



East Otter Tail

Soil & Water Conservation District

MINUTES FROM THE FEBRUARY 17, 2016 BOARD MEETING

The regular monthly board meeting of the East Otter Tail Soil and Water Conservation District was held on Wednesday, February 17, 2016 at 7:30 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 7:30 a.m.

Members Present:

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

Others Present:

County Commissioner: Doug Huebsch
District Conservationist: Alan Lepp
Soil Conservationist: Ryan Antholz
District Manager: Darren Newville
Assistant Manager: Anne Oldakowski
Administrative Secretary: Chantal Tougas
Irrigation/Nutrient Mgmt Specialist: Nathan Wiese
Wadena SWCD Liaison: Nancy Benson

Agenda

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

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

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



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Bills Paid & Bills Payable: Motion made by Dennis Reynolds, seconded by Terry Greenwaldt to approve the Bills Paid and Bills Payable as presented adding Lausten Construction for \$480.00. Opposed: None, motion carried.

Cost Share

No cost share to report at this time.

Agenda continued . . .

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

District Conservationist's Report: See attached report. Civil Rights was reviewed with the Board members. Motion made by Dennis Reynolds, seconded by Terry Greenwaldt to approve the Civil Rights as read. Opposed, none; motion carried. All Board members signed off on the Civil Rights.

County Commissioner Report:

- The City will be taking over licensing for restaurant and resorts.
- Ditch 70 is finally finished, this was a four year process.
- In the process of re-determining a few more ditches.

Old Business

Department of Ag Update: Motion made by Terry Greenwaldt, seconded by Marion Gill to give Darren the authority to sign the Amendment to release \$31,000. Opposed, none; motion carried. Darren and Luke are working on a work plan that will hopefully result in more money set aside for us.

TSA Update: Meeting was in Mahanomen. This committee is made up of Supervisor, however, due to lack of attendance, they have a hard time meeting a quorum. Everyone in attendance was bringing this back to their Board members for discussion. Two options were discussed: 1. Divide into two TSA's. and 2. Restructure delegations to allow either a supervisor or staff to represent the SWCD at these meetings. The By-Laws would need to be amended to allow staff to vote. After lengthy discussion motion made by Steve Inwards, seconded by Dennis Reynolds to submit that EOT SWCD votes to give voting rights to staff with the intention of working toward dividing into two TSA's. Opposed, none; motion carried.

8:43 a.m. County Commissioner Doug Huebsch and District Conservationist Al Lepp have left the meeting.



New Business

Meetings and Trainings:

- a) MASWCD – Registration is \$80/person plus \$140 Hotel. Motion made by Steve Inwards, seconded by Terry Greenwaldt to approve the above costs involved for those who want to attend. Opposed, none; motion carried.
- b) MARL Leadership Training for Darren – Motion made by Steve Inwards, seconded by Terry Greenwaldt to approve 60% or more of the cost of this training. Wadena SWCD has approved to cover 40%. Opposed, none; motion carried.
- c) Planning is in the process for an EOT/WOT Board and Staff Meeting with a tentative date for March 14, 2016.

Public Comments: None

Adjourn: Motion made by Dennis Reynolds, seconded by Steve Inwards to adjourn the meeting. Opposed none: motion carried. Meeting adjourned by Lyle at 9:03 a.m.

Meetings and Training			
EOT SWCD Board Mtg	Perham	February 17, 2016	
IAM Meeting	Freeport	February 18, 2016	Wade, Brittney, Nathan
CAI Mtg	Mahnomen	February 24, 2016	Tyler, Aimee
AIS Meeting	Wadena	February 25, 2016	Tyler, Anne, Darren, Melvin
Governors Water Summit	St. Paul	February 27, 2016	Darren, ???
Coop Forest Mgmt	Cloquet	March 2, 2016	Anne
Area 8 Mtg	Bemidji	March 4, 2016	
EOT/WOT Joint meeting	Fergus Falls	March 14, 2016	
EOT SWCD Board Mtg	Perham	March 16, 2016	
MnSTAC Board Mtg	Eden Prairie	March 17, 2016	Anne
Contractors Meeting	Ottertail	March 17	Gabe, Aimee
Wadena SWCD Board Mtg	Wadena	March 21, 2016	
MASWCD Legislative Days	St. Paul	March 21-22, 2016	

Chantal Tougas
Administrative Secretary

Terry Greenwaldt
Secretary