

**Joint Meeting between the Martin County Board of Commissioners and Martin  
County Soil and Water District  
December 1, 2009**

The meeting was called to order at 12:15p.m., with the following individuals present: S. Donnelly, G. Boler, J. Potter, D. Schmidtke, K. Smith, D. Roberts, L. Meschke, W. Rode, D. Petrowiak, S. Flohrs. County staff present was James Forshee, Martin County Auditor/Treasurer, Deb Mosloski, Drainage Specialist, Scott Higgins, County Coordinator.

Smith informed the group that the SWCD has applied for the “Legacy” money in the amount of up to \$700,000. The grant will be used for a project on the Dutch Creek Watershed. The SWCD is working in conjunction with the City of Fairmont. Smith indicated that this will be a good opportunity to work with the City of Fairmont on this project.

Donnelly announced the recent grant award to GBERBA from the Clean Water Partnership (CWP) through the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) in the amount of \$227,600. These funds will be used for various projects to improve water quality in Minnesota.

Smith announced that the County has received the Natural Resources Block Grant (NRBG) grant for FY2010 in the amount of \$89,199. This is down approximately \$24,538 from a year ago. The feedlot grant money awarded is less than last year by \$15,259. However, this amount does not include the performance grant, which is to be determined and is expected to be added to the total grant award. Smith further stated that it is expected that there will be dollars available for the Septic portion of the grant (approximately \$10,000), but has yet to be released by the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA).

Mosloski noted that work is being done by the SWCD in setting the one rod set back for open ditches. The SWCD staff has been great to work with and the project is going well. It appears the landowners have been good to work with as well, with most realizing that this is the law. Mosloski stated her thanks to the SWCD staff.

D. Roberts on behalf of the SWCD stated his gratitude for the County’s financial support over the past years and looks forward to continue working with the County in the future.

With no further business to wit, meeting adjourned at 1:28 p.m.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
MARTIN COUNTY, MN

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Steve Donnelly, Board Chair

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Scott Higgins, County Coordinator