

**Minutes**  
**Southeast Minnesota Water Resources Board Meeting**  
**January 8, 2007**

Present: Dave Hanson (Dodge), Stafford Hansen (Fillmore), Ann Thompson (Houston), Judy Ohly (Olmsted), Jake Gillen (Rice), Bruce Kubicek (Steele), Marcia Ward (Winona), Dave Hillier (Mower), Duane Bakke (Fillmore), Jim Bryant (Goodhue), Jerry Heim (Winona), Peter Riester (Wabasha), Dave Tollefson (Mower), Galen Malecha (Rice)

Absent: Richard Samuelson (Goodhue), Jim Wagner (Steele), Matt Flynn (Olmsted), Don Gray (Dodge), Tom Bjerke (Houston),

Others: Bea Hoffmann (SEMWRB), Scott Golberg (Steele), Mark Gamm (Dodge), Daryl Franklin (Mower), Bev Nordby (Mower), Beau Kennedy (Goodhue), Bill Huber (MN DNR), John Nicholson (NRCS), Mary Kells (BWSR), Pat Bailey (Winona), Brian Bender (Winona County Planning), Tim Terrill (Winona SWCD), Linda Dahl (Whitewater Watershed), John Harford (Olmsted)

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

Item 1: Approve Minutes of November 13, 2006 Board Meeting: A motion was made by Bryant, seconded by Ward to approve the minutes from the November 13, 2006 meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

Item 2: Approve November 30, 2006 Budget vs. Actual: Motion was made by Hanson, seconded by Ohly to approve the November 30, 2006 Budget vs. Actual. Motion passed unanimously.

Item 3: Executive Director's Report: Bea described the items in her report for activities from 11/14/06-1/4/07 (Item 3 in packets)

- Bea is working on a “unified reporting system” for the five feedlot grants in the region; Ward asked if the spreadsheet could be circulated to Board members
- Olmsted County has received some default money from the Straight Pipe Pilot Project that was returned from Cottonwood County
- Steele County is considering granting an interim loan to Meriden for its wastewater project until the grant money is received
- Board members discussed what the outcome and consequence would be for well owners, if their well was found to be contaminated during the volunteer nitrate monitoring project
- 2005 audit has been completed; one of the concerns expressed by the auditor is the low cash balance for administration. Board members discussed options to increase the administration fund and asked Bea to bring back some recommendations to the Board at a future meeting

Item 4: Reminder to sign Conflict of Interest Statements:

Chair Kubicek requested that all members sign the conflict of interest statements and hand them in immediately

Item 5: Elect 2007 Chairperson

Bryant nominated Dave Hanson to serve as the 2007 chair, Gillen seconded the motion. Bakke moved to cast a unanimous ballot for Hanson and cease nominations, Heim seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Item 6: Elect 2007 Vice-Chairperson

Bakke nominated Hillier to serve as the 2007 vice chair, Bryant seconded the motion. Ward moved to cast a unanimous ballot for Hillier and cease nominations, Bryant seconded. Motion passed with Hillier casting the only dissenting vote.

Item 7: Recognition of Outgoing Officers

Hoffmann thanked Kubicek (chair) and Hanson (vice chair) for serving as the 2006 board officers and presented each with a certificate. Staff member Golberg was also recognized for service as secretary to the board.

Item 8: Motion to Adjourn:

Motion to adjourn by Gillen, seconded by Thompson. Motion passed unanimously.

**Program: Using County Shoreland Ordinances to Protect Riparian Corridors**

Respectfully submitted,

Scott Golberg  
Steele County Environmental Services Director

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Commissioner Dave Hanson, Chairperson

Attested: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_