

**TUESDAY, JULY 25, 2017**

**APPROVED MINUTES OF THE  
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING HELD**

**STATE OF MINNESOTA)  
COUNTY OF DODGE)**

**COUNTY ADMINISTRATION OFFICE  
MANTORVILLE, MN**

**2017-12 C.O.W.**

The Dodge County Commissioners met in Committee of the Whole July 25, 2017, in the County Board Room at the Dodge County Government Services Building, Mantorville, MN, at 4:30 p.m. CDT. Chair Tim Tjosaas opened the meeting at 4:30 p.m. CDT.

Meeting Convened

The Chair acknowledged those present:

Those Present

Members present: John Allen District #1  
Tim Tjosaas District #2  
Rodney Peterson District #3  
Rhonda Toquam District #4  
David Kenworthy District #5

Members absent: None

Also present: Jim Elmquist County Administrator  
Becky Lubahn Deputy Clerk  
Adam King SWCD Manager

Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) Manager Adam King provided the Board with a 2018 SWCD budget presentation.

2018 SWCD Budget  
Presentation

District Supervisor Glenn Hahn was available to comment on the proposed budget and activities taking place at the SWCD office.

Mr. King informed the Board the SWCD is requesting an \$118,000 appropriation from Dodge County to assist in funding their operations in 2018, this is the same amount received in 2017. With the increase in appropriation from 2016, the Dodge SWCD has taken on the technical and financial assistance responsibilities for feedlots in Dodge County, assisting with the feedlot program.

The SWCD Manager reported for 2018, the Board of Water and Soil Resources (BWSR) is once again challenging counties across Minnesota to increase their appropriations from 2016 levels, to their respective Soil and Water Conservation Districts, by matching the increase from 2016 levels, dollar for dollar to the SWCD, up to a specific amount. For Dodge County that amount is \$28,000. The appropriation from Dodge County in 2016 was \$90,000, so the requested \$118,000 will qualify the Dodge SWCD for the match.

Mr. King noted the budget handout provided in the Board packet was a draft copy. The District Manager distributed a new preliminary budget that the Dodge SWCD Supervisors approved at their meeting on July 20, 2017 and noted the proposed figures changed a bit. Mr. King stated some things were previously over estimated with what they thought might be carried over from this year.

County Attorney Paul Kiltinen arrived to the meeting at 4:41 p.m. CDT.

County Attorney  
Arrived

The SWCD Manager answered questions from the Board.

2018 SWCD Budget  
Presentation -  
Continued

Commissioner Peterson commended Mr. King on the work he does at the SWCD office.

The SWCD Manager discussed with the Board some of the grant projects they are currently working on in the SWCD office.

The Board thanked Mr. King for the presentation.

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 4:47 p.m. CDT.

Meeting Adjourned

**ATTEST:**

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**TIM TJOSAAS  
CHAIR, COUNTY BOARD**

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**BECKY LUBAHN  
DEPUTY CLERK**

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