

Minutes
Southeast Minnesota Water Resources Board Meeting
September 11, 2017 Meeting

Commissioners Present: Rodney Peterson (Dodge County), Gary Peterson (Fillmore County), Brad Anderson (Goodhue County), James Brady (Steele County), Tim Gabrielson (Mower County), Rich Hall (Wabasha County), Gregg Wright (Olmsted County), Jake Gillen (Rice County), Duane Bakke (Fillmore County), Fred Arnold (Houston County).

Others present: Bridgette Timm (SEMWRB), Scott Golberg (Steele County), Glen Roberson (Goodhue SWCD), Shaina Keseley (BWSR), Adam Beilke (BWSR).

Meeting called to order by Vice-Chair Anderson at 9:09 a.m.

Item 1. Approve September 11, 2017 Agenda: Motion by Fillmore County, Duane Bakke to approve the agenda, seconded by Rice County, Jake Gillen; motion passed unanimously.

Item 2. Approve Minutes of July 10, 2017 Board Meeting: Motion by Mower County, Tim Gabrielson to approve the July 10, 2017 Minutes, seconded by Wabasha County, Rich Hall; motion passed unanimously.

Item 3. Approve June and July 2017 Budget vs Actual: Duane Bakke, Fillmore County asked for clarification about the *Net Surplus* number on the spreadsheet. Bridgette Timm will check on this and report back to the Board.

Motion by Mower County, Tim Gabrielson to approve the June and July 2017 Budget vs. Actual, seconded by Dodge County, Rodney Peterson; motion passed unanimously.

Item 4. Executive Director's Report: Bridgette Timm, Executive Director, updated the Board on projects, events, and discussions:

- Volunteer Nitrate Monitoring Network – Tim Gabrielson, Mower County, suggested reaching out to volunteers to ensure that the number of wells being monitored is maintained.
- Feedlot VI – Due to changes in projects throughout the region, money will be moved around to utilized funding to the greatest extent, as the 9/30/17 project deadline approaches.
- SE MN Wastewater Initiative – The newly hired northern facilitator is expected to start work on 9/15/17. Board discussed whether they should be the coordinating organization for the wastewater facilitation grant, if one of the facilitators is utilized in the GBERBA region. Shaina Keseley, formerly with the MPCA, speculated that continuing with the current grant administration arrangement will give the next grant application a better chance for approval. The Board indicated that they would like Timm to continue to work with GBERBA on this project.

Motion by Fillmore County, Duane Bakke to authorize Timm to attend the BWSR Academy training this fall, seconded by Rice County, Jake Gillen; motion passed unanimously.

Item 5. Recommend establishing sub-committee to meet with TSA JPB sub-committee to work on regional administration of water resources funding: Motion by Goodhue County, Brad Anderson to approve the chair, vice-chair, one at-large member (Rodney Peterson, Dodge County), and the executive director to serve on the sub-committee to work on regional administration of water funding, seconded by Olmsted County, Gregg Wright; motion passed unanimously.

Item 6. Recommend becoming the fiscal agent for the MAWQCP and have director work with MDA and the TSA JPB to do so: Motion by Fillmore County, Duane Bakke to approve of the SE MN Water Resources JPB becoming the fiscal agent for the MN Agricultural Water Quality Certification Program (MAWQCP), seconded by Rice County, Jake Gillen; motion passed unanimously.

Item 7. Discussion on future agenda format to include agency reports and advisory committee recommendations: Information item.

Item 8. Brad Anderson, Goodhue County, updated the Board on the MASWCD and AMC meeting that was held to address watershed funding: Information item.

Item 9. Executive committee recommends 2018 Budget, 2018 Wage Rate, 2018 Dues Rate: The Chair and Vice-chair met with the Executive Director to review the 2018 budget, wage rate and dues, and recommend approval. Motion by Dodge County, Rodney Peterson to approve the 2018 budget, wage rate, and dues, seconded by Mower County, Tim Gabrielson; motion passed unanimously.

Item 10. Motion by Rice County, Jake Gillen to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Olmsted County, Gregg Wright; motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 10:35 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Scott Golberg, Steele County Environmental Services Director

Approved: James Brady Date: 11-13-17
Chairperson

Attest: Blythe M. ... Date: 11.13.2017