

**Wright County Water Management
Water Management Task Force Meeting Minutes
January 16, 2014**

Minutes of the Wright County Water Management Task Force held at the USDA Service Center, Buffalo, Minnesota on January 16, 2014.

Members present: Mark McNamara Bob Peterson Merton Auger
Mark Daleiden Gloria Wynnemer Paul Zabinski
Charles Krause

Staff: Joe Jacobs, Water Resource Specialist

Meeting was called to order at 7:02 pm.

Minutes from the September 19 , 2013 were approved in a motion by Charles Krause and seconded by Mark McNamara. Daleiden had question on ditch which was clarified. All in favor; minutes approved.

Taskforce organization. Noted it is time for the **election of officers for 2014.** Mark Daleiden motioned to nominate Mark McNamara as Chairman, seconded by Gloria Wynnemer. Nominations were closed with all in favor of McNamara as Chairman. Bob Peterson was nominated as Vice Chairman by Mark Daleiden, seconded by Mark McNamara. Nominations were closed with all in favor of Peterson as Vice Chairman.

Mark McNamara led the meeting.

Boat landing inspection program was outlined by Jacobs. The SWCD will apply for a DNR grant of \$50,000 for the summer of 2014 to provide AIS (Aquatic Invasive Species) inspection of boats on five lakes. Zebra mussels are of particular concern. Grant will provide education, enforcement, and inspection with one decontamination unit. To participate, lakes must have matching funds. Next step is to gain approval of the County Commissioners to apply for the grant.

Manure Setback Amendment was reviewed again with approval by Krause who said it looks good, that everyone should be a steward of the land. SWCD will help farmers comply. It was motioned by Merton Auger, seconded by Paul Zabinski to approve the manure setback amendment and forward it to the County Commissioners. All in favor.

Watershed Based Water Management Planning may be changed were noted. Currently the District has its own water management plan which is updated or amended every five years. The State wants to change the system so that each watershed has a plan with a new plan every ten years. There are 88 watersheds in the state so it would be more manageable for the state. Wright County is in three watersheds. The state will conduct a pilot project prior to the change.

The Draft Erosion Control Ordinance was noted to continue to be viable. It had been reviewed by select cities and county engineers and the Commissioners were receptive to reviewing. Daleiden said that with all the cities and townships support, it would be more likely to be accepted by the County Commissioners. Agreed to review the last draft at the next meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00pm.

Next meeting will be April 17 at 7:00pm.

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