



Scott Soil and Water Conservation District

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

Wednesday, May 18, 2011 - 8:00 A.M.

7151 West 190th Street, Suite 125, Jordan, MN 55352

MEETING MINUTES

SWCD Members Present

Ewald Gruetzmacher, Chair
Gary Hartmann, Secretary-Treasurer
Paul Krueger, Vice-Chair
Jim Fitzsimmons
Linda Brown

SWCD Staff Present

Troy Kuphal, Staff
Shelly Tietz, Staff

Others Present

Katundra Shears, NRCS

1) **Call to Order**

Chair Gruetzmacher called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m. A quorum was present.

2) **Agenda Additions, Deletions & Approval**

1. NPEAP Equipment Request
2. NPEAP Contract Approval for Washington Conservation District

3) **Minutes**

Motion by Linda Brown, second by Jim Fitzsimmons, to approve the minutes of April 20, 2011. Ayes: Fitzsimmons, Krueger, Gruetzmacher, Brown and Hartmann.

4) **Bills**

Bills reviewed.

5) **Treasurer**

Motion by Paul Krueger, second by Linda Brown, to approve the Treasurer's Report as read, subject to audit, and pay the bills submitted totaling \$71,492.81 (checks #17118-#17161). Ayes: Fitzsimmons, Krueger, Gruetzmacher, Brown and Hartmann.

6) **Reports and Announcements**

a. **SWCD Activity Report**

Troy Kuphal reviewed the April SWCD Activity Report.

b. **NRCS Activity Report**

Katundra Shears reviewed the April NRCS Activity Report.

c. **Announcements**

- Prior Lake Spring Lake Watershed District has scheduled a tour for city residence and lakeshore owners of the Krueger Farm on May 26, 2011.
- Conservation Team Building meeting will be held on June 7 with Scott SWCD, Scott WMO and PLSLWD.

7) Old Business

a. Equipment Rental Program Application

Mr. Kuphal noted staff requested Board direction in April on the Equipment Rental Program application from Mike Weinandt, based on concerns regarding late payment and unauthorized usage that had been experienced in the past with the applicant. The Board approved the application subject to upfront cash payment of the per acre fee times twice the requested acreage. Mr. Kuphal indicated that soon after the April meeting, staff became aware of an official letter from USDA addressed to Mr. Weinandt, in which he was being prohibited from entering local field offices and engaging directly with local USDA staff due to a pattern of abusive and other discerning behaviors. Mr. Kuphal shared his concern regarding the matter, citing safety of his own staff and the challenge that SWCD staff working with Mr. Weinandt would present given the co-location of SWCD and USDA offices. Discussion ensued. Motion by Jim Fitzsimmons, second by Linda Brown, to rescind the motion dated April 20, 2011 to approving Mr. Weinandt's application with conditions. Ayes: Fitzsimmons, Krueger, Gruetzmacher, Brown and Hartmann. Motion by Linda Brown, second by Jim Fitzsimmons, to deny the Weinandt Equipment Rental Agreement. Ayes: Fitzsimmons, Krueger, Gruetzmacher, Brown and Hartmann.

8) New Business

a. Cooperator Contracts, Payments and Agreements

Motion by Jim Fitzsimmons, second by Linda Brown, to approve the following Cooperator Contracts, Payments and Agreements:

8.a.1. State Cost-Share

- Richard McCracken (#11-07), application for a Well Decommission Project with a cost estimate of \$1,500 and the maximum state cost share not to exceed 37.5% or \$562.50 of the total eligible costs, whichever is less. The project will start by 12/24/11 and be completed by 12/31/11 with Emily Javens as the Conservation District Technical Representative.

8.a.2. Scott WMO Cost-Share

- Ellen Shea (SWMO #11-22), application for Filter Strip for \$15,509 for 18.9 acres.
- Mark Lano (SWMO #11-21), application for Filter Strip for \$8,039 for 9.9 acres.
- Joe Menke (SWMO #10-30), 1st half filter strip payment of \$2,000.
- Ray Wittl (SWMO #09-59) contract cancellation for a Streambank Stabilization Project for \$9,075.
- Mark Scheffler, technical assistance for Rock Tile Inlet (SWMO #11-20) for \$450.
- Larry Malz (SWMO #11-17), final payment for Grassed Waterway Project for \$2,391.
- Mark Scheffler, escrow agreement for Rock Tile Inlet project (SWMO #11-20) for \$45.
- Eileen Latterell (SWMO #10-52) contract cancellation for Native Prairie Planting Project for \$23,450.
- Richard McCracken, escrow agreement for Well Decommission Project for \$56.
- Steven Johnson, escrow agreement for Lined Waterway Project for \$280.
- Gary Powell, technical assistance for Filter Strip Project (SWMO #11-23) for \$1,873.

8.a.3. Cooperator Agreements

- Ellen Shea, cooperator agreement for property located in Cedar Lake Township.
- Leon Zweber, cooperator agreement for property located in Cedar Lake Township.
- Mark Lano, cooperator agreement for property located in Helena Township.
- Cal McCracken, cooperator agreement for property located in City of Savage.
- Erik & Taunya Schindeldecker, cooperator agreement for property located in Spring Lake Township.
- Mark Scheffler, cooperator agreement for property located in Helena Township.

Ayes: Fitzsimmons, Krueger, Gruetzmacher, Brown and Hartmann.

b. Agreements

Motion by Linda Brown, second by Paul Krueger to approve the Lower Minnesota River Watershed agreement. Ayes: Fitzsimmons, Krueger, Gruetzmacher, Brown and Hartmann.

- c. **Non-Point Engineering Assistance Program**
Motion by Paul Krueger, second by Linda Brown, to approve Chisago's NPEAP engineering request for Pam Foshay, Feedlot Runoff Controls for \$4,950, Washington's engineering request for Target Corporation for Bioretention Project for \$9,500 and Scott's NPEAP Equipment request for up to \$500 to purchase a receiving end for a charger. Ayes: Fitzsimmons, Krueger, Gruetzmacher, Brown and Hartmann.

- d. **2011 MASWCD Convention – Planning Committee Representative**
Metro Area 4 SWCDs will be hosting this year's annual convention, being held December 4, 5, 6 at the Sheraton in Bloomington. Each district is requested to select one staff and one supervisor to attend convention planning activities. Motion by Paul Krueger, second by Linda Brown, to approve Jim Fitzsimmons to attend the convention planning meetings along with one staff person. Ayes: Fitzsimmons, Krueger, Gruetzmacher, Brown and Hartmann.

- e. **2011 Recognition Banquet**
Motion by Linda Brown, second by Paul Krueger to approve the 2011 Recognition Banquet for Friday, December 9, 2011 at Legends Golf Club. Ayes: Fitzsimmons, Krueger, Gruetzmacher, Brown and Hartmann.

- f. **2011 Area IV Tour**
Motion by Linda Brown, second by Paul Krueger to approve supervisors and staff to attend the 2011 Area IV Tour on June 23 in Dakota County. Ayes: Fitzsimmons, Krueger, Gruetzmacher, Brown and Hartmann.

- g. **Schedule Finance Committee Meeting**
Motion by Linda Brown, second by Jim Fitzsimmons to approve a finance committee meeting. Ayes: Fitzsimmons, Krueger, Gruetzmacher, Brown and Hartmann.

- 9) **Other Business**
Gary Hartmann reported on the May 13 SCALE meeting he attended, noting the Scott SWCDs membership request was approved. The next meeting will be held on June 10 at the Joint Training Facility, in Jordan, and hosted by Elko/New Market.

- 10) **Adjourn**
Motion by Gary Hartmann, second by Linda Brown, to adjourn the meeting at 9:05 a.m. Ayes: Fitzsimmons, Krueger, Gruetzmacher, Brown and Hartmann.