

**Southeast Minnesota Water Resources Board
Minutes from March 9, 2015 Meeting**

Commissioners Present: Rodney Peterson (Dodge County), James Brady (Steele County), Brad Anderson (Goodhue County), Rich Hall (Wabasha County), Jake Gillen (Rice County), Duane Bakke (Fillmore County), Lou Ohly (Olmsted County), Tim Gabrielson (Mower), Dana Kjome (Houston), Steve Jacobs (Winona). Others present: Linda Dahl (SEMWRB), Mark Gamm (Dodge County), Bo Kennedy (Goodhue County)

Meeting called to order by Chair Rodney Peterson at 9:00 a.m.

Item 1. Approve February 9, 2015 Agenda: Motion by Commissioner Gillen to approve the agenda, seconded by Commissioner Anderson; motion passed unanimously.

Item 2. Approve Minutes of January 12, 2015 Board Meeting: Motion by Commissioner Gabrielson to approve the January 12, 2015 Minutes, seconded by Commissioner Jacobs; motion passed unanimously.

Item 3. Approve January 2015 Budget vs Actual: Motion by Commissioner Anderson to approve the January 2015 Budget vs. Actual, seconded by Commissioner Ohly; motion passed unanimously.

Item 4. Executive Director's Report: Linda Dahl provided a written report for activities 1/1/15 to 2/26/15.

Commissioners discussed maximum lifetime grant award limits for feedlot grant recipients. Commissioners asked Linda to discuss issue with Feedlot Officers and MPCA and report back to board at the next SEMWRB meeting.

Board requested a report at next SEMWRB meeting to summarize active grants and grant schedules.

Board discussed the benefits of getting together to develop an action plan for next 3 to 5 years. Board generally agreed that a 1-day planning session in conjunction with a regularly scheduled meeting would be best. Board generally agreed that planning session should include Advisory Committee and facilitator and that agenda should include some discussion of SEMWRBs role in One Watershed – One Plan. Board discussed cost of planning session and status of financial reserves. Motion by Commissioner Jacobs to spend up to \$1500 for a strategic planning day, second by Commissioner Bakke; motion passed unanimously.

Item 5. Motion to Adjourn: Motion by Commissioner Gabrielson to adjourn the meeting, second by Commissioner Gillen; motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned 10:06 a.m.

Respectfully submitted, Mark Gamm, Dodge County Environmental Services Director

Approved: _____ Date: _____
Chairperson

Attest: _____ Date: _____