

Minutes
Elk River Watershed Association Board of Directors
Regular Meeting
January 25, 2010
USDA Service Center, Foley, MN

Attendance: Gerry Maciej, Leander Schlosser, Tiffany Determan, Doug Manthei, Terry Polsfuss, Brian Kaschmitter, Mark Basiletti, Joe Jordan, John Riebel, Leonard Popp, Phil Votruba, Jim Stahlmann, Joe Wollak, DeAnna Doran

Meeting called to order at 9:03 am by Terry Polsfuss, Chair.

1. Review & Approval of Agenda

Tiffany Determan recommended the addition of item 11.) ERWSA TMDL update. Leander Schlosser made a motion to approve the agenda with the above modification. Joe Wollak seconded the motion. All were in favor. The motion passed.

2. Review & Approval of the December 21st, 2009 meeting minutes

Joe Wollak made a motion to approve the minutes of the December 21st, 2009 ERWS meeting. Leonard Popp seconded the motion. All were in favor. The motion passed.

3. Elect Chair and Vice Chair for 2010.

Terry Polsfuss opened nominations for Chair. Terry Polsfuss was nominated by Leonard Popp. Joe Wollak seconded the nomination. Nominations were closed by Terry Polsfuss. A vote was called to elect Terry Polsfuss as Chair. All were in favor. Terry Polsfuss was named Chair. Terry Polsfuss opened nomination for Vice Chair. Joe Jordan was nominated by Leander Schlosser. Brian Kaschmitter seconded the nomination. Nominations were closed by Terry Polsfuss. A vote was called to elect Joe Jordan as Vice Chair. All were in favor. Joe Jordan was named Vice Chair.

4. Fund Balance Report

Mark distributed the fund balance report and reviewed it by going over balances and activity in the 319 grant and the TMDL grant. John Riebel made a motion to approve the fund balance report as distributed. Leonard Popp seconded the motion. All were in favor. The motion passed.

5. Per Diem and mileage vouchers for 2009

- 5.1 Leonard Popp: \$363.00
- 5.2 James Stahlman: \$298.80
- 5.3 Terry Polsfuss: \$265.80
- 5.4 Brian Kaschmitter,: \$ 181.60
- 5.5 Mike Hayes: \$ 63.00

Mark went over the per diem and mileage totals for 2009 as they corresponded to each board member. Joe Jordan made a motion to approve payment of per diems and mileage through the use of one motion for Leonard Popp, \$363.00; James Stahlman, \$298.80; Terry Polsfuss, \$265.80; Brian Kaschmitter, \$181.60; and Mike Hayes, \$63.00. Leander Schlosser seconded the motion. All were in favor. The motion was passed.

6. 319 Grant: Approve 4th quarter 2009 SWCD expenses

6.1 Sherburne SWCD, staff: \$262.50

Leander Schlosser made a motion to approve payment of \$262.50 to Sherburne SWCD for 4th quarter 2009 staff expenses. John Riebel seconded the motion. All were in favor. The motion passed.

6.2 Benton SWCD staff: \$396.25

Leonard Popp made a motion to approve the payment of \$396.25 to Benton SWCD for 4th quarter 2009 staff expenses. Jim Stahlman seconded the motion. All were in favor. The motion passed.

6.3 Benton SWCD, Fitzpatrick sign, \$416.98

John Riebel made a motion to approve the payment of \$416.96 to Benton SWCD for the Fitzpatrick sign. Joe Wollak seconded the motion. All were in favor. The motion passed.

7. 319 Grant: Incentive payments

7.1 3192-B32, Jeff Schustak, \$150.00

Gerry passed around the test plot yields for Jeff Schustak and explained them. Joe Wollak made a motion to approve contract # 3192-B32 for test plot incentive payment in the amount of \$150.00. Leonard Popp seconded the motion. All were in favor. The motion was passed.

7.2 3192-B31, Richard Robak, \$150.00

Gerry passed around the test plot yields for Richard Robak and explained them. Joe Wollak made a motion to approve contract # 3192-B31 for test plot incentive payment in the amount of \$150.00. Joe Jordan seconded the motion. All were in favor. The motion was passed.

8. Approve transfer of Watershed Coordinator funds to Sherburne SWCD, \$9,564.00,

Mark explained that \$9,564.00 needs to be transferred from the ERWSA account to Sherburne SWCD. He stated that this money was earmarked for the Watershed Coordinator position by Benton County for the first half of 2010. The board discussed treating Sherburne County funds in the same manner and Mark concurred that it would make sense and could help to make fund tracking cleaner. DeAnna indicated that she would talk with the appropriate personnel to determine if and how this could be done. John Riebel made the motion to approve the transfer of \$9,564.00 from the ERWSA to Sherburne SWCD. Jim Stahlmann seconded the motion. All were in favor. The motion was passed.

9. Surface Water Assessment Grant denied.

Tiffany told the board that the SWAG was not approved by the MPCA.

10. Request to move the Palmer meetings to the Palmer House.

The Palmer House indicated to Mark that they would reserve a space for the board meetings that is somewhat off of the main dining area. Joe Wollak made a motion to approve holding the Sherburne area ERWSA board meetings at the Palmer House. Leander Schlosser seconded the motion. All were in favor. The motion passed.

11. Elk River Watershed TMDL update.

Tiffany went over the progress of Phase II of the Elk River Watershed TMDLs. Tiffany discussed the possibility of sediment core sampling for Big Elk and Mayhew Lakes in addition to the formation of the Stakeholder group. The board agreed that utilizing the existing groups of Benton Water Resource Advisory Committee and the Sherburne Water Plan Advisory Committee as a stakeholder group was a good idea.

Prior to adjourning the meeting Gerry Maciej announced that Brian and Glen Kaschmitter were named as finalists for the state's 2009 Outstanding Conservationist award at the MASWCD meeting.

Leander Schlosser made a motion to adjourn. Leonard Popp seconded the motion. All were in favor. The motion was passed. The meeting adjourned at 10:05 PM

Respectfully submitted by Tiffany Determan, Sherburne SWCD

Signature: _____

Date: _____