Ramsey Conservation District

Approved March 14, 2016



1425 Paul Kirkwold Drive Highway 96 & Hamline Avenue Arden Hills, MN 55112 Telephone 651-266-7270 Fax 651-266-7276 www.ramseyconservation.org

Minutes of the Board of Supervisors Regular Board Meeting held February 8, 2016.

1. Meeting called to order by Chair Humphrey at 4:02 p.m.

Roll of Attendance Supervisors present:	Others present:
	Others present:
Margaret Behrens	Joe Lochner, RCD Staff
Paul Gardner	Michael Schumann, RCD Staff
Mara Humphrey	Laura Triplett, RCD Staff
Carrie Wasley	Andrea Prichard, RCD Staff
Gwen Willems	Ann WhiteEagle, RCD Staff
	Ashley Bennett, RCD Staff
	Roland Cleveland, MACD/Area IV Director

A. Approval of Agenda: **Motion by Supervisor Wasley and Supervisor Willems second** to approve the final agenda. Ann requested to move the MASWCD update to item number two on the agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

B. Announcements: The Board was sent a list of upcoming meetings in the board packets. The MACD Area IV quarterly meeting will be held at the Ramsey County Public Works Building, 1425 Paul Kirkwold Drive, Arden Hills, MN 55112, on April 6th with the time TBD.

- 2. MASWCD Update presented by Rolland Cleveland, MACD/ Area IV Director: Rolland Cleveland gave a detailed update of the MASWCD dues structuring for 2016. The board expressed concern over the nearly 50% increase for dues and that the dues formula has county tax capacity as a significant factor.
- 3. Staff / NRCS Reports: The staff updated the board on recent projects and activities. No report from NRCS.
- Approval of Standing Reports: Secretary's Report Minutes of January 11, 2016 Motion by Supervisor Wasley and Supervisor Behrens second to approve the minutes. Motion carried unanimously.
- 5. Action Items
 - A. Approval of January Supervisor Expense Claims: Resolution 16-02-01. Supervisor Behrens moved and Supervisor Wasley second. Resolved, the Board approved the expense reports as submitted by Supervisors Behrens \$196.06, Gardner \$193.36, Humphrey \$87.96, Wasley \$186.88, and Willems \$278.08 and staff member WhiteEagle \$187.37.

Voting in favor of the resolution: Behrens, Humphrey, Wasley, Gardner and Willems – Voting against: none – Abstaining: none

B. 2016 MASWCD Dues: **Resolution 16-02-02**. Supervisor Wasley moved and Supervisor Willems second. Resolved the Board approved the Ramsey County League of Local Governments meeting, February 25, 2016 as a Special Meeting and includes discussion on the 2016 MASWCD dues. The meeting is at 6:30pm at the North St. Paul City Hall, 2400 Margaret Ave, North St. Paul.

Voting in favor of the resolution: Behrens, Humphrey, Wasley, Gardner and Willems – Voting against: none – Abstaining: none

- C. 2016 MASWCD Day at the Capitol: Action on this item is moved until the March board meeting.
- D. Approval of the Conservation Partners Legacy Grant Applications: Resolution 16-02-03. Supervisor Gardner moved and Supervisor Behrens second. Resolved the Board approved submitting applications for the Sucker Lake Channel Habitat Restoration and the Frogtown Farm Pollinator Habitat grant as well as administering the grants if the projects are funded. Voting in favor of the resolution: Behrens, Humphrey, Wasley, Gardner and Willems Voting against: none Abstaining: none
- E. Disaster Relief/ Flooding Project Approval: Resolution 16-02-04. Supervisor Gardner moved and Supervisor Behrens second. Resolved the Board approved submitting a funding request to BWSR for the disaster relief flooding project in Lilydale Park for \$4,584,639.
 Voting in favor of the resolution: Behrens, Humphrey, Wasley, Gardner and Willems – Voting against: none – Abstaining: none
- F. Ramsey County GIS User's Group Approval: Resolution 16-02-05. Supervisor Behrens moved and Supervisor Wasley second. Resolved the Board approved paying the Ramsey County GIS User's Group dues for 2016 for \$1,024.40. Voting in favor of the resolution: Behrens, Humphrey, Wasley, Gardner and Willems – Voting against: none – Abstaining: none
- G. RCD Comprehensive Plan and Mission update: This topic will be discussed at the next regular Board meeting held on March 14, 2016.
- H. Budget Policy and Authority: Discussion on this topic was moved to the next regular board meeting on March 14, 2016.
- 2016 Pay Equity Report Approval: Resolution 16-02-06. Supervisor Willems moved and Supervisor Wasley second. Resolved, the Board approved submitting the 2016 Pay Equity Report to Minnesota Management & Budget. Voting in favor of the resolution: Behrens, Humphrey, Wasley, Gardner and Willems – Voting against: none – Abstaining: none
- J. Personnel Committee: Ann stated that the RCD was advertising for the new Conservation Design Technician, but with the current Conservation Technician resignation, the RCD would need to make additional adjustments to complete the 2016 work plan. Discussion was moved to the March board meeting.
- 6. Standing Committee Reports will be discussed at the next regular Board meeting held on March 14, 2016.
- 7. Next Regular Meeting Date– Monday, March 14, 2016 at 4:00pm.
- 8. Adjournment: Motion by Supervisor Willems, Supervisor Behrens seconded to adjourn at 6:15pm.

These minutes are respectfully submitted by Ashley Bennett.