



MINUTES FROM THE DECEMBER 16, 2015 BOARD MEETING

The regular monthly board meeting of the East Otter Tail Soil and Water Conservation District was held on Wednesday, December 16, 2015 at 7:00 a.m. at the USDA Service Center Conference Room at 801 Jenny Ave S.W., Perham, MN.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Lyle Dittmann at 7:01 a.m.

Members Present:

Chairperson: Lyle Dittmann
Vice Chairperson: Steve Inwards
Secretary: Dennis Reynolds
Public Relations: Terry Greenwaldt
Treasurer: Marion Gill

Others Present:

County Commissioner: Doug Huebsch
District Conservationist: Alan Lepp
District Manager: Darren Newville
Administrative Secretary: Chantal Tougas

Agenda

Motion made by Dennis Reynolds, seconded by Marion Gill to accept the Agenda as presented.
Opposed: None, motion carried.

Approve Board meeting Minutes: Motion made by Terry Greenwaldt, seconded by Marion Gill to approve the previous month Board Meeting Minutes as presented. Opposed: None, motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Motion made by Steve Inwards, seconded by Terry Greenwaldt to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented. Opposed: none, motion carried.

Bills Paid & Bills Payable: Motion made by Dennis Reynolds, seconded by Steve Inwards to approve the Bills Paid and Bills Payable as presented. Opposed: None, motion carried.



Cost Share

STATE COST SHARE

Jeff Lepp; Pine Lake Township, Section 17, is requesting cost share assistance on a Native Buffer project. The total project cost estimate is \$ 12,736.60.00. \$1075.60 is funded from State Cost Share.

Agenda continued . . .

District Manager's Report: See attached report as written by Darren Newville.

District Conservationist's Report: See attached

County Commissioner Report: County Commissioner Doug entered the meeting at 7:43 a.m.

- It was voted 5-0 in favor of slowing down on the introduction of Muskie into the Otter Tail chain until further research has been done.
- Tax Statements have gone out.
- Shoreland Ordinance has opened again.

Old Business

Department of Ag Update: See District Manager's report. Irrigation Clinic scheduled in February. The Key Speaker is David Muth of Ag Solver from Iowa.

Buffer Program Update: The DNR is putting maps together (see attached letter).

TSA Update: The Southern half of the TSA met to talk about budgeting. One option discussed is to use the money for technology and training.

New Business

Meetings and Trainings for Approval

- Motion made by Steve Inwards, seconded by Dennis Reynolds to approve for Gabe to attend (via online) Restoring MN courses @ \$375.00/course with a text book fee of \$27.00
- Motion made by Steve Inwards, seconded by Dennis Reynolds for Brittney, Wade, and Nate for hotel accommodations to attend an Irrigation Training January.



- Motion made by Steve Inwards, seconded by Terry Greenwaldt for hotel accommodations for Nate to attend the Nitrogen Conference in February in Rochester, MN.

Motion made by Steve Inwards, seconded by Marion Gill to approve Michael Peterson to assist in our Year End Reporting for BWSR.

Motion made by Steve Inwards, seconded by Terry Greenwaldt to renew CD #56221 for a one year renewal.

Motion made by Steve Inwards, seconded by Terry Greenwaldt to approve the 2016 Meeting Dates.

Personnel Committee

- Motion made by Dennis Reynolds, seconded by Steve Inwards to approve the personnel policy.
- 8:25 a.m. all left the meeting except the Board.

Personnel Committee meeting was called to order at 8:50 a.m.

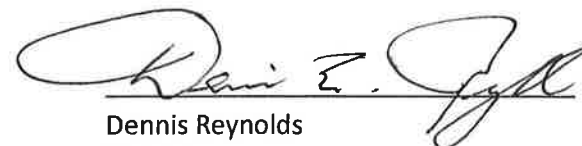
- Motion made by Terry Greenwaldt, seconded by Marion Gill to approve the salary schedule.
- Motion made by Steve Inwards, seconded by Marion Gill to increase the employee'

Public Comments: None

Adjourn: by Lyle at 9:08 a.m.

UPCOMING MEETINGS AND TRAINING SESSIONS			
Training/Meetings	Location	Date	Attending
Restoring MN	Online Courses	Spring 2016	Gabe Dretsch
Adaptive Ag Winter Producer Mtg	Thumper Pond	Jan 12-13, 2016	
NRCS Irrigation Training	U of M St. Paul	Jan 11-12, 2016	
Area I Meeting	Crookston	January 19, 2016	
Regular January Board Meeting	Perham	January 20, 2016	
Annual Irrigation Workshop	Thumper Pond	February 11, 2016	
UofM Nitrogen Conference	Rochester, MN	February 23, 2016	

Chantal Tougas
Administrative Secretary



Dennis Reynolds
Secretary

