

Carlton County Soil and Water Conservation District

Regular Monthly Board Meeting Minutes

Date: Monday, February 8, 2010

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

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

Roll Call:

Present

Absent

Staff

Present

Barb Dahl
Merrill Loy
Kim Samuelson
Larry Sampson
Mark Thell

Brad Matlack
Kirstin Swenson
Kelly Smith
Lu Olean
Danny Weber

Joel Soukkala, Pine Journal and Jim Vnuk, President of the Carlton Area Lions Club were present for the beginning of the meeting. Chair Sampson presented Mr. Vnuk and his organization with a plaque for their generous donation towards the 2009 Area III Envirothon.

The pledge of allegiance was said.

Matlack requested the 2009 Annual Accomplishment Report be added under **New Business**

M/S Loy/Samuelson to approve agenda.

Motion carried unopposed

M/S Loy/Dahl to approve the January 11, 2010 minutes.

Motion carried unopposed

M/S Loy/Thell to receive Treasurer's report for January 31, 2010.

Motion carried unopposed

Guests & Visitors:

None

NRCS:

Weber informed the Board that they have been providing technical assistance with producers for nutrient management, fabricated livestock shelters and prescribed grazing. For the CSP program they are finishing up obligation contracts for the first signup. They have 5 contracts obligated with another 7 that are just finishing up. Three application are loaded into Protracts for the EQUIP program. Weber explained some criteria for the GRP (Grassland Reserve Program) program and stated applications are due by March 12th. Clients must complete a EQUIP program and have a 10,15, or 20 year contract and will receive a payment around \$5.00 per acre. Discussion was held on to have or not to have a Grazing Workshop for 2010. Further discussion will follow at the next board meeting.

Cost Share Contracts:

Matlack explained the FY2005, FY2006 Final Financial Report and the FY2008 Cooperative Weed Management Area Grant Final Financial Report to the Board. There was discussion on why some dollars were sent back to BWSR. Matlack explained to the Board that some clients cancelled their projects and for the Weed Management Program the grant ended sooner than expected and the growing season wasn't here yet. Thell asked why there was no FY2007 and Matlack said that it was still open.

M/S Dahl/Thell to approve the Treasurer to sign off the FY2005, FY2006 Final Financial Report and the FY2008 Cooperative Weed Management Area Grant Final Financial Report to the Board.

Motion carried unopposed

Cooperators Agreements:

None

Correspondence:

Board members were given correspondence prior to the meeting. Matlack went over the MASWCD Legislative Day info for Dahl, Thell and Loy who are attending. No one had any questions, issues or comments.

Old Business:

Matlack told the Board that Smith and himself met with Marci Morland, Carlton County Assessor and her assistant Kyle last week to talk about the Rural Preserve Program. After discussing the rules and regulations of the program it was their consensus that not many Carlton County landowners will qualify or benefit from this program. Matlack explained that the Assessors office would decide if someone qualifies and then discuss with the landowner if it is to their best interest to apply. If the landowner decides at that time to continue then the Assessor would send them to the SWCD office for further info and facts.

Matlack explained the Rural Preserves Program SWCD Policy Guidelines for 2010 to the Board. Some discussion was held on when someone should pay. Everyone agreed that 50% down of total bill should be paid before anything starts. That change was added to the Policy. The policy reads as follows:

**Rural Preserves Programs
SWCD Policy Guidelines for 2010**

Format:

The required Conservation Management Plans will be prepared using the present Board of Water and Soil Resources template.

Fees:

Fieldwork for plan

0-40 acres	\$100
40-80 acres	\$150
80-120 acres	\$200
120 and more acres	\$250

Office plan preparation \$100

Plan approval and SWCD administration \$50

Timeline for Plan approval

SWCD plans

The SWCD will provide applicants with the required Conservation Management Plan (2 copies) within 20 working days of date planning contract is signed. Plans will be available for pickup at the SWCD office within regular office hours upon payment of planning fee.

Other Planner plans

The SWCD will approve plans completed by other planners within five working days receipt of the plan. Plan approval fee applies.

50% of fees are due before start of the plan with remainder upon receipt of the approved plan.

**M/S Thell/Samuelson to approve the Rural Preserves Program SWCD Policy Guidelines for 2010
Motion carried unopposed**

New Business:

Swenson gave the Board information on the Nemadji River Watershed Surface Water Assessment Grant that she just received. This will include bodies of water outside of the TMDL project. Citizens will be doing

the bulk of the collection data. The grant amount will be for \$34,161.00. Samuelson commended Swenson on her hard work on receiving this grant.

Matlack asked the Board to look over the 2009 Annual Accomplishment Report and have any comments to him by Wed. Olean will be putting the books together for the Board to take down for Legislative Days. Loy suggested adding pictures of the Legislatures from last year and include the Maunu's story that was in the paper. Matlack stated he would.

Outside Organization Issues:

None

Other Business:

Loy and Swenson told the Board that the President of the Chub Lake Association along with Heather Cunningham, Carlton County Zoning had a meeting with about 60 residents of Chub Lake and presented information on milfoil. Many concerns were brought up and many questions asked. They plan on meeting with the DNR to have these questions answered.

With no further business

M/S Thell/Samuelson

Motion carried unopposed

Meeting adjourned at 5:20 p.m.

Submitted by: Lu Olean

Date Approved: March 8, 2010

Chair: Larry Sampson

Secretary: Barb Dahl