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**Minutes of the June 18th, 2015
Regular Brown SWCD Board Meeting,
Brown County Office Building, Sleepy Eye, MN**

Meeting was called to order at 2:02 PM by Chair Vogel.

PRESENT

1. Jack Vogel – Chair
2. Gary Rathman – Vice Chair
3. Clem Windschitl – Secretary (exited at 4:03pm)
4. Ralph Stadick – Treasurer
5. Doug Goodrich – District Manager
6. Melanie Krueger – Administrative Assistant
7. Cody Dale – AIS Coordinator/District Technician (entered at 3:45pm)
8. Peter Selness – Conservation Corps Apprentice (entered at 3:45 pm)
9. Jennifer Hahn – NRCS District Conservationist
10. Dustin Van Thuyne – PF/Farm Bill Wildlife Biologist
11. Dean Simonsen – Brown County Commissioner Liaison

ABSENT

1. Greg Roiger – PRI

AGENDA

- ◆ Motion was made by Stadick and seconded by Windschitl to adopt the agenda with the removal of agenda item #11 – DNR Well Reading Agreement under New Business as the agreement had not been received from the DNR as expected.
Affirmative: Vogel, Rathman, Windschitl, Stadick
Opposed: None; Motion Carried

CONSENT AGENDA

- ◆ Motion was made by Windschitl and seconded by Stadick to approve the Consent Agenda items as presented which included the May 13, 2015 Board Meeting minutes, the May 2015 Treasurer's Report, the Bills Report dated May 7, 2015 to June 12, 2015 and the district staff's Monthly Narrative report dated May 7, 2015 to June 12, 2015.
Affirmative: Vogel, Rathman, Windschitl, Stadick
Opposed: None; Motion Carried

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WATER PERMITS/WCA REPORTS

- ◆ Goodrich advised that since the last meeting he received reports from the MDH on 1 ag well and 5 domestic wells that had been drilled and 13 wells that had been sealed. He also reported on the water permit notices received which included 1 work permit for the County Highway Department in relation to the bike trail on Sleepy Eye Lake, 3 well pump permits at livestock facilities, and 1 general well permit at a livestock facility. Goodrich also informed that for WCA he had received 1 NOD for the Sioux Valley Gun Club, 1 NOA for the New Ulm High School and he had attended a TEP Panel meeting that occurred on the New Ulm High School site.

STATE COST SHARE

- ◆ None

NRCS REPORT

- ◆ Hahn reviewed the NRCS board report with the group and the report is on file.

PF/FARM BILL TECH REPORT

- ◆ Van Thuyne reviewed the PF/Farm Bill Tech board report with the group and the report is on file.

MEETING REPORTS

- ◆ Goodrich reported details to the group on the GBERBA Technical meeting he attended on May 27 with Conservation Corps Apprentice Selness.
- ◆ Rathman reported details from the Legislative Town Hall meeting (Bridging Brown County event) which he attended on May 27.
- ◆ Vogel reported details from the RCRCA Board meeting attended on June 4.
- ◆ Goodrich reviewed information from the Hanska Stakeholder Analysis meeting held in this office on June 3rd and on the Ditch Redetermination meetings the County held on June 17th in the Community Room of this building and gave an AIS report on Dale's behalf.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- ◆ **WRAPS Update:** Goodrich informed the group that he now has a signed contract for the WRAPS funds so money can now be billed to this fund.

NEW BUSINESS

- ◆ **Commissioner Comments:** Commissioner Simonsen advised the group that the Ditch Redetermination process is moving forward. The first set of ditches had information meetings yesterday with a second landowner meeting scheduled for the end of July and then two weeks later it will be presented to the Board for final approval. He also advised that the County health insurance plan costs are estimated to increase by 18-25%.
- ◆ **2015 Tree Program Report:** Goodrich reviewed the 2015 Tree Program report prepared by staff. The net income before considering staff wages was \$4,215.52 and after deducting staff wages for time spent on tree sales/distribution the overall net profit is \$497.65.

- ◆ **2015 Outstanding Conservationist:** The group discussed possible nominees for the district's 2015 Outstanding Conservationist and narrowed it down to three persons to consider. A final decision will be made at next month's meeting.
- ◆ **2016 County Budget Request Approval:** Staff presented and reviewed with the board the 2016 county budget request prepared. It needs to be submitted to the county no later than June 30th. A motion was made by Windschitl and seconded by Stadick to approve the 2016 County Budget Request as presented.
Affirmative: Vogel, Rathman, Windschitl, Stadick
Opposed: None; Motion Carried

Dale and Selness entered at 3:45pm

- ◆ **Mankato Free Press Buffers Article:** The group held discussion on the Buffers Article that was published in the Mankato Free Press on May 22 and was emailed out to the group for review.
- ◆ **MASWCD Area 6 Summer Meeting Attendance & Planning Committee Selection:** The group held discussion on who would be available to attend the Area VI meeting on June 23rd at a cost of \$25 per person. Staff reminded the board that the Planning Committee members for each district needed to be chosen and advised to Sheila at MASWCD by July 6th. Vogel informed the group that Roiger had volunteered to be on the committee as a board member and staff advised that Krueger will be on the committee as the employee member.

Windschitl exited at 4:03pm

- ◆ **Upcoming Meetings/Events:** A motion was made by Stadick and seconded by Rathman to approve the following meetings/events:
 - ◇ Tuesday, June 23 – Area VI MASWCD Summer Meeting, Fairmont (Vogel, Rathman, Stadick, Roiger and All Staff)
 - ◇ Wednesday, June 24 – GBERBA Technical Meeting (Dale, Selness)
 - ◇ June 24 – June 25 – MASWCD Leadership, Lanesboro (Goodrich)
 - ◇ Thursday, June 25 – South Central TSA Board Meeting, Mankato (Stadick, Dale)
 - ◇ Thursday, July 2 – RCRCA Board Meeting, Marshall (Vogel)
 - ◇ Friday, July 3 – Independence Day Holiday Observed (office closed)
 - ◇ Thursday, July 16 – GBERBA Policy/Tech Meeting & Tour, 10:00am (Dale)
 - ◇ Thursday, July 16 – Brown SWCD Regular Board Meeting, 2:00 PM
Affirmative: Vogel, Rathman, Stadick
Opposed: None; Motion Carried

Meeting adjourned – 4:13 PM

Secretary:  Date: 7-16-15