

Minutes
Southeast Minnesota Water Resources Board Meeting
March 9, 2009

Present: Dave Hanson (Dodge), Tom Kaase (Fillmore), Duane Bakke (Fillmore), Richard Samuelson (Goodhue) Tom Bjerke (Houston), Tim Gabrielson (Mower), Judy Ohly (Olmsted), Jake Gillen (Rice), Bruce Kubicek (Steele), Pete Riester (Wabasha), Marcia Ward (Winona)

Others: Mary Kells (BWSR), Linda Dahl (SEMNRWB), Mark Gamm (Dodge), Donna Rasmussen (Fillmore), Sheila Craig (SE MN Wastewater Initiative/CRWP), Michelle Schaefer (BWSR Rochester), Norman Senjem (MPCA Rochester), Anne Koliha (Fillmore), Glen Roberson (Goodhue SWCD), Katherine Logan (MPCA Rochester)

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

Item 1: Approve Minutes of January 12, 2009 Board Meeting: Motion by Samuelson to approve the minutes from the January 12, 2009 meeting, seconded by Gillen; Motion passed with Ward abstaining.

Item 2: Approve February 28, 2009 Budget vs. Actual: Board members questioned why the salary and auditing fee expense line items were higher than the budgeted amounts. Motion by Bakke, seconded by Ohly to approve the Budget vs. Actual as of February 28, 2009, subject to audit and further explanation by the Executive Director. Motion passed unanimously.

Item 3: Executive Director's Report:

- Linda mentioned that she is looking for a data analyst to review the Volunteer Nitrate Monitoring Project data.
- The Clean Water Council budget recommendations were discussed along with the issue of lack of representation on the council for the SE MN area. Motion by Ward, seconded by Kaase to direct Chairman Kubicek and the Executive Director to send a letter from the Board to the Clean Water Council chair and Gary Pedersen (SE MN representative) on the Clean Water Council.
- A third Sewage Summit is being planned for May to provide a venue for counties to share information regarding property transfer mechanics, MPCA new rule explanation, as well as straight pipe and wellhead issues.

Item 4: Financial Statement Preparation Proposal: Dahl explained that Olmsted County has indicated that they are not interested in preparing the financial statement. Russell and Associates was the only proposal received at a cost of \$2,500. Dahl will check with the previous vendor, Valley Accounting Services, and explore other options to prepare the financial statement.

Item 5: Conflict of Interest Statements to be signed by Board Members: A list of board members who have signed the Conflict of Interest statements was circulated along with statements to be signed for those who haven't done so.

Item 6: Resolution 2009-1 (Shoreland Buffer Initiative): The draft resolution was discussed with the board recommending changes to paragraphs six and seven. Bakke offered the resolution with the recommended changes, seconded by Gabrielson; upon the vote being taken, 10 voting board members present voted in favor thereof.

Item 7: Motion made by Ohly to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Gillen. Motion passed unanimously.

Item 8: Clean Water Amendment: Bacteria Reduction Proposal for SEMWRB: After the program presentation was completed, the board reconvened at the chair's calling. Motion by Ohly to authorize the Executive Director and advisory committee to move ahead with the Southeast Regional Grant proposal for Clean Water Amendment funding, seconded by Gabrielson. Motion passed unanimously.

Item 7: Motion made by Ohly, seconded by Kaase to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 11:25 a.m.

Program

Clean Water Amendment Funding: Bacteria Reduction Proposal for SEMWRB
Donna Rassmussen, Fillmore County

Respectfully submitted,

Scott Golberg
Steele County Environmental Services Director

Approved: _____ Date: _____
Commissioner Bruce Kubicek, Chairperson

Attested: _____ Date: _____