Secretary's Signature _____