

**Minutes of the March 19th, 2014
Regular Brown SWCD Board Meeting,
Brown County Office Building, Sleepy Eye, MN**

Meeting was called to order at 8:33AM by Vice Chair Rathman.

Present:

1. Gary Rathman – Vice Chair
2. Clem Windschitl – Secretary
3. Ralph Stadick – Treasurer
4. Greg Roiger – PRI
5. Doug Goodrich – Program Manager
6. Vanessa Grausam – Administrative Assistant
7. Jennifer Hahn – NRCS District Conservationist (entered at 8:58AM)
8. Tom Peterson – NRCS Soil Conservation Technician

Absent:

1. Jack Vogel – Chair
2. Dennis Potter – Brown County Commissioner Liaison

AGENDA

- ❖ Motion was made by Roiger and seconded by Stadick to adopt the agenda with the addition of Wetland Issue under New Business.
Affirmative: Rathman, Windschitl, Stadick, Roiger
Opposed: None Motion Carried.

MINUTES

- ❖ Motion was made by Windschitl and seconded by Stadick to approve the February 19th Board Meeting Minutes as presented.
Affirmative: Rathman, Windschitl, Stadick, Roiger
Opposed: None Motion Carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT

- ❖ Motion was made by Windschitl and seconded by Stadick to approve the January and February Treasurer's Reports as provided.
Affirmative: Rathman, Windschitl, Stadick, Roiger
Opposed: None Motion Carried.

BILLS

- ❖ Motion was made by Roiger and seconded by Stadick to approve payment of the bills as provided in addition to Goodrich Technical Training Registration (\$75) and MN State Auditor Audit Review Bill (\$144).

Affirmative: Rathman, Windschitl, Stadick, Roiger
Opposed: None Motion Carried.

WATER PERMITS

- ❖ There have been 2 DNR irrigation permit amendments and 1 DNR ag processing facilities permit amendment since the last meeting.

STATE COST SHARE

- ❖ A motion was made by Stadick and seconded by Roiger to approve RCRCA Cost Share Contract for Kent Anacker for 4 Alternative Tile Intakes. Cost estimate is \$1,600.00 with cost share not to exceed 75% or \$1,200.00.

Affirmative: Rathman, Windschitl, Stadick, Roiger
Opposed: None Motion Carried.

- ❖ A motion was made by Windschitl and seconded by Roiger to approve the Final Financial Report for FY2013 Easement Delivery Grant which has been spent.

Affirmative: Rathman, Windschitl, Stadick, Roiger
Opposed: None Motion Carried.

MONTHLY NARRATIVE (Goodrich)

- ❖ Copies of the monthly narrative were reviewed and are on file.

Hahn entered at 8:58AM.

NRCS REPORT (Hahn)

- ❖ Copies of the NRCS report were reviewed and are on file.

MEETING REPORTS

- ❖ Stadick and Hahn reported on the DNR Prairie Plan Red Rock Meeting which was held February 24th.
- ❖ Roiger reported on the RCRCA Meeting which was held March 6th.
- ❖ Supervisors, Staff, and Hahn gave a report on the Farm Show which was held March 7th and 8th in New Ulm.
- ❖ Windschitl reported on the GBERBA Policy Meeting which was held March 13th in Mankato.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- ❖ RCRCA Contract for Services was discussed. At this time RCRCA would like to keep the contract active in case they need Goodrich's service in the future.

NEW BUSINESS

- ❖ Goodrich shared with the Board the current status of 1WS1P efforts through the Yellow Medicine Watershed agencies. Currently they are seeking to apply to be a pilot watershed request for interest. A motion was made by Roiger and seconded by Stadick to approve a letter of support from the Brown SWCD board.

Affirmative: Rathman, Windschitl, Stadick, Roiger

Opposed: None Motion Carried

- ❖ MASWCD Funding Initiative was discussed.
- ❖ Supervisor Election District Options were discussed. A motion was made by Roiger and seconded by Stadick to not make any changes to the supervisor districts and election options at this time.

Affirmative: Rathman, Windschitl, Stadick, Roiger

Opposed: None Motion Carried

- ❖ Rathman discussed an issue with a landowner within his district and some issues the landowner is having with wetland determinations through NRCS. Hahn clarified that NRCS does not have the authority to disclose any information on landowners without permission due to the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA).

❖ **UPCOMING MEETINGS**

A motion was made by Stadick and seconded by Windschitl to approve the following meetings:

- March 20th – Area VI Meeting (All Supervisors & Staff)
- March 21st – GBERBA Staff Meeting (Office Closed)
- March 24th/25th – MASWCD Legislative Days (Rathman, Stadick)
- March 27th – SCTSA Meeting (Stadick)
- April 3rd – RCRCA Meeting (Vogel)
- April 16th – Regular Board Meeting

Affirmative: Rathman, Windschitl, Stadick, Roiger

Opposed: None Motion Carried

Meeting adjourned – 11:04AM

Secretary: _____ **Date:** _____