

# SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICTS



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### MINUTES FROM THE JULY 7, 2010 MONTHLY BOARD MEETING

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The monthly meeting of the Redwood Soil and Water Conservation District was called to order at 8:00 a.m., on Wednesday July 7, 2010 by Chair Mike Hewitt. The meeting was held in the meeting room of the Ag Service Center in Redwood Falls, MN.

#### **BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Mike Hewitt – Chair  
Don Steffen – Vice-Chair  
Tom Morley – Secretary  
Ralph Heiling – PR&I

**STAFF:** Marilyn Bernhardson – District Administrator

**COUNTY COMMISSIONER:** None

**ADOPT AGENDA:** Motion by Heiling, second by Steffen to adopt the agenda with the following additions: RC&D Report and Area V Meeting Report. Motion carried by all voting yes.

**MINUTES:** Motion by Heiling, second by Steffen to approve the minutes from the June 10, 2010 board meeting as sent. Motion carried by all voting yes.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None

#### **STATE COST SHARE:**

*District:*

Motion by Steffen, second by Morley to approve payment of the following completed cost share contract:

5-10	Sunny Ruthchild	Bio-Retention Basins	\$4,207.00
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Motion carried with Hewitt abstaining.

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*FY2007 Clean Water Funds - 319:*

Motion by Morley, second by Heiling to approve payments of the following incentive cost share assistance:

CWL-37-07	Micah Eidem	Strip Till	\$3,708.00
CWL-59-07	Lowell Thooft	Nutrient Mgt.	\$3,075.00
CWL-60-07	Weber Farms	Nutrient Mgt.	\$3,750.00
Diversified Resources		TSP	\$2,730.00

Motion carried by all voting yes.

*FY 2008 Clean Water Legacy:*

Motion by Steffen, second by Morley to accept the following request for cost share assistance from the 2008 Clean Water Legacy funds:

CWL-81-08	Alan Krienke	Intakes	\$1,800.00
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Motion carried by all voting yes. RCRCA will provide technical support.

County Commissioner, Pricilla Klabunde entered the board meeting.

*Payment:* Motion by Heiling, second by Steffen to approve payment of the following completed cost share contracts:

CWL-33-08	Garry Beermann	Intakes	\$1,576.04
CWL-45-08	Brent Imker	Intakes	\$1,739.80
CWL-55-08	Daniel Schmidt	Intakes	\$1,800.00
CWL-63-08	Arnold Steleter	Intakes	\$ 300.00
CWL-80-08	Norman Krienke	Intakes	\$ 300.00
CWL-79-08	Rosemary Martin	Dam Repair	\$7,497.14

Motion carried by all voting yes.

*2010 Clean Water Fund:* Motion by Steffen, second by Morley to approve the following request for cost share assistance:

CFW-10-10	Eric Nelson	Intakes	\$3,300.00
CFW-11-10	John Edwards	Waterway	\$8,002.05
CFW-12-10	Charles Bjorklund	Waterway	\$5,138.40

RCRCA will provide Technical assistance for CWF-10-10 and NRCS in Lyon County will provide technical assistance for CWF-11-10 and CWF-12-10.

Motion carried by all voting yes.

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**BILLS PAYABLE:** Motion by Steffen, second by Heiling to approve payment of all bills through July 7, 2010 totaling \$85,168.88. Motion carried by all voting yes.

#### **REPORTS:**

Kari Clouse entered the meeting at 8:23 a.m.

*Office Assistant:* Clouse 1) Did not have report ready.

Kari Clouse left the meeting at 8:24 a.m.

*District Administrator:* Bernhardson 1) Attended Clean Water Council meeting and Steering Committee meeting. 2) Worked with county staff and electrician for the storage building. 3) Sent out for comment, the draft executive summary implementation sections of Redwood Water Management Plan. 4) Attended Woman's Day event. 5) Processing RIM Riparian Buffer strip Contracts. 6) Worked on displays for fair and Farmfest. 7) Started working on brochure and plans for grazing Workshop which will be August 11, 2010. 8) Attended Conservation Drainage Workshop. 9) Worked on 2011 budget. 10) Participated in a round table discussion for LSOHC. 11) Participated in the development of a grant for buffer strips to meet both water quality and wildlife goals. 12) Happy to report that we received the Grant of \$366,000 that we applied for through the Mississippi River Basin Initiative. These funds are for three sub-watersheds in the Middle Minnesota River Basin.

Kari Clouse re-entered the meeting and Marilyn Bernhardson left the meeting at 8:40 a.m.

Kari Clouse left the meeting and Marilyn Bernhardson entered the meeting at 8:43 a.m.

*RCRCA:* Steffen reported on the June 21<sup>st</sup> board meeting.

*RC&D:* Hewitt reported on the June 30, 2010.

*Area V Meeting:* Heiling reported on the June 18, 2010 meeting.

*COUNTY COMMISSIONER:* Klabunde had nothing to report.

**2011 GRANTS:** We were notified about the following grants for FY 11: General Service Grant and Easement Grant were reduced by \$7,696, a slight increase in our state cost share funds and \$15,750 for farmbill staff.

**BUILDING UPDATE:** Construction of the building is complete. Most of the landscaping has been done. Electricity has not been put in yet. Plan to paint interior walls of interior room once the electricity is installed.

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**BUDGET:** Heiling, from the budget committee presented a draft budget for 2011. Current draft budget has an approximate 2% cost of living increase for staff for 2011. Motion by Heiling, second by Steffen to approve the 2011 budget as presented and present it to the County Board of commissioners at a later date.

**OTHER BUSINESS:** None

**NEXT MEETING:** The next meeting of the Redwood Soil and Water Conservation District will be August 12, 2010 at 8:00 a.m. in the meeting room of the Ag Service Center in Redwood Falls, MN.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Chair declared the meeting adjourned at 9:26 a.m.

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Supervisor