

Minutes
Elk River Watershed Association Board of Directors
Regular Meeting
December 21, 2009
Palmer Town Hall, Clear Lake, MN

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

Meeting called to order at 8:58 am by Joe Jordan, Vice Chair.

1. Review & Approval of Agenda

Mark Basiletti requested the addition of item number 10.) Reschedule January and February board meetings. Leander Schlosser made a motion to approve the agenda with the above addition. Leonard Popp seconded the motion. All were in favor. The motion passed.

2. Review & Approval of the October 19, 2009 meeting minutes

Joe Jordan made mention that the motion maker on item number 4.) 319 Grant budget revisions; motion 1 was Joe Wollak not Joe Jordan. Joe Wollak made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 19th, 2009 ERWS meeting with the above modification. Leander Schlosser seconded the motion. All were in favor. The motion passed.

3. 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. Leonard Popp made a motion to approve the fund balance report as distributed. John Riebel seconded the motion. All were in favor. The motion passed.

4. 319 Grant:

4.1 Sherburne SWCD: reimbursement request for lab fees \$475.00.

Mark indicated that funds to cover lab fees for E. coli sampling in 2009 were encumbered prior to the field season. He stated that this will conclude water sampling utilizing the 319 grant. Leonard Popp made a motion to approve payment of \$475.00 to Sherburne SWCD for reimbursement of lab fees. John Riebel seconded the motion. All were in favor. The motion passed.

4.2 Incentive payment request: 3192-B34 Bob Schyma, 319 grant funds \$4,512.44
319 matching funds \$2,479.56

Gerry passed around a summary sheet showing phosphorus reductions and pictures of Bob Schyma's livestock exclusion project. Bob did not request reimbursement for his fencing costs which totaled \$360.00. Leonard Popp made a motion to approve payment of \$4,512.44 from 319 grant funds and \$2,479.56 from 319 matching funds totaling \$6,992.00 for contract 3192-B34 for livestock exclusion incentive payment. Leander Schlosser seconded the motion. All were in favor. The motion passed.

5. MCIT insurance payment for 2010, \$1,270 budgeted

Gerry explained that the insurance costs went up from the previous year. \$1,270.00 was budgeted for and the bill received totaled \$1,805.00. A dividend is expected, in 2009 the dividend was \$629.00. Leander Schlosser made a motion to approve payment of \$1,805.00 for MCIT insurance payment for 2010. Leonard Popp seconded the motion. All were in favor. The motion passed.

6. MPCA Surface Water Assessment Grant application update

Tiffany passed around a SWAG grant summary sheet and reviewed it with the board. She explained the three projects that were applied for in the grant application which totaled \$56,156.10.

7. BWSR Clean Water fund grant application report.

Mark passed around a BWSR grant summary sheet and explained what items were covered in the grant application. He pointed out that the application would enable the ERWSA to continue pursuing the installation of residential and urban BMP's as well as performing prescribed grazing management. The total fund request is \$48,690.00 with a local match of \$16,230.00.

8. TMDL study update.

Tiffany passed around two summary sheets regarding the ERWSA TMDLs and went over them with the board.

9. MPCA report: Intensive Watershed Monitoring

Phil Votruba provided the board with an update on the MPCA's IWM program. He passed around a draft Pre-Planning Work Plan. Phil stated that the dates on the work plan are subject to change and that \$50,000 will be available to partners for the process. Phil also indicated that an additional \$175,000.00 would be available for condition monitoring assessment. The watershed partners will likely meet in February to begin the process.

10. Reschedule January and February meetings.

The regular January meeting will be rescheduled to January 25th, 2010. The regular February meeting was rescheduled to February 22nd, 2010.

Jim Stahlmann made a motion to adjourn. Leander Schlosser seconded the motion. All were in favor. The motion was passed. The meeting was adjourned by Vice Chair Jordan at 10:20 AM

Respectfully submitted by Tiffany Determan, Sherburne SWCD

Signature (ERWSA Chair): _____ Date: _____