

Minutes
Elk River Watershed Association Board of Directors
Regular Meeting
March 21, 2011
Palmer House, Clear Lake, MN

Attendance: Gerry Maciej, Tiffany Determan, Joe Jordan, Joe Wollak, Terry Polsfuss, Larry Goenner, Gary Scapanski, Mike Hayes, DeAnna Doran, John Riebel

Others Present: Roger Stradal, Michael Watercott

Meeting called to order at 9:00 am by Terry Polsfuss Chair.

1. Review & Approval of Agenda

Joe Wollak asked that the group do a round of introductions prior to beginning the meeting and the group did so. John Riebel made a motion to approve the agenda as is. Larry Goenner seconded the motion. All were in favor. The motion passed.

2. Review & Approval of the February 28th, 2011 meeting minutes

Joe Jordan made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 28th, 2011 ERWS meeting as written. Joe Wollak seconded the motion. All were in favor. The motion passed.

3. Fund balance report.

DeAnna went over the fund balance report and reviewed it by going over balances and activity in the Sherburne County account, Sherburne SWCD account and the TMDL fund balance. Mike Hayes made a motion to approve the fund balance report as included in the board packets. Joe Jordan seconded the motion. All were in favor. The motion passed.

4. MWP-Approve invoice submittal and paying bills.

DeAnna briefly explained the bills to date which included ERWA and the local partner work. She noted that the total amount invoiced was \$3,290.00. The invoiced amount included a request of \$401.30 from Benton SWCD, \$2,610.00 from Sherburne SWCD, and \$320.00 from CRWD. Joe Wollak approved sending the MWP invoice to the MPCA for reimbursement and paying bills in the total amount of \$3,290.00. Joe Jordan seconded the motion. All were in favor. The motion passed.

5. ERWA JPA- Update

DeAnna indicated that the County attorneys are still working on the JPA. There is no update at this time.

6. ERWA & National Park Service Partnership, McKnight Grant~ Update

Tiffany noted that one landowner in Stearns County has agreed to participate in the demonstration project. In an effort to find another participant, the National Park Service has written a letter which will be sent to all registered feedlots within the Elk River Watershed. Tiffany noted that she would like to begin monitoring for E. coli by April 1st.

7. MWP & TMDL - Updates

Tiffany passed around a copy of the draft Implementation Plan to each board member. She noted that she would like the board to review and submit comments to her at the April ERWA meeting. She also indicated that the EPA has already responded to the Draft TMDL will comments and that they are very minor. Upon completing the proper paper work the MPCA will post the TMDL on the State's register for public comments for a period of 30 days. Tiffany will notify the ERWA know when this occurs so that the members can have a chance to access the report online. Tiffany pointed out that the project is still moving forward according to schedule. Tiffany then went on update the board on progress made on the MWP by indicating that the project is moving along and she has continued to work on summarizing watershed data



as well as working with the Civic Engagement planning committee on building the education/outreach plan.

8. Update on the Benton County at-Large Board position vacancy

Gary Scapanski, new Benton County citizen at large board member, introduced himself again and reviewed his background with the group. Gary stated that he lives on the NE side of Mayhew Lake and farms in both Mayhew and Gilmanton Townships. Gary also stated that he has done several BMPs on his property.

9. 2010 ERWA Annual Report

Tiffany passed around the 2010 ERWA Annual Report and reviewed the contents. She noted that she will update the board picture upon taking an updated one. This will be on the agenda for the April meeting.

10. Adjourn

Joe Wollak made a motion to adjourn. Joe Jordan seconded the motion. All were in favor. The motion was passed. The meeting adjourned at 9:30 AM

Respectfully submitted by Tiffany Determan, Sherburne SWCD

Signature (ERWSA Chair):  Date: 4/18/11