

SPECIAL DISTRICT BOARD MEETING

Tuesday, January 22, 2013

2:30 P.M.

USDA Service Center

SWCD Office

Preston, MN 55965

Minutes

MEMBERS PRESENT: Tim Gossman, Brian Hazel, Leonard Leutink, Pam Mensink, Travis Willford

MEMBERS ABSENT: None.

OTHERS PRESENT: Donna Rasmussen, Jeanette Serfling, Robert Joachim (NRCS), Angela White (NRCS), Steve Lawler (BWSR)

Willford called the meeting to order at 3:04 p.m. A quorum is present.

I. AGENDA

Motioned by Mensink seconded by Hazel to approve the agenda. Affirmative: Hazel, Mensink, Willford, Leutink. Opposed: none. Motion carried.

II. OLD BUSINESS

1. Review 2013 meeting dates

Motioned by Hazel seconded by Mensink to table the review of 2013 meeting dates until Gossman is present. Affirmative: Hazel, Mensink, Willford, Leutink. Opposed: none. Motion carried.

III. NEW BUSINESS

1. Consider approval for Board Chair to sign agreement with the Nature Conservancy for Root River Landscape Plan Phase II

Motioned by Leutink seconded by Mensink to approve the Board Chair to sign the agreement with The Nature Conservancy for the Root River Landscape Plan Phase II. Affirmative: Hazel, Mensink, Willford, Leutink. Opposed: none. Motion carried.

2. Consider approval for Board Chair to Sign agreement with the Nature Conservancy for South Fork Root River Hayable Buffer Program

Motioned by Leutink seconded by Mensink to give approval for the Board Chair to sign the agreement with the Nature Conservancy for the South Fork Root River Hayable Buffer Program. Affirmative: Hazel, Mensink, Willford, Leutink. Opposed: none. Motion carried.

3. Consider approval of amendment to U of M Center for Changing Landscapes contract to increase amount from \$20,000.00 to \$40,000.00

Motioned by Mensink seconded by Leutink to approve the amendment to the U of M Center for Changing Landscapes contract to increase the amount of the contract from \$20,000.00 to \$40,000.00. Affirmative: Hazel, Willford, Mensink, Leutink. Opposed: none. Motion carried.

4. Consider approval to request NRCS to document and assign Technical Approval Authority ratings for ecological sciences/planning for Dean Thomas

Motioned by Mensink seconded by Leutink to approve the request to NRCS to document and assign Technical Approval Authority ratings for ecological sciences/planning for Dean Thomas. Affirmative: Hazel, Willford, Mensink, Leutink. Opposed: none. Motion carried.

IV. CONDUCT ANNUAL PLANNING MEETING

Gossman entered the meeting at 3:22 p.m.

The annual planning meeting was conducted. All goals and objective were reviewed and prioritized with additional comments and suggestions added.

The annual plan with the changes will be reviewed and approved at the February Regular Board Meeting.

II. OLD BUSINESS

1. Review 2013 meeting dates

As Gossman had a conflict with the June, 2013 meeting, he asked that the date be reviewed. Board consensus was to change the June, 2013 meeting from Thursday, June 13th to Wednesday, June 12th at 4:30 p.m. at the SWCD office.

V. ADJOURNMENT

Motioned by Gossman seconded by Leutink to adjourn the meeting. Affirmative: Hazel, Mensink, Willford, Gossman, Leutink. Opposed: none. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:37 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Pamela Mensink