

Minutes
Southeast Minnesota Water Resources Board Meeting
January 9, 2012

Present: Matt Flynn and Judy Ohly (Olmsted County), Duane Bakke (Fillmore County), Marcia Ward and Mena Kaehler (Winona County), Dave Hansen (Dodge County), Richard Samuelson (Goodhue County), Bruce Kubicek (Steele County), Tim Gabrielson (Mower County), David Harms (Wabasha County), and Justin Zmyewski (Houston County).

Others: Linda Dahl (SEMWRB), Mark Gamm (Dodge County), Joe Magee (Fillmore Soil and Water Conservation District), Lou Overhaug and Natalie Siderius (Winona County), Anthony Runkel, MN Geological Survey, Scott Johnson and Jeff Green, MN Dept. of Natural Resources, Wendi Turri, Shaina Keseley, and Katherine Logan, MN Pollution Control Agency, Justin Blum, MN Department of Health, Jill Zmyewski, and Terry Lee (Olmsted County).

The meeting was called to order by **Chair Matt Flynn at 9:05 a.m.**

Item 1. Approve January 9, 2012 Agenda:

Linda Dahl requested that the Board add an item for a proposed sub-recipient agreement under the new 319 wastewater grant.

Motion by Bruce Kubicek and seconded by Duane Bakke to approve the agenda with the additional item. Motion passed unanimously.

Item 2. Election of Officers:

Linda Dahl reviewed the list of past officers that had been sent with the Board Agenda.

Motion by Duane Bakke and seconded by Dave Harmes to nominate Mena Kaehler as Chair. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Dave Harmes and seconded by Bruce Kubicek to nominate Jake Gillen as Vice-Chair. Motion passed unanimously.

Item 3. Approve Minutes of November 14, 2011 Board Meeting:

Motion by Tim Gabrielson and seconded by Judy Ohly to approve the November 14, 2011 minutes. Motion passed unanimously.

Item 4. Approve November 30, 2011 Budget vs. Actual:

Linda Dahl provided a summary of expenses thru November 30, 2011 and noted that all budget categories were within the funding and expenditure projections, all dues are in. The new 319 Wastewater Facilitation grant for \$95,149.25 has been approved by all parties; this grant is not yet in the 2012 budget.

Motion to approve the November 2011 Budget vs. Actual made by Dave Harms and seconded by Justin Zmyewski. Motion passed unanimously.

Item 5. Approve 2010 Audit:

Linda Dahl distributed copies of the auditor's letter from Thomas Cummings and noted that copies of the 2010 Financial Statements had been emailed to the Board members.

Motion to approve the 2010 Audit made by Judy Ohly and seconded by Tim Gabrielson. Motion passed unanimously.

Item 6. Executive Director's Report:

Linda Dahl reviewed the information in the Executive Director's Report that was sent to members with the Meeting Agenda. Dahl provided additional information about the items in the report included in the packet.

- MN Pollution Control Agency is seeking long term funding for the Volunteer Nitrate Monitoring Network.
- MN Pollution Control Agency sent a letter to all 319 grant recipients about the possibility that the US Environmental Protection Agency may rescind unspent 319 Grant funding.
- The Wastewater IV grant is complete and future funding is secured for the next three years; a ten month 319 grant was approved for \$95,000 to be followed by two years of funding through the Clean Water Fund. The final Wastewater IV report will be completed by early February.
- MN Board of Water and Soil Resources approved a 6-month extension of the SSTS Software grant and approved budget changes allocating \$6,500 remaining when Mower County withdrew from the project to the remaining counties.
- Dahl reported that she will be attending a silica sand mining conference in Eau Claire Wisconsin put on by the Wisconsin Towns Association.

Duane Bakke asked that county feedlot officers be notified of the possibility of the Feedlot IV 319 Grant funds being rescinded and the need to get pending projects completed. Dahl had already forwarded the letter to all sub-recipients to our 319 grants.

Motion to approve the January 9, 2012 Executive Director's Report made by Judy Ohly and seconded by Duane Bakke. Motion passed unanimously.

Item 7. Recognition of Outgoing Officers:

Matt Flynn was recognized for his service on the board since 1997 and as Board Chair in 2011.

Item 8. Wastewater grants agreement:

Linda Dahl requested that the Board approve a sub-recipient agreement with Fillmore Extension to provide office space and support to the Southern Wastewater Facilitator.

Motion to approve the proposed agreement made by Bruce Kubicek and seconded by Tim Gabrielson. Motion passed unanimously.

Item 9. Motion to Adjourn:

Motion was made by Judy Ohly and seconded by Dave Harms to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 9:45 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Terry Lee
County Water Plan Coordinator
Olmsted County

Approved: _____ Date: _____
Chairperson

Attested: _____ Date: _____