Agenda for the May 11th, 2017 Meeting of the Norman County Soil & Water Conservation District Board of Supervisors 8:00 to 10:00 am District Office Twin Valley, Mn 56584

- 1. Call to Order
- 2. Roll Call Fill out Vouchers and approve agenda
- 3. Secretaries Report motion
- 4. Treasurers Report -- motion
- 5. Speakers: NRCS, Watershed
- 6. Unfinished Business
 - A. Projects & Grants report
 - B. Buffer Program report
 - C. Pickup info report
 - D. Envirothon report
 - E. Other

7. New Business

- A. Cost Share motion
- B. Water Plan Adoption motion
- C. Legislative Session report
- D. Spring Admin Session motion
- E. Part time help wage increase motion
- F. Other
- 8. Adjourn Meeting motion

Grants

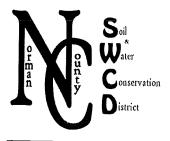
NRBG (Water Plan, Wetland, Feedlot), Discovery Farms, Capacity, AIS, Cost Share, RIM, Observation Wells, Cons Delivery Buffer Law Grant, MAWQCP

Meetings & Training

- May 2 County Commissioner Meeting
- May 3 Envirothon
- May 4 Manure Management Training
- May 11 Board Meeting
- May 15 Ada trees for kids
- May 15 State Envirothon, Stewartville Mn
- May 29th Closed
- June 8th Board Meeting

SWCD Programs and Services

Tree Planting and Maintenance Conservation Delivery Program Erosion Control & Water Management Local Water Management Plan Rainfall Monitoring Program Wetland Conservation Act Observation Well Monitoring Feedlot Program Aquatic Invasive Species Program Reinvest in Minnesota – RIM **Buffer Law Program** Discovery Farms Water Sampling MAWQCP (Certification Program) Ag BMP Program **NRCS Programs Education Days**



Minutes for the April 13, 2017, meeting of the Norman County Soil and Water Conservation District Board of Supervisors, District Office Twin Valley, Mn.

1. Call to Order

The meeting of the Norman County SWCD Board of Supervisors was called to order by Chairman, Ron Thorsrud at 8:00 AM.

A motion was moved by Skaurud, second by Rockstad to approve the April agenda.

Affirmative: 5 Yays Opposed: 0 Nays
Motion Carried

2. Roll Call

Members Present

Ron Thorsrud, Chairman

Kelly Skaurud, Vice Chairman

Gene Ueland, Secretary

Erik Rockstad, Treasurer

Bruce Tufte, Reporter

Members Absent

None

Others Present

Lori Thronson, District Manager

Mark Christianson, District Technician

Jessie Heitman, NRCS

Dusty Jasken, NRCS

3. Secretaries Report

A motion was moved by Skaurud, second by Tufte to approve the March 9th and March 20th, 2017 Secretaries Reports.

Affirmative: 5 Yays Opposed: 0 Nays Motion Carried

4. Treasurers Report

A motion was moved by Rockstad, second by Skaurud to approve the March Treasurers Report.

Affirmative: 5 Yays Opposed: 0 Nays
Motion Carried

5. Speakers Reports:

NRCS: We had 2 out of 21 EQIP applications preapproved; 1 is for cover crop and the other is for an energy audit. There are 3 CSP renewals from 2013. Folks have been coming in requesting CRP information for buffers and some CRP for tree plantings. There are 9 WRP contracts for restoration that need to be finished. We have 26 easements for monitoring this year, 13 of which will be a detailed spot check. Courtney is planning on helping with this. Training on Soil Health will be held in June, Courtney will be attending this, Dusty and Jessie will be helping out with the training. Dusty gave the board a handout on soil health and also told them about the demonstration they had in Mahnomen on a 1 inch runoff with the ability of the soil to absorb water through no till, conventional till and pasture. There are 34 unanswered requests for wetland determinations in Norman County and 7 whistle blower complaints to check on.

6. Unfinished Business

A. Project Reports & Grants

We have a request in for engineering assistance for 2 sed basins, working with a landowner on a wetland banking site; presently doing the changes that were requested by BWSR to satisfy the TEP panel. Working with the highway department on a critical area bank stabilization in Shelly Township. Met with Tim from Discovery Farms and went over the annual report for our site; they would like to set up 5-10 more sites within a 10-mile radius of the existing site. Courtney is taking weekly water samples at the site and sending in. Mark and Lori attended the BWSR Northern Region Board meeting and presented the Norman County Local Water Management Plan. The plan was approved and we will be presenting it at the county commissioner meeting in May for their approval.

B. Buffer Program

We had a buffer meeting in Gary on March 15. Around 80 folks attended. Lots of questions about how to measure the area and who will do the enforcing. An article was printed and sent out statewide that referred to this meeting. There is a new package of alternative practices called the "6 pack"; it offers approved choices that are tied to the NRCS Field Office Technical Guide.

C. Pickup and Ranger Info

The staff will be cleaning up the old pickup and putting it out for bids. Nothing new on the Ranger purchase.

D. TSA Meeting

Ron and Lori attended the RRVSCA meeting in Mahnomen. Need to have 100% resolutions from each SWCD on allowing a supervisor or district manager the ability to vote at these meetings. It is hard to get a quorum so this was the recommendation the committee gave. Mahnomen SWCD is not in favor of this, the committee will be working with Mahnomen to see what they would like changed to get the resolution passed. Mark and Lori attended a meeting in Bemidji to discuss the future of TSA's and what we would like to change or what has been working in each district.

E. Office Remodel

The total project cost to remodel the office was \$25,931. Labor was \$11,925 and materials were \$14,006. We will be getting about \$550 in a rebate from Otter Tail for converting to LED bulbs.

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F. Other

Mark, Lori and Kelly attended the local meeting in Twin Valley Senator Kent Eken and Representative Paul Marquart put on. Lots of discussion on the buffer program, education and elderly care. It was a good meeting.

7. New Business

A. Cost Share

A motion was moved by Tufte, second by Rockstad to approve the following cost share contract not to exceed 50%.

Affirmative: 4 Yays Opposed: 0 Nays Motion Carried

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Bob Dahlen

Well Sealing

\$1,000

50%

B. Audit Information

Received the letter from the Auditor, an audit is due this year. The cost is \$2,225, we budgeted \$3,000 for this. Will be done this summer.

C. Legislative Session

Discussed earlier.

D. Other

Looking for resolutions if the supervisors have anything they would like. They will be approved at the June 20^{th} Area 1 meeting.

8. Adjourn meeting at 9:30

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A motion was moved by Rockstad, second by Tufte to adjourn the meeting.

Affirmative: 5 Yays Opposed: 0 Nays

Motion Carried

Dated	Respectfully Submitted:
Gene Ueland, NCSW	CD Board Secretary