

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

## **Regular Monthly Board Meeting Minutes**

**Date: Monday, November 10, 2008**

**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**

Mark Thell  
Barb Dahl  
Merrill Loy  
Larry Sampson

**Absent**

Carol Hauck

**Staff**

**Present**

Brad Matlack  
Kelly Smith  
Lu Olean  
Kirstin Swenson

The pledge of allegiance was said.

Matlack ask that Joyce Salzer and Mark Griffin be added to the Cost Share agenda and Heritage Council to the Correspondence agenda.

**M/S Loy/Sampson to approve agenda**

**Motion carried**

**M/S Loy/Thell to approve the October 14, 2008 minutes**

**Motion carried**

**M/S Loy/Thell to receive Treasurer's report October 31, 2008**

**Motion carried**

**Guests & Visitors:**

Josie Shank was scheduled to receive her Outstanding Erosion Control Conservationist Award but did not arrive. Contact will be made to see if she can attend the next board meeting.

Kirstin Swenson updated the Board on the Nemadji River Deer Creek TMDL Project. Newsletters and monitoring site maps were handed out. Swenson discussed the efforts on recruiting volunteers to help with monitoring and also with representation to the Stewardship Meetings. She informed the board that she would be holding a training session in the spring for volunteers. The Board listened to the Deer Creek voice modem that the MPCA installed to update water stages of the river.

Dana Raines from Onanegozie RC&D gave the Board a summary of all the projects that have been completed in 2008, on going projects, workshops, potential projects and their plans for 2009. He passed out information on all of these items to the Board.

**NRCS:**

The monthly report from Daniel Weber was included in the Board's packets.

**Cost Share Contracts:**

Matlack asked the Board to cancel Joyce Salzer's 2007 Cost Share Assistance Contract.

**M/S Loy/Sampson**

**Motion carried**

Matlack asked the Board to cancel Mark Griffin's 2007 Cost Share Assistance Contract.

**M/S Loy/Sampson**

**Motion carried**

Matlack handed out pictures of Ted Erickson Feedlot Project after completion. He asked the Board to approve the payment of \$21,625.00. Thell asked if any engineer costs were involved with this project and Matlack and Smith said no.

**M/S Loy/Sampson**

**Motion carried**

Matlack asked for an extension of Chuck Pace's project until December 31, 2009.

**M/S Loy/Thell**

**Motion carried**

He also discussed with the board about the closing of the 2005 books for Cost Share Contracts. He informed the Board that the 2006 funds were allocated. 2008 had \$4,535.00 unencumbered but SWCD has until June 30 to encumber and that 2009 was unencumbered.

**Cooperators Agreements:**

None

**Correspondence:**

Jill Carlier sent a letter requesting a contribution to the Envirothon. Loy asked for a listing of contributors from last year and he will try to get donations from other sources. \$200.00 will be sent to her for this event.

**M/S Loy/Thell**

**Motion carried**

2009 NACD Membership request was made. \$100.00 will be sent with final payment checked off.

**M/S Loy/Thell**

**Motion carried**

Matlack received a letter from the Heritage Council requesting people to serve on their Board.

**Old Business:**

Attending the 2008 MASSWCD Convention will be Sampson, Thell and Loy. Contact has been made with the Gamache Family and they will be attending.

**New Business:**

Loy discussed Smith's Performance Review and was pleased to say that he has done an excellent job. The remaining Supervisors and Manager were very appreciative of his fine work.

**Outside Organization Issues:**

November 20<sup>th</sup> there will be a Forestry meeting. Matlack will be attending, Sampson may.

**Other Business:**

The Board discussed the passage of the Clean Water, Land and Legacy Amendment and was surprised that the higher populated areas voted yes and the less populated voted no. Reminder to Supervisors that the next Board Meeting will be December 15<sup>th</sup> and notices will be placed in the papers on the change of meeting date because of the MASWCD Convention.

Having no further business,

**M/S Thell/Loy to adjourn.**

**Motion carried**

Meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

Submitted by: Lu Olean

Date Approved: December 15, 2008

Chair: Barbara Dahl

Secretary: Larry Sampson