Agriculture & Rural Development Advisory Committee

Hyatt Regency – Minneapolis, Minnesota

December 4, 2016

DRAFT MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT:
Rick Anderson, Lyon County
Bob Fox, Renville County
Paul Gerde, Pope County
Jake Gillen, Rice County
Cal Johannsen, Hubbard County
Bev Bales, Douglas County
Luke Johnson, Pipestone County
Daniel Stenseng, Clearwater County
Vance Stuehrenberg, Blue Earth County

GUESTS:
Harlan Madsen, Kandiyohi County
Tom Warmka, Faribault County
Scott Higgins, Martin County Coordinator/EDA
Jeff Docken, Rice County
Don Wachal, Jackson County
Gerald Magnus, Murray County
Marv Zylstra, Nobles County
Marie Kovecsi, Winona County

I. Call to Order
Chair Jake Gillen called the Agriculture and Rural Development Advisory Committee to order at 4:06 PM. Members and guests recited the Pledge of Allegiance and introduced themselves. Commissioner Tom Warmka made a motion to adopt the minutes from September 15, 2016. Commissioner Harlan Madsen seconded the motion and the minutes were approved.

II. Election for Committee Chair and Vice Chair
Commissioner Vance Stuehrenberg made a motion for Commissioner Jake Gillen to continue as Chair and Commissioner Luke Johnson to continue as Vice Chair. Commissioner Tom Warmka seconded the motion and the motion prevailed.

III. Minnesota Agriculture and Rural Leadership (MARL) Program
Olga Reuvekamp, Executive Director, provided an overview of MARL and the leadership opportunities available through the program.

IV. Board of Water and Soil Resources Update
Dave Weirens, BWSR Assistant Director, and Tim Gillette, BWSR Conservation Drainage Engineer, provided the committee with an update on BWSR programs relating to: soil loss, buffers, 404 assumption, Local Road Wetland Replacement Program, MN Public Drainage Manual and the Drainage Records Database.

V. Adjourn
A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the Agriculture and Rural Development Advisory Committee Meeting. The motion passed and the meeting adjourned at 5:30 PM.