

Carlton County Soil and Water Conservation District

Regular Monthly Board Meeting Minutes

Date: Tuesday, October 13, 2009

Location: SWCD office at 115 5th St. South, Carlton

Chair Dahl called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

Roll Call:

Present

Barb Dahl
Merrill Loy
Kim Samuelson
Larry Sampson

Absent

Mark Thell

Staff

Present

Brad Matlack
Kelly Smith
Lu Olean
Danny Weber

The pledge of allegiance was said.

Matlack requested that Rudy Nikko under **Cost Share**; 4-H letter under **Correspondence** and the Costal Grant Technician Assistance under **Old Business** be added to the agenda.

M/S Loy/Sampson to approve agenda.

Motion carried unopposed

M/S Sampson/Samuelson to approve the September 14, 2009 minutes.

Motion carried unopposed

M/S Loy/Sampson to receive Treasurer's report for September 30, 2009.

Motion carried unopposed

Guests & Visitors:

None

NRCS:

Weber gave his report for August and September on all practices certified and assistance given for that time span. 10 Carlton County producers were assisted with the application process for the CSP program. Weber informed the Board that September 15th thru October 15th is Hispanic Heritage Month and October is National Disabilities Awareness Month.

Matlack explained to the Board of the Contribution Agreement Final Release of Claims and after discussion:

M/S Loy/Sampson to approve the release of obligation and write off remaining fund on last contribution agreement.

Motion carried unopposed

Cost Share Contracts:

Smith explained to the Board that Marvin Benson wishes to cancel his cost share contract for reforestation project. He still plans on doing the project but will be doing it on his own. He would like to continue having technical assistance from SWCD under his Cooperators Agreement.

M/S Sampson/Loy to cancel Marvin Benson's Cost Share Contract.

Motion carried unopposed

Smith also informed the Board that Rudy Nikko had a 10-acre pasture that he would like to plant 4,500 white spruce trees on. The Cost Share amount would be \$1,500.00.

Cooperators Agreements:

M/S Loy/Sampson to accept Rudy Nikko as a Cooperator.

Motion carried unopposed

**M/S Sampson/Samuelson to approve \$1,500.00 or 75% which ever is less from the 2009 State Cost Share Funds for Rudy Nikko's project.
Motion carried unopposed**

Correspondence:

Board members read correspondence prior to the meeting. No one had any questions, concerns or comments. Matlack informed the Board about the Minnesota Project 30 Year Anniversary to be held in St. Paul on October 24th, the Outstanding District Employee Award and also a Thank You the SWCD received from the University of Minnesota Extension Office for sponsoring 4-H awards this year at the County Fair.

Old Business:

Discussion was held on the Area III Fall meeting and the 2009 Conservation Awards Banquet. Matlack explained that the amount received this year from the Costal Implementation Grant was down from last year. This year's amount for Smith's technical assistance is \$4,400. 00

**M/S Loy /Sampson to accept the Costal Implementation Grant of \$4,400.00
Motion carried unopposed**

New Business:

Matlack informed the Supervisors about the Conservation St. Croix Memorandum of Agreement. After some discussion:

**M/S Sampson/Loy to accept the Conservation St. Croix Memorandum of Agreement
Motion carried unopposed**

Matlack reminded everyone about the MASWCD State Convention and wanted to know who would be attending. Loy recommended Supervisors attend all 3 days (if possible) since it is being held in Duluth. The deadline of October 30th was set to get registration info into the office along with everyone's 2009 Resolution Ballot.

Loy informed the Board that Lu Olean had her one year Performance Evaluation and she was doing a wonderful job. Matlack stated that she was an asset to the SWCD office.

Matlack stated that he would need to set up a meeting with Thell and Sampson (Long Range Plan Committee) to go over the Long Range Plan Update. He would contact them on a date.

Outside Organization Issues:

None

Other Business:

Matlack told the Board about an issue that was brought up at the October 13th staff meeting. What steps do we take when someone does not pay his or her bill with the SWCD? After discussion Loy and Samuelson (Policy Committee) will meet with Matlack and discuss this matter further after Olean does some research on this subject.

With no further business

**M/S Loy/Samuelson to adjourn.
Motion carried unopposed**

Meeting adjourned at 5:35 p.m.

Submitted by: Lu Olean

Date Approved: November 9, 2009

Chair: Barbara Dahl

Secretary: Mark Thell