



Minutes from the December 16, 2009 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

Members Absent:

*** Arrived late**

Agenda The Board reviewed the agenda. IRS Mileage Rate and SWCD Forestry Association Dues were added to the agenda under Other Business. 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 November 2009 Regular Board Meeting were reviewed. Motion by Sandstrom, seconded by Moline to approve the minutes as presented.

Affirmative: Davis, Moline, Sandstrom

Opposed: None ***Motion Carried***

(Stromgren entered the meeting at this point – 7:03)

Financial and Administrative Report

Treasurer's Report Boheim reviewed financial reports for November and December. Total fund balance as of November 18, 2009 was \$266,855.28. Motion by Moline, seconded by Stromgren to approve the financial report.

Affirmative: Davis, Moline, Sandstrom, Stromgren

Opposed: None ***Motion Carried***

State Cost-share Program Decisions

Joan and Michael Sutliff The proposed project is a lakeshore stabilization project on Fish Lake. The cost-estimate is \$5,254. Motion by Sandstrom, seconded by Moline to amend the contract to change the project dates. The project must begin by June 30, 2010 and be completed by June 30, 2010.

Affirmative: Davis, Moline, Sandstrom, Stromgren

Opposed: None ***Motion Carried***

Roy and Daryl Carlson The proposed project is a lakeshore stabilization project on Lake Superior. The cost-estimate is \$4,633. Motion by Sandstrom, seconded by Moline to amend the

contract to change the project dates. The project must begin by June 30, 2010 and be completed by June 30, 2010.

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

Dave Zentner The proposed project is a streambank stabilization project on Tischer Creek. The cost-estimate is \$12,593. Motion by Sandstrom, seconded by Moline to amend the contract to change the project dates. The project must begin by December 31, 2010 and be completed by December 31, 2010.

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

(Taylor entered the meeting at during this item – 7:07)

Ag BMP Program Applications

None

Grant Agreements

DNR Forest Stewardship Boheim reported that the contract for 12/1/2009 – 6/30/2010 and is worth \$3,400. Motion by Taylor, seconded by Sandstrom to approve the contract and authorize Davis to sign it.

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

2010 Draft Budget Boheim reported that there have been no substantial changes since the November meeting. Final approval is anticipated at the January Meeting

2010 Annual Plan Boheim reported that there will be a draft for the January Meeting.

Project Presentations None

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

District Conservationist's Report Weber reviewed Duluth Field Office activities and distributed a written report. Weber also reviewed our MOU with NRCS, Board diversity, and the non-discrimination statement.

Weber also reviewed a new agreement dealing with privacy issues. Entering into the agreement details how USDA program information is exchanged between the SWCD and NRCS. Motion by Sandstrom, seconded by Taylor to authorize Davis to sign the agreement.

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

Committee and Board Membership Reports

Area III Technical Service Area Davis reported last meeting was November 25th and it was a routine meeting.

SWCD Forestry Association Davis reported that the last meeting was November 19th and related several items of discussion from the meeting.

Laurentian RC&D Moline reported the last RC&D meeting was November 23rd. There was also a budget meeting on that day.

Supervisor Reports and Concerns

Taylor discussed the Duluth snow dump issue.

Stromgren, Taylor, Davis and Moline discussed the MASWCD annual convention, resolutions and presentations.

Other Business

SWCD Forestry Association Motion by Sandstrom, seconded by Taylor to pay the 2010 dues in the amount of \$60.

Affirmative: Davis, Moline, Sandstrom, Stromgren, Taylor

Opposed: None ***Motion Carried***

IRS Mileage Rate Motion by Sandstrom, seconded by Taylor to adopt the IRS mileage rate of \$0.50/mile effective January 1, 2010.

Affirmative: Davis, Moline, Sandstrom, Stromgren, Taylor

Opposed: None ***Motion Carried***

Supervisor Expenses Supervisors submitted expense forms and Davis reviewed with the Board.

Motion by Taylor, seconded by Sandstrom to approve supervisor expenses.

Affirmative: Davis, Moline, Sandstrom, Taylor, Stromgren

Opposed: None ***Motion Carried***

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

Affirmative: Davis, Moline, Sandstrom, Taylor, Stromgren

Opposed: None ***Motion Carried***

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Approved

Al Moline, Secretary

Date