

Minutes
Southeast Minnesota Water Resources Board Meeting
January 12, 2009

Commissioners Present: Dave Hanson (Dodge), Tom Kaase (Fillmore), Judy Ohly (Olmsted), Matt Flynn (Olmsted) Bruce Kubicek (Steele), Jim Bryant (Goodhue), Jim Gabrielson (Mower), Richard Samuelson (Goodhue), Dave Tollefson (Mower), Pete Riester (Wabasha).

Others Present: Linda Dahl (SEMWRB), Mark Gamm (Dodge EQ), Shelia Craig (SE MN Wastewater Initiative/CRWP), Aaron Wills (SE MN Wastewater Initiative/CRWP), Joe Magee (Fillmore SWCD), Michelle Schaefer (BSWR Rochester), Michael Wozniak (Goodhue P&Z) John Harford (Olmsted Planning), Terry Lee (Olmsted Water Planner), Kelly Moriarty (Goodhue Co.), Beau Kennedy (Goodhue Co. SWCD), Norman Senjem (MPCA Rochester)

The meeting was called to order by Chair Bruce Kubicek at 9:00 AM.

1. Motion by Bryant to nominate Bruce Kubicek as Chair, second by Ohly; motion passed unanimously.
2. Motion by Tollefson to nominate Jim Bryant as Vice Chair, second by Samuelson; motion passed unanimously.
3. Motion by Ohly to approve Minutes of November 10, 2008 and November 24, 2008; second by Samuelson. Motion passed unanimously.
4. Motion by Bryant to approve November 30, 2008 Budget vs. Actual report; second by Flynn. Motion passed unanimously.
5. Linda Dahl presented Executive Director's Report. Judy Ohly suggested that because of the new sales tax funding arena, the Board should have some discussion about its structure in relation to other water organizations in SE MN. Other announcements: Linda noted that Olmsted County has donated laptop computer to SE MN Water Resources Board. Jim Bryant announced an Alternative Farm Forum to be held at the Zumbrota VFW at 10 AM on Jan. 30. Judy Ohly informed the Board that the Hiawatha RC&D was sponsoring a forum on Economic Development in Rural Communities on Jan 22 and 23 at the Mayo Civic Center
6. Hanson made a motion to authorize Board Chair to sign the Cannon River Watershed Partnership Wastewater IV Subcontract, second by Samuelson; motion passed unanimously.
7. Linda presented 2009 Work Plan. Jim Bryant made a motion to have Linda Dahl send a letter to the Lessard Heritage Council and the Clean Water Council to inform them of our organization and invite them to the March JPB meeting, second by Riester; motion passed unanimously.

Riester made a motion to approve the 2009 workplan, second by Flynn; motion passed unanimously.

8. Linda discussed difficulties in obtaining timely financial and audit information from contractor. Riester recommended that JPB strongly consider contracting with Olmsted

County for financial services and at a minimum ask them for a cost estimate. Linda will research option and present findings at March meeting.

9. Linda asked Board about preferred method for emergency contact in case meeting needs to be canceled. Most thought that a direct phone call to one board member from each county would work the best.

10. Motion by Bryant to adjourn the meeting; second by Tollefson. Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 9:50 AM.

Presentation by Melissa DeVetter, Dodge County Compliance Officer, followed the meeting. Content of the presentation was summary of County's experience in enforcing shoreland buffer regulations.

Minutes respectfully submitted,

Mark Gamm
Dodge Environmental Quality Director

Approved: _____ Date: _____
Commissioner Bruce Kubicek, Chairperson

Attested: _____ Date: _____