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MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 10, 2009 REGULAR BOARD MEETING

MEMBERS PRESENT: Tom Demarais, Paul Hoppe, Karen Longerbone, Kevin Belkholm

MEMBERS ABSENT: Wayne Anderson

OTHERS PRESENT: Kelly Osterdyk, Jan Anderson, Shannon Rasinski,
Jason Weinerman, BWSR

Chairman Hoppe called the meeting to order at 4:35 p.m.

M/S/C Demarais, Longerbone to approve the Minutes for the October 13, 2009 Board Meeting, with a change that the CW Grant app. period is Oct. 15 – Dec. 1.

M/S/C Demarais, Longerbone to approve the Financial Report for October. **M/S/C** Demarais, Longerbone to pay vouchers including NRCS rent for 10/1/08-9/30/09.

St. Croix Basin in-kind match for grant – Kelly recommended we pass on grant. The grant addresses stormwater run-off for small communities. **M/S/C** Demarais, Longerbone to decline offer to participate in this grant because of time constraints.

Weed Management Grant Application – **M/S/C** Demarais, Longerbone to develop a cooperative weed management area. Discussed weed control, Karen expressed concern about chemical safety around water.

SRWMB – Application to SRWMB for funding for continuation of Vegetative Restoration Specialist – Nick Solomon's position for one year was approved. Funding support will come from Clean Water Partnership Grant.

TMDL Study 2010 Snake River Watershed – **M/S/C** Demarais, Longerbone to participate in Snake River TMDL Impaired Waters 3-year study.

Personnel Policies: Paul Hoppe presented copies of newly reviewed policies; will be reviewed and acted upon at next month's meeting. Tom inquired if these policies and changes made can be revisited in the future and he was assured they could be.

Cost-Share: **Motion** Longerbone; **second** Belkholm; **approved** to grant deadline extension until Dec. 31, 2009 to Roy Brasch for his livestock exclusion from the river project, contract #07-04. Demarais **moved**; Belkholm **seconded**; **approved** to grant deadline extension to Mike

Fetzek until June 30, 2010 for his livestock exclusion from stream project, contract #08-06. **Motion** Belkholm; **second** Longerbone; **approved** to make payment to Rick Westervelt, contract #08-01 for \$900, for his completed sediment basin/runoff control project. Technical approval by TSA Engineer Nichole Sternquist.

MCIT annual report was made available for any who wanted to read it.

Discussion and review of budget and possibly of staff going back to full-time (40 hr./week) in 2010; no decision was made. Jason Weirnerman discussed the financial outlook for 2010.

D.C. Report: Shannon presented her report which noted at the recent Area Office Quality Review Checks they got a good rating from Area Engineer and Area Resource Conservationist. Donna is working a day a week at Milaca F.O. as they are without a technician. Timeline for Conservation Stewardship Program was pushed back. Security Awareness Training needs to be completed by everyone on USDA computer network by Dec. 31, 2009. FAC meeting recently held with Kevin Daw & Linda Lund from area office, Laurie Otte from State Office, Larry Sederstrom, FSA, Nick Solomon, TSA III, Jan Anderson, SWCD, and Shannon, NRCS. Discussion was held on security issues when Extension moves out and a new Non-governmental tenant comes in; some remodeling will need to be done in ADP room to separate the server to a climate controlled room and other issues.

D.M. Report: Kelly presented information on Clean Water Fund he is considering applying for. **M/S/C** Demarais, Longerbone to go ahead and apply for Shoreline Improvement Project from CW funds for the Groundhouse River. Kelly also provided info on status of 319 Groundhouse River TMDL Implementation Project. BWSR Self Assessment Survey – survey was sent out to partners. Paul suggested sending it to the county board. Kelly also mentioned there seems to be some confusion with DNR on the proposed lease of the conservation farm. Will continue to communicate with DNR on lease or acquisition issues. There was discussion about inviting Legislators to a future meeting. We could prepare a presentation for them about our activities/accomplishments.

Next meeting scheduled for December 1 because Kelly & Paul will be at the state convention on December our regular meeting date.

Discussion on board vouchers & per diems; Tom suggested that since staff took a 7.5% pay cut, the board members (who are submitting vouchers) take a 7.5% cut as well.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

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