

WINONA COUNTY SWCD MINUTES
Ag Service Center, Lewiston, MN
March 14, 2011

Meeting was called to order at 9:00 A.M. by Chairman Rudie Spitzer.

Present were supervisors ó Rudie Spitzer, Arlene Nelson, John Bronk, Jim Riddle, and George Welshons.

Also present were óMena Kaehler and Jim Pomeroy, County Commissioners; Karin Sonneman, County Attorney; Duane Herbert, County Administrator; Daryl Buck and Marlow Mielke, SWCD; Jerry Hildebrandt, WWJPB; Naomi Corey, Rush-Pine Contractor; Sue Glende, NRCS; Rich Biske, Nature Conservancy; and Mary Kells, BWSR.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA ó Jim made a motion to approve the March 14, 2011 agenda. Arlene seconded it and carried by affirmative votes.

OATH OF OFFICE ó George took and signed the Oath of Office in front of the Board for his term in office.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS and APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS ó Elections were done by ballot. Each supervisor had one vote for each office.

The results were as follows:

Chairman ó Rudie Spitzer (3 votes), Jim Riddle (2 votes)

Vice Chairman ó John Bronk (3 votes), Jim Riddle (2 votes)

Secretary ó Jim Riddle (5 votes)

Treasurer ó George Welshons (5 votes)

Appointments of Committee Assignments were made as follows:

Personnel Committee ó John Bronk and Jim Riddle

Budget Committee ó George Welshons and John Bronk

Education Committee ó Jim Riddle and Arlene Nelson

Partner Relations Committee ó George Welshons and Jim Riddle

Assignments:

WWJPB ó Rudie Spitzer

SRF (State Revolving Fund Joint Powers Board) ó Rudie Spitzer

RC&D ó Arlene Nelson

BALMN ó George Welshons

Public Relations and Information ó Jim Riddle

BOARD MEETING DATE AND TIME ó Jim made a motion for the regular monthly meetings to be held the second Wednesday of the month at 9:00 A.M. at the Lewiston Ag Service Center. John seconded it and carried by affirmative votes.

CONSENT AGENDA ó

Approval of Minutes - Jim made a motion to approve the February 9 and February 25, 2011 minutes changing the special meeting date to February 25; John seconded it and carried by affirmative votes.

Bills Payable ó Jim made a motion to approve the March Bills Payable. John seconded it and carried by affirmative votes.

Treasurers Report ó John made a motion to approve the Treasurers Reports. Arlene seconded it and carried by affirmative votes.

COUNTY COMMISSIONER REPORT ó Commissioner Kaehler update the Board on the reorganization of the county departments, hiring of the new Whitewater JPB Coordinator/Water Planner, SE Minnesota Water Resource Board meeting being held today, and an update on the new building.

WINONA COUNTY PLANNING REPORT ó Duane reported on the hiring of the new Whitewater JPB Coordinator/Water Planner.

D.C. REPORT ó Sue gave an NRCS program update.

WHITEWATER JPB REPORT ó Jerry Hildebrandt updated the Board on his continued outreach work, including landowner and council meetings.

RUSH-PINE REPORT ó Naomi presented a report on her work in Rush-Pine this past month.

SUPERVISOR REPORTS

COST SHARE

1. Jim made a motion to approve the 2010 Annual Report and Financial Statements. John seconded it and carried by affirmative votes.
2. Jim made a motion to approve the 2009 Native Buffer Amendment with BWSR to extend the completion date of the grant to July 1, 2011. Arlene seconded it and carried by affirmative votes.

OLD BUSINESS

1. The Board continued to discuss the County/District collaborations.
The Partner Relations Committee will met on March 21, 2011 at 10:00 A.M. to discuss options/ideas for County/SWCD collaborations.
A Special Board meeting is called for April 4, 2011 at 9:00 A.M. to discuss options/ideas for County/SWCD collaborations and discuss the 2011 Budget and review options for adjustments.
2. Jim made a motion to amend The Nature Conservancy contract to allow \$100.00 FANMAP reimbursement to landowners. John seconded it and carried by affirmative votes.
John made a motion to amend The Nature Conservancy contract to allow reimbursement for tests needed. Jim seconded it and carried by affirmative votes.
3. Jim made a motion to approve the Cover Crop guidelines and fact sheet as presented. Arlene seconded it and carried by affirmative votes.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Jim made a motion to accept, in the interim, the General Appraisal of Employee Performance form presented by Arlene, with the addition of a final question of the employee on how the Board can help them better do their job. This will be a Board evaluation and self evaluation. John seconded it and carried by affirmative votes.

MISCELLANEOUS DISTRICT NEWS AND INFORMATION

1. Letter of Resignation from Marlow Mielke effective March 31, 2011 was stated to the Board by SWCD Board Chairman.
2. Personnel Committee meeting will be held April 4, 2011 at 1:00 P.M. to review staffing needs and personnel reviews.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ó None.

ADJOURNMENT ó Jim made a motion to adjourn the meeting. John seconded it and carried by affirmative votes. Meeting adjourned at 1:41 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by:

Jim Riddle
Secretary of the Board