



**MINNESOTA
SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICTS**

**SIBLEY SOIL AND WATER
CONSERVATION DISTRICT**

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MINUTES FROM THE MONTHLY BOARD MEETING, JUNE 8, 2010

Members present: Dave Trebelhorn, Chairman
Paul Wiemann, Vice-Chairman
Robert Nielsen, Secretary
Tom Pfarr, Treasurer
Gary Schafer, Reporter

Others present: Loren Evenson, District Manager
Kevin Pioske, District Technician
Ron Otto, Water Management Coordinator
Joel Wurscher, High Island Creek WS Coordinator

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Trebelhorn at 4:02 P. M.

Motion by Weimann; seconded by Schafer, to approve the May Meeting minutes.
Yeas: all; nays: none. Motion carried.

Motion by Wiemann; seconded by Schafer, to approve the May financial report.
Yeas: all; nays: none. Motion carried.

NRCS Report

Sullivan was not present at the meeting.

Water Management Report

Arlington will be holding its "Breakfast on the Farm" on June 18th. A display will be set up as a promotional tool to remind residents of the County and High Island watershed of the programs and services offered by the District and Implementation Project.

Wurscher reported on the watershed budgets and timelines. The High Island Project will sunset this year. All invoices should be received by September 1st. Septic System loans must be enacted by November 15, 2010.

Wurscher expects to get the summer edition of the *River Watcher* out for distribution sometime next week.

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District Report

All of the tree orders have been distributed. Leftover stock was sold to interested landowners. All that remains is to clean out the tree shed and put the planters away for the winter. Eight Thousand two hundred and forty-five trees and shrubs were sold this year. A number of first-time customers bought from the District this year.

District staff assisted the High Island Creek Watershed Implementation Project in designing a water and sediment control basin. The project has been installed on the Marvin Bulau farm on the west shore of High Island Lake.

The staff also investigated several erosion situations for possible future projects. With anticipated budget cuts to the State Cost-Share Program, more dependence on EQIP and Watershed funding will probably be required to meet the needs of interested producers. The District staff will work on the designs of which they have technical approval authority to do so.

Two staff and two supervisors were present to meet with the new NRCS State Conservationist, Don Baloun, on May 25th. Mr. Baloun was very receptive, and indicated his intent to continue and improve the partnership between the NRCS and Soil and Water Conservation Districts. He intends on making sure that the customer is satisfied with the service provided by the field offices to put conservation on the land. He also brought up other items, including office space, computers, and copying machines.

Old Business

There was no old business to be discussed.

New Business

Motion by Nielsen; seconded by Pfarr, to approve a State Cost-Share practice completion of David Tesch, of Henderson Township. Yeas: all; nays: none. Motion carried. Final payment of \$3,529.80 will be issued for contract #FY10-2, for the construction of a grade stabilization structure. The District will retain \$882.45 for technical and administrative services related to the project. The project was designed by South Central Technical Area staff.

Motion by Wiemann; seconded by Pfarr, to approve a State Cost-Share practice completion of James Evenson, of Severance Township. Yeas: all; nays: none. Motion carried. Final payment of \$1,840.13 will be issued for contract #FY08-11, for the construction of a water and sediment control basin. The District will retain \$460.03 for technical and administrative services related to the project. Pioske has technical approval for the project. Slippage in the amount of \$199.84 was returned to the Board of Water and Soil Resources.

Motion by Pfarr; seconded by Schafer to return \$10,000 of unspent Native Buffer Cost-Share to the Board of Water and Soil Resources. Yeas: all; nays: none. Motion carried.

A draft budget for the District and Water Plan has been developed for presentation to the County Board of Commissioners.

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New Business (continued)

Motion by Schafer; seconded by Nielsen, to approve the District budget request, subject to expected State allocations. Yeas: all; nays: none. Motion carried.

The FAC Committee is to meet on June 16th to discuss space needs and a possible future location to conduct business. The NRCS/SWCD portion of the existing building does not meet the current or future needs of our agencies.

Motion by Wiemann; seconded by Pfarr, to hold the District annual picnic on Thursday, August 12th at the Harold Melsha pond site. Yeas: all; nays: none. Motion carried. An invitation list will be discussed at the next meeting.

Motion by Schafer; seconded by Wiemann, to name Gary Kruggel of Alfsborg Township as the 2010 Outstanding Conservationist. Yeas: all; nays: none. Motion carried.

Motion by Schafer; seconded by Wiemann, to sponsor a booth at the Sibley County Fair. Yeas: all; nays: none. Motion carried. The booth will be shared by the Rush River and High Island Watershed Projects. The booth fee is \$125.00.

Other Business

The District received a joint project notification for a road re-alignment of County Road #11 and State Highway #5. This site is subject to the roadway provisions of the Wetland Conservation Act.

Of the four resolutions submitted by Area VI MASWCD counties; one passed and three failed.

The County Parks and Trails Committee is looking at the possibility of establishing a recreational trail from the City of Arlington to the Arlington Sportsmen's Park.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Schafer; seconded by Nielsen, to adjourn the meeting. Yeas: all; nays: none. Motion carried. The meeting was concluded at 5:40 P.M. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 13th, at 4:00 P.M., at the Agricultural Service Center.

Secretary