



Minutes from the April 16, 2008 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 District Conservationist
Keith Anderson, CCLNS Conservation Engineer
Tim Byrns, CCLNS Conservation Specialist

Members Absent:

***Arrived late**

Agenda The Board reviewed the agenda. There were no additions or corrections. Motion by Sandstrom, seconded by Taylor to approve the agenda.

Affirmative: Davis, Moline, Sandstrom, Taylor
Opposed: None ***Motion Carried***

Approval of minutes Minutes from the March 2008 Regular Board Meeting were reviewed. Motion by Sandstrom, seconded by Moline to approve the minutes as presented.

Affirmative: Davis, Moline, Sandstrom, Taylor
Opposed: None ***Motion Carried***

Treasurer's Report Boheim reviewed the Treasurer's reports for March. Total fund balance as of the end of March was \$235,020.61. The undesignated fund balance was \$72,397.49. Motion by Moline, seconded by Taylor to approve the treasurer's report.

Affirmative: Davis, Moline, Sandstrom, Taylor
Opposed: None ***Motion Carried***

State Cost-share Program Applications *None*

Ag BMP Program Applications *None*

Grant Agreements

Minnesota’s Lake Superior Coastal Program - Coastal Nonpoint Supervisors considered the following resolution authorizing applying for and accepting grants funds for technical and education services relating to nonpoint source pollution reduction in the Lake Superior Watershed:

Resolution of Authorization

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 with
(Name of applicant)
Minnesota’s Lake Superior Coastal Program and accepting grant funds.
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 Chairman, 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 Taylor to approve the resolution.

Affirmative: Davis, Moline, Sandstrom, Taylor

Opposed: None ***Motion Carried***

2008-2011 Comprehensive Plan Boheim and the Board reviewed the Draft 2008 – 2011 Comprehensive Plan. A few additions and corrections were made to the Draft. Motion by Sandstrom, seconded by Taylor to approve 2008 – 2011 Comprehensive Plan as updated.

Affirmative: Davis, Moline, Sandstrom, Stromgren, Taylor

Opposed: None ***Motion Carried***

(Stromgren entered the meeting during this agenda item - 7:08)

The approved plan is posted at <http://southstlouisswcd.org/>

Project Presentations

CCLNS Engineering and Forestry assistance Keith Anderson gave a presentation about engineering projects completed and in-progress. Tim Byrns discussed forestry projects and the Minnesota Family Forest conference he recently attended.

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

District Conservationist’s Report Danny Weber handed out a written report regarding landowners that are receiving NRCS assistance. Weber also reviewed the NRCS Mutual Agreement with the SWCD, and went over the Equal Opportunity and Civil Rights Statement.

Committee and Board Membership Reports

CCLNS JPB #3 No report

SWCD Forestry Association Davis reported that he attended the Business meeting held at the Family Forest Conference last month. Davis also reported that there will be a mini-session at the next MASWCD Convention regarding tree care.

Laurentian RC&D Moline reported that the last meeting was March 24th. Moline discussed some current and proposed projects.

Supervisor Reports and Concerns

Taylor will not be at the May meeting.

Stromgren discussed the Envirothon. She asked that Supervisors volunteer to help with the Envirothon on May 5th.

Other Business None

Supervisor Expenses Supervisors submitted expense forms and Davis reviewed with the Board. Motion by Sandstrom, seconded by Taylor 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 8:26 p.m.

Approved

Al Moline, Secretary

Date