



Minutes from the February 24, 2010 Regular Board Meeting

Call to Order Chair David Davis called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Members Present:

David Davis
Albert Moline
Hartley Sandstrom
Marcia Stromgren*
Debra Taylor*

Others Present:

R.C. Boheim, SWCD Staff
Danny Weber, NRCS Staff

Members Absent:

None

***Arrived late**

Agenda The Board reviewed the agenda. April meeting date change will be added to the Agenda. Motion by Sandstrom, seconded by Moline to approve the agenda as amended.

Affirmative: Davis, Moline, Sandstrom

Opposed: None ***Motion Carried***

Approval of minutes Minutes from the January 2010 Regular Board Meeting were reviewed. Motion by Sandstrom, seconded by Moline to approve the minutes as corrected.

Affirmative: Davis, Moline, Sandstrom

Opposed: None ***Motion Carried***

Financial and Administrative Report

Treasurer's Report Boheim reviewed financial reports for January and February. Total fund balance as of February 24, 2010 was \$255,833.56. Motion by Moline, seconded by Sandstrom to approve the financial report.

Affirmative: Davis, Moline, Sandstrom

Opposed: None ***Motion Carried***

State Cost-share Program Applications

None

Ag BMP Program Applications

None

Grant Agreements

Coastal Nonpoint Minnesota's Lake Superior Coastal Program - Coastal Nonpoint

Supervisors considered the following resolution authorizing applying for and accepting grants funds (\$18,000) for technical and education services relating to nonpoint source pollution reduction in the Lake Superior Watershed:

RESOLUTION OF AUTHORIZATION

South St. Louis SWCD

WHEREAS, the State of Minnesota, through the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources-Waters, administers financial assistance for coastal management purposes, through Minnesota's Lake Superior Coastal Program and,

WHEREAS, the South St. Louis SWCD desires financial assistance under
(Name of Applicant)
Minnesota's Lake Superior Coastal Program.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the South St. Louis SWCD as follows:
(Name of applicant)

1. That the South St. Louis SWCD approves filing an application and
(Name of Applicant)
accepting funds from
Minnesota's Lake Superior Coastal Program.
2. That R.C. Boheim, District Manager is hereby authorized and directed
(Project Manager)
to execute and file an application with the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources and to provide all information and documentation required to become eligible for possible funding assistance.
3. That Chair, Board of Supervisors has signatory authority to enter
(Title of Authorized Person)
into and agreement with the State of Minnesota.
4. That Chair, Board of Supervisors does agree to act as legal sponsor
(Title of Authorized Person)
and to obligate the funds required to satisfactorily complete the proposed project and become eligible for reimbursement under the terms and conditions of the Minnesota's Lake Superior Coastal Program.

Motion by Sandstrom, seconded by Moline to approve the resolution.

Affirmative: Davis, Moline, Sandstrom

Opposed: None ***Motion Carried***

St. Louis County Water Plan The Board considered the Draft Water Plan. Moline read the following comment that he prepared regarding the water plan:

February 4, 2010

Our water management plan should look at the environmental impact statement of the NorthMet Project and review the entire plan, especially the concerns and opinions on pages 21 and 22 (pages attached). There is a distinct possibility that ground and surface waters in the St. Louis River Basin could be irreparably damaged. With these concerns it is imperative that measures be taken to first take samples from surrounding ground water and surface waters so that steps can be taken if further samples show increases in impaired water quality. The problem is that once water quality has been jeopardized, is there a way of stopping further damage. Although mining is regulated by State and Federal governments, it isn't enough to safeguard our water quality.

Albert Moline, Jr.
South St. Louis County SWCD Supervisor

Motion by Sandstrom, seconded by Moline to endorse the Water Plan provided that the St. Louis County Planning Commission considers the comment and information provided by Supervisor and Water Plan Advisory Committee member Albert Moline.

Affirmative: Davis, Moline, Sandstrom, Stromgren, Taylor

Opposed: None ***Motion Carried***

(Stromgren entered the meeting during this item – 7:12)

(Taylor entered the meeting during this item – 7:15)

MASWCD Legislative Days Taylor and Stromgren discussed Legislative Days and the leaders they were able to meet with.

Project Presentations

None

District Manager's Report Boheim reported on current projects and activities.

District Conservationist's Report Weber discussed landowners that are receiving NRCS assistance and distributed a written report. He informed the Board that it is Black History Month.

Committee and Board Membership Reports

Area III SWCD TSA Davis reported the last meeting was January 27th. The same officers as last year were elected for 2010. Davis is Chair.

SWCD Forestry Association Davis reported that at the last meeting was January 21st. There was a presentation about the Emerald Ash Borer

Laurentian RC&D Moline reported that the January 25th meeting was cancelled.

Supervisor Reports and Concerns

Stromgren reported that she gave a presentation about invasive species and the tree sale for St. Louis County township officers.

Taylor reported students from Woodland Middle School in Duluth won the SWCD award at the Northeast Minnesota Science Fair.

Other Business

April Meeting Regular Meeting Date Change Moline would like to move the date of the April meeting. The Board agreed to discuss this at the March Meeting and make a decision.

Supervisor Expenses Supervisors submitted expense forms and Davis reviewed with the Board. Motion by Sandstrom, seconded by Moline to approve supervisor expenses.

Affirmative: Davis, Moline, Sandstrom, Stromgren, Taylor

Opposed: None ***Motion Carried***

Adjourn Motion by Sandstrom, seconded by Moline to adjourn the meeting.

Affirmative: Davis, Moline, Sandstrom, Stromgren, Taylor

Opposed: None ***Motion Carried***

Meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Approved

Al Moline, Secretary

Date