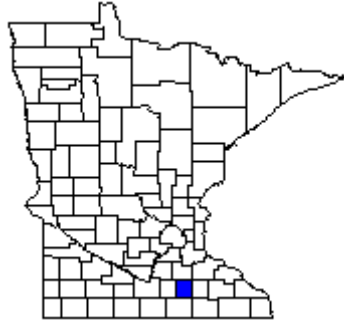


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SOIL and WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICTS**

The regular monthly meeting of the Steele County Soil and Water Conservation District Board of Supervisors was called to order by Chairman Kyle Wolfe at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday August 6, 2014 at the Conservation Office located at 235 Cedardale Drive SE, Owatonna, MN.

<u>SWCD Supervisors Present:</u>	<u>SWCD Staff Present:</u>	<u>Others Present:</u>	<u>Absent:</u>
Dave Melby, Vice-Chrmn	Dan Arndt	Bruce Kubicek, County Commissioner	Eric Gulbransen
Mark Ihlenfeld, Secretary	Adrienne Justman	James Smith, NRCS	Noel Frank, NRCS
Dan Hansen, Reporter			
James Klecker, Treasurer			
Kyle Wolfe, Chrmn			

The August agenda was reviewed with no additions.

The July minutes were sent to the Supervisors prior to the meeting. There were no revisions needed. Motion was made by Melby, seconded by Ihlenfeld to approve the minutes. Motion was carried by voice vote.

The July Treasurer’s Report was read by James Klecker. Motion was made by Hansen, seconded by Melby to approve the July Treasurer’s Report. Motion was carried by voice vote.

Bills: (See attached) Motion was made by Ihlenfeld, seconded by Klecker to approve paying the bills as written. Motion was carried by voice vote.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

1. RC&D Meeting – Marl Ihlenfeld and Bruce Kubicek attended the meeting. The majority of the meeting was regular organization business. There was discussion about the current ongoing projects and the lack of new ones starting. The RC&D is going to be looking to the SWCD’s for input about the current work load and how to better encourage landowners to begin new projects.
2. SE JPB Meeting – Dan Arndt and Mark Ihlenfeld attended this meeting. During the meeting the status of the current grants were reviewed as well as the budget.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Clean Water Fund Grant Application – Dan Arndt presented the information regarding the upcoming Clean Water Grant application. During a flood damage assessment that was requested by BWSR it was discovered that there is approximately \$250,000 worth of projects that could be completed in Steele County. A portion of these could be funded in part through a Clean Water Grant. The Board agreed that it would be appropriate to proceed with the application process and attempt to secure funds to complete these projects.
2. Feedlot Grant VI – The County has applied for a \$10,000 grant to be used to improve Feedlots in Steele County. One third of that grant will be applied to Technical costs while the other two thirds will be used for project expenses. The SWCD will be cooperating with the county to get these project completed.
3. Fair Awards Program – The award ceremony for the 2014 Steele County Fair will be held on August 12 at 2 pm at the show barn. Kyle Wolfe will be participating by handing the awards to the 2014 Conservation winners.
4. Fair Booth Schedule – The schedule for the fair booth was discussed and each supervisor agreed to take an evening to man the booth.
5. 2014-2016 State Cost Share Program – Dan Arndt presented the details for the 2014-2016 State Cost Share Program. Motion was made by Melby and seconded by Klecker to adopt the program as presented. Motion carried by voice vote.
6. MCIT Dividend Notice – Adrienne Justman presented the dividend notice received from MCIT for 2014. The 2014 dividend is \$1,677. These funds will be received in mid-November.
7. Strengthening Your SWCD – Dan Arndt presented the information about this conference. It is scheduled to take place September 10-11 at Arrowwood Lodge in Baxter Minnesota. The focus of the training is to develop more effective leadership skills. There is a wide range of speakers and training sessions scheduled during these two days.
8. Soil Health and Cover Crop Field Day – Mark Ihlenfeld is planning to attend the Soil Health and Cover Crop Field day being held on August 12 on the farm of Jim Purfeerst located east of Faribault. The agenda includes a tour of cover crop plots, expert analysis on strip tillage economics, and a presentation on “Principles of Soil Health”.

**Agency Reports**

Bruce Kubicek reported on that there will be a meeting regarding Ditch 8 on August 7. The meeting will be to discuss the rerouting of water. There is also a meeting regarding the JD24 bridge project on August 7. The primary focus of the meeting will be to determine how the cost of the expanded bridges will be divided.

Jim Smith reported on the status of the CRP program. He currently has 25 reenrollments done with 10-15 still to complete. He is also splitting his time with Freeborn County to assist them with their workload.

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Staff Reports:

Dan Arndt reported that the WRP monitoring has been completed. There were a total of 12 easements done this year. The monitoring for a few of the RIM easements still needs to be completed. He also reported that Phase 4 of the large RIM/WRP wetland restoration has been started.

Adrienne continues to work on the 2014 Steele County Fair booth preparations and will have the booth ready by the end of the week.

Motion was made by Klecker, seconded by Hansen, to adjourn the meeting at 8:05 p.m. Motion was carried by voice vote.

Respectfully submitted by,

Adrienne Justman  
Administrative Assistant

**August Bills**

<b>Cedardale Dev.</b>	<b>August Rent</b>		<b>\$619.20</b>
<b>Jaguar</b>	<b>Internet</b>		<b>\$39.95</b>
<b>Wolcyn</b>	<b>Trees - 3rd Invoice</b>		<b>\$7,187.75</b>
<b>Dan Arndt</b>	<b>Mileage reimbursement</b>		<b>\$92.96</b>
<b>Elan</b>	<b>Parking</b>	<b>\$3.00</b>	
	<b>Trailer Maint.</b>	<b>\$272.91</b>	
	<b>Gas</b>	<b>\$356.73</b>	
	<b>Norton Anti-virus renew</b>	<b>\$85.49</b>	<b>\$718.13</b>
			<b>\$8,657.99</b>