

# **Carlton County Soil and Water Conservation District**

## **Regular Monthly Board Meeting Minutes**

**Date: Monday November 9, 2009**

**Location: SWCD office at 115 5<sup>th</sup> 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  
Mark Thell

**Absent**

Brad Matlack

**Staff**

**Present**

Lu Olean  
Kirstin Swenson  
Kelly Smith

The pledge of allegiance was said.

**M/S Loy/Thell to approve agenda.  
Motion carried unopposed**

**M/S Sampson/Loy to approve the October 13, 2009 minutes.  
Motion carried unopposed**

**M/S Loy/Thell to receive Treasurer's report for October 31, 2009.  
Motion carried unopposed**

**Guests & Visitors:**

Board Conservationist Ryan Hughes from BWSR

**NRCS:**

No Report

**Cost Share Contracts:**

Smith explained that Blackhoof Township is requesting cost share to repair an eroding road ditch and to replace a failing and too short culvert at Pioneer Road and Duesler Creek. Loy asked why the Township is only paying 25% of the cost. Many questions were asked and discussion took place. Thell asked the cost of the culvert and Smith replied \$4,000.00. Thell recommended to Cost Share the \$4,000.00 for the culvert. Samuelson asked if there were dollars left in the cost share program at the end of the year could we revisit this and amend the contract. Smith informed her that we could.

**M/S Loy/Sampson to cost share with Blackhoof Township for the purchase a new culvert, not to exceed \$3,000.00 or 75% of the actual project cost, whichever is less.  
Motion carried unopposed**

Smith informed the Board that the Charles Pace's project went over budget by 32%. Sampson asked why it was over and Smith explained that the main factor was due to the two years the project was behind schedule. It took NRCS engineers this time to complete their design and then the cost of labor went up. There was further questions and discussion on this project.

**M/S Loy/Sampson to amend contract 3-06 to include an increase of \$4,123.76.  
Motion carried unopposed**

**M/S Sampson/Thell to pay contract 3-06 amount as amended.  
Motion carried unopposed**

**Cooperators Agreements:**

**M/S Loy/Thell to accept Dawn and Tony Newman, Forest Management in Skelton Twp. and John Vernon, Forest Stewardship in Blackhoof Twp. as Cooperators.**

**Motion carried unopposed**

**Correspondence:**

Board members read correspondence prior to the meeting. No one had any questions, concerns or comments.

**Old Business:**

Olean handed out registrations, MASWCD business information and a schedule of events to Board members pertaining to the MASWCD State Convention being held December 5,6 and 7<sup>th</sup>. Loy will make table reservations for the Conservationist Award Luncheon. Olean also told the Board that she has been in contact with Gerry and Barb Maunu and they are very excited to attend.

With the absent of Matlack; the Long Range Planning Committee; Sampson and Thell told the remaining board members that they have identified 6 goals as priorities to be addressed in the Comprehensive Plan. Thell added that he would like to see monitoring carbon sequestering and trading for nutrient management.

**New Business:**

Swenson explained to the Board that she is requesting the Deer Creek/Nemadji TMDL Study Contract be amended to extend the date of the contract from February 12, 2010 to April 21, 2009. She informed the Board that the contract amount of \$176,410 would not be changed.

**M/S Thell/Loy to approve the amendment to Contract #B10927 to April 21, 2010**

**Motion carried unopposed**

Board Members received Matlack's written report prior to the meeting in regards to the BWSR Academy, which he attended. Hughes added that BWSR has come out with guidance and a template for the Green Acres/ Rural Preserves Program.

**Outside Organization Issues:**

None

**Other Business:**

Hughes discussed with the Board regarding Great Lakes Initiative and the collaboration needed between Districts and other agencies. Thell asked about the Minnesota Star Lake program for the Net Lake Association. Hughes stated that the Legislature had allocated funds but then they were revoked. He would look into other funding sources for them.

With no further business

**M/S Thell/Samuelson**

**Motion carried unopposed**

Meeting adjourned at 5:05 p.m.

Submitted by: Lu Olean

Date Approved: December 14, 2009

Chair: Barbara Dahl

Secretary: Mark Thell