

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

## **Regular Monthly Board Meeting Minutes**

**Date: Monday, December 15, 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.

<b>Roll Call:</b>		<b>Staff</b>
<b>Present</b>	<b>Absent</b>	<b>Present</b>
Mark Thell		Brad Matlack
Barb Dahl		Kelly Smith
Merrill Loy		Lu Olean
Larry Sampson		
Carol Hauck		

The pledge of allegiance was said.

Matlack ask that under New Business we add NACD "Our Land, Our Water" and under Cost Share we also add Final Financial Report for Drought Disaster 2007. Hauck asked that Joan Nelson be put under Other Business.

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

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

**M/S Loy/Sampson to receive Treasurer's report for November 30, 2008**  
**Motion carried**

### **Guests & Visitors:**

Do to conflicts with scheduling there were none this month.

### **NRCS:**

Daniel Weber gave an update on all the Cooperators being assisted thus far. Chuck Pace has his permits and Matlack said he was also given a 2009 extension. Weber explained that they are undergoing a National Financial Audit and that it was very time consuming but it was going very well. Thell asked about the 3-year incentive program that EQUIP has available for organic farming practices. Weber was not aware of any program but he would look into it and get information so SWCD can start to promote it.

### **Cost Share Contracts:**

Discussed Larry Nelson Drought Disaster Project

**M/S Thell/Sampson to approve payment to Larry Nelson of \$1,319.00 on contract D7-07 from DDA funds**

**Motion carried**

Matlack informed the Board that he would close out the Drought Disaster Program. He stated that he thought it was a success for the short time that SWCD had to implement the program. The SWCD received **\$13,310.00** they spent **\$11,035.00** on practices, **\$1,104.00** on Technician and SWCD will be sending back to BWSR a check for **\$1,171.00**.

**M/S Thell/Hauck to approve Final Financial Report for DDA FY 2007**

**Motion carried**

Matlack asked the Board to cancel Lori Lind at landowner request Cost Share Agreement 2-05

**M/S Hauck/Loy**

**Motion carried**

Matlack asked to cancel Walter Hakala Jr. at landowner request Cost Share Agreement DDA 06-17

**M/S Thell/Loy**

**Motion carried**

**Cooperators Agreements:**

Matlack asked that the Board approve the Cooperators Agreements with:  
Gary Williams, SWCD District 4

**M/S Hauck/Sampson**

**Motion carried**

Eric Konu SWCD District 4

**M/S Hauck/Sampson**

**Motion carried**

Ed Pung SWCD District 1

**M/S Hauck/Sampson**

**Motion carried**

**Correspondence:**

None

**Old Business:**

Thell, Loy and Sampson gave a wrap up of the 2008 MASWCD Convention. All Area III resolutions passed. Thell informed the Board that there might be some funding coming from Cost Share for rain gardens.

**New Business:**

The Board set the regular January board meeting and annual reorganization meeting for January 12, 2009.

**M/S Sampson/Loy**

**Motion carried**

The SWCD Board Officers handed in their paper work for outside organizations and Board Committees for 2009.

Matlack informed the Board that he was approached by the MN Forestry Association to use our mailing list for a promotion they are having. Matlack asked the Board for their opinion on sharing our mailing list to other organizations. Loy stated that you need control of our mailing list and what it is being used for. With further discussion the Board decided to give a one-time request for the Forestry to pay for the expense's incurred by our Administrative Assistant to do the bulk mailing for them and then this issue be sent to the Policy committee for further review.

**M/S Loy/Thell**

**Motion carried**

Matlack talked to the Board about the CCLNS Expansion, which will now include Aitkin, Mille Lacs, Isanti and Kanabec Counties. He stated that even though there may be some staffing issues and we may lose some efficiency we will gain some expertise because it will come with a Technician.

Matlack passed around the article from the NACD "Our Land Our Water" article that talks about the CCSWCD in length about the district implementing water quality and watershed along with the TMDL program. Hauck said that we need to put it in the papers and post it on our website.

**Outside Organization Issues:**

None

**Other Business:**

Hauck wanted it be known that Joan Nelson was recognized for the 2008 RC&D Staff of the Year Award. She thought it would be nice if Carlton County SWCD would send a card to her for this honor. Matlack said he would be happy to do that.

Having no further business,  
**M/S Theil/Loy to adjourn.**  
**Motion carried**

Meeting adjourned at 4:55 p.m.

Submitted by: Lu Olean

Date Approved: January 12, 2009

Chair: Barbara Dahl

Secretary: Larry Sampson