

**Minutes**  
**Southeast Minnesota Water Resources Board Meeting**  
**October 13, 2008**

**Commissioners Present:** Richard Cummings (Mower) Dave Hanson (Dodge), Duane Bakke (Fillmore), Jake Gillen (Rice), Matt Flynn (Olmsted), Bruce Kubicek (Steele), Richard Samuelson (Goodhue), Marcia Ward (Winona ), Stafford Hansen (Fillmore) Judy Oley (Olmsted), Jim Bryant (Goodhue), Pete Riester (Wabasha) and Ann Thompson (Houston)

**Others Present:** Bea Hoffmann (SE MN Water Resources Board) Bev Nordby (Mower SWCD) Dale Ignatius, Human Resources, Olmsted County

Meeting was called to order by Richard Cummings at 9:00 a.m.

**Shoreland Buffers**

Bea Hoffman provided the Commissioners of a letter to John Nicholson, NRCS, asking the NRCS's cooperation to ensure landowner compliance with the Counties shoreland buffer requirements.

**Feedlot 1V**

Bea Hoffman talked about an opportunity for applying for a Feedlot IV grant for small feedlots. It would provide \$20,000.00 technical assistance and 10,000.00 cost share to each county in the area. Timeline would be Feb 2009. It could be prorated by number of open lot agreements. Dave Hanson made a motion to apply for the funding and Ann Thompson seconded it. Motion carried.

**Bea Hoffman Resignation**

Motion by Richard Samuelson, to accept with regrets, Bea Hoffman resignation that goes into effect January 1, 2009. Marcia Ward seconded it. Motion carried.

**Options for Replacement**

The board discussed options to replace Bea. They discussed many different avenues that included contracting out and different board structures. Through the discussions, the board decided to keep the same structure and to advertise Bea's current position. Dale Ignatius, HR Olmsted County, said that he would help draft a job description and email it out. He will also collect all resumes that come in.

**Timeline**

Deadline for resumes will be the 6<sup>th</sup> of November. On the 10<sup>th</sup> of November the Board will meet to discuss the applicants. A sub committee has been formed that includes Ann Thompson, Bruce Kubicek and Dick Cummings. They will meet at 8:00 AM on the 10<sup>th</sup>. Applicants will send resumes along with answering 5 questions.

**Winona State**

The board understands and appreciates the benefits of the relationship with Winona State and wants to continue that relationship. Jake Gillen made a motion to send a letter to Winona State thanking them for their support and Judy Oley seconded it.

**Beas Retirement Party**

The board wishes to have a send off for Bea by coordinating it with the water planning staff. Bev will start the planning and contact the water planners.

Minutes respectfully submitted,

Bev Nordby (filling in for Justin Hanson)  
Mower County Water Planner

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Commissioner Dick Cummings, Chairperson

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