

**Southeast Minnesota Water Resources Board**  
**Minutes from July 13, 2015 Meeting**

Commissioners Present: James Brady (Steele County), John Glynn (Steele County) Brad Anderson (Goodhue County), Rich Hall (Wabasha County), Jake Gillen (Rice County), Harry Root (Fillmore County), Lou Ohly (Olmsted County), Tim Gabrielson (Mower), Steve Jacob (Winona). Others present: Linda Dahl (SEMWRB), Shelia Craig (SE MN Wastewater Initiative), and Mark Gamm (Dodge County), Donna Rasmussen (Fillmore SWCD), Jennifer Ronnenberg (Fillmore SWCD)

Meeting called to order by acting Chair, Jake Gillen at 9:04 a.m.

**Item 1.** Approve July 13, 2015 Agenda: Motion by Commissioner Anderson to approve the agenda; seconded by Commissioner Gabrielson; motion passed unanimously.

**Item 2.** Approve Minutes of May 11, 2015 Board Meeting: Motion by Commissioner Anderson to approve the May 11, 2015 Minutes, seconded by Commissioner Ohly; motion passed unanimously.

**Item 3.** Approve April and May 2015 Budget vs Actual: Motion by Commissioner Glynn to approve the April and May 2015 Budget vs. Actual, seconded by Commissioner Jacob; motion passed unanimously.

Note: commissioners requested Executive Director to provide 3 to 4 year trend for revenue and expenses during November 2015 budget meeting.

**Item 4.** Executive Director's Report: Linda Dahl provided a written report for activities 5/15/15-7/2/15.

Linda described the draft agenda for the September 14 Board Meeting/Strategic Planning Day calling for a start time of 8:00 a.m. in Oronoco. Motion by Commissioner Anderson to start the Board's September 14, 2015 Meeting at 8:00 a.m., seconded by Commissioner Jacob; motion passed unanimously.

**Item 5.** Small Community Low-interest Loan Gap Funding: Shelia Craig proposed a low-interest loan program to support communities working to improve their wastewater treatment systems as a part of the Southeast MN Wastewater Initiative. Shelia has requested \$15,000 from the Cannon River Partnership for initial deposit to loan program. Motion by Commissioner Glynn for SEMNWRB to set-up and administer a Low-interest Loan Program for gap funding as proposed; second by Commissioner Gabrielson; motion passed unanimously.

**Item 6:** International Sinkhole Conference: Linda requested authorization to attend the International Sinkhole Conference in Rochester Oct 5-9, 2015. Motion by Commissioner Anderson to authorize Executive Director to attend conference at price of \$350; Seconded by Commissioner Ohly. Consensus of Board is that the \$900 fee as Exhibitor is too expensive.... but suggested that Linda look to options where the Karst Exhibit, or similar work, may be provided to attendees at no cost.

**Item 7.** Motion to Adjourn: Motion by Commissioner Gabrielson to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Commissioner Brady; motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned 10:10 a.m.

Respectfully submitted, Mark Gamm, Dodge County Environmental Services Director

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
                    Chairperson

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_