Agenda for the March 9th, 2017 Meeting of the Norman County
Soil & Water Conservation District Board of Supervisors
8:00 to 10:00 am District Office Twin Valley, Mn 56584

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call – Fill out Vouchers
4. Treasurers Report -- motion
5. Speakers: NRCS, Watershed
6. Unfinished Business
   A. Projects & Grants – report
   B. Buffer Program – report
   C. County Commissioner meeting – report
   D. Water Plan Hearing - report
   E. Area 1 Meeting – report
   F. Other
7. New Business
   A. Cost Share – motion
   B. Approve Expenses for Feedlot Conference- motion
   C. Master Joint Powers Agreement - motion
   D. Pickup and Ranger - info
   E. Other
8. Adjourn Meeting – motion

Grants
NRBG (Water Plan, Wetland, Feedlot),
Discovery Farms, Capacity, AIS, Cost Share,
RIM, Observation Wells, Cons Delivery
Buffer Law Grant, MAWQCP

Meetings & Training
March 6 – Buffer meeting, Halstad 10:00
March 9 – Board Meeting
March 10 – Erik’s Birthday
March 14 - TSA meeting, Mahnomen
March 15 - Buffer meeting, Gary 10:00
March 20-21 - Day at the Capitol
March 22-23 – RRB FDR Conference Moorhead
April 5 – TSA meeting, Mahnomen
April 11-13 – Feedlot Conference, Moorhead
April 13 – Board meeting

SWCD Programs and Services
Tree Planting and Maintenance
Conservation Delivery Program
Erosion Control & Water Management
Local Water Management Plan
Rainfall Monitoring Program
Wetland Conservation Act
Observation Well Monitoring
Feedlot Program
Aquatic Invasive Species Program
Reinvest in Minnesota – RIM
Buffer Law Program
Discovery Farms Water Sampling
MAWQCP (Certification Program)
Ag BMP Program
NRCS Programs
Education Days
Minutes for the February 9th, 2017 SWCD board meeting

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1. Call to Order
The meeting of the Norman County SWCD Board of Supervisors was called to order by Chairman, Ron Thorsrud at 8:00 AM.

A motion was moved by Rockstad, second by Tufte to approve the February agenda.

Affirmative: 3 Yays    Opposed: 0 Nays
Motion Carried

2. Roll Call
Members Present
   Ron Thorsrud, Chairman
   Erik Rockstad, Treasurer
   Bruce Tufte, Reporter
Members Absent
   Kelly Skaurud, Vice Chairman
   Gene Ueland, Secretary
Others Present
   Mark Christianson, District Technician
   Courtney Habeled, Conservation Technician
   Josh Bork, NRCS
   Ileana Rodriguez, NRCS
   Duane Erickson

3. Secretaries Report
A motion was moved by Rockstad, second by Tufte to approve the January 12th, 2017 Secretaries Report.

Affirmative: 3 Yays    Opposed: 0 Nays
Motion Carried

4. Treasurers Report
A motion was moved by Tufte, second by Rockstad to approve the January Treasurers Report.

Affirmative: 3 Yays    Opposed: 0 Nays
Motion Carried
5. Speakers Reports:
NRCS: Josh’s last day in Ada will be on February 24th. A hiring freeze is on for NRCS and he isn’t sure who and when someone will replace him in Ada. There are 20 applications for EQIP, mostly cover crops, high priority applications will be funded first. CSP signup ended on February 3rd. Working on CCRP and the CP38 Safe Program.
Watershed: Duane Erickson spoke on behalf of the watershed. An analysis on the Green Meadow Dam suggested the need for more permanent grass cover and less cropland. Looking at getting a $500,000 grant to study the Moccasin Creek and the South Branch. One half of the property taxes collected by the watershed is given to the Red River Basin Board. The board approved increasing their donation to the SWCD’s from $100 to $200 for the Envirothon.

6. Unfinished Business
   A. Project Reports & Grants
      Lori finished reporting in eLink, waiting for ok from Brett on them. Mark is working with the engineer on 7 water control structures for a landowner and 1 project site in Flom Township. Working with a landowner on a possible wetland banking site.
   B. Buffer Program
      Courtney is working on labels so we can send out the buffer letter to landowners explaining the program with the deadlines. We will be holding 2 meetings in the county explaining the buffer program. We are waiting for guidance on buffer alternative practices. NRCS training here on February 22nd for conservation planning.
   C. Open Pasture Rent Bids
      3 bids were opened for the rent on our pasture.

      A motion was moved by Rockstad, second by Tufte to accept the high bid from Andrew Austinson of $2,450 for the yearly rent on the pasture.

      Affirmative: 3 Yays    Opposed: 0 Nays
      Motion Carried

   D. Remodel Office
      A motion was moved by Tufte, second by Rockstad to hire Thronson Construction to remodel the office with an estimate of $5,075, there were no other interested contractors.

      Affirmative: 3 Yays    Opposed: 0 Nays
      Motion Carried

   E. Other
      None

7. New Business
   A. Cost Share
      None

   B. Water Plan Hearing & County Commissioner Meeting
      The supervisors looked at the water plan. A public hearing on the water plan will be on February 16th at 11:30 at the courthouse in Ada. We will also be discussing buffers at their board meeting at 10:30 on February 16th.
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C. Upcoming Meetings
There is an Area 1 meeting on February 21st at the Holiday Inn in Detroit Lakes.

D. Annual Plan

A motion was moved by Rockstad, second by Tufte to approve the 2017 Annual Plan.

Affirmative: 3 Yays    Opposed: 0 Nays
Motion Carried

E. Approve Expenses for AIS Meeting

A motion was moved by Tufte, second by Rockstad to approve paying expenses for the staff to attend the AIS meeting in Alexandria.

Affirmative: 3 Yays    Opposed: 0 Nays
Motion Carried

F. Other
None

8. Adjourn meeting at 9:30

A motion was moved by Rockstad, second by Tufte to adjourn the meeting.

Affirmative: 3 Yays    Opposed: 0 Nays
Motion Carried

Dated _____________________ Respectfully Submitted:

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Gene Ueland, NCSWCD Board Secretary