

Carlton County Soil and Water Conservation District

Regular Monthly Board Meeting Minutes

Date: Monday, March 9, 2009

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

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

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

The pledge of allegiance was said.

Matlack informed the Supervisors that Carlton County Commissioner Tom Proulx and Dan Weber from NRCS were unable to attend the meeting.

M/S Thell/Loy to approve agenda

Motion carried

Loy asked that Carol Hauck and himself be added to the minutes from 1/12/09 onto the Building Committee.

M/S Loy/Thell to approve the January 12, 2009 minutes

Motion carried

Loy stated that the Savings Account at Cornerstone Bank was yielding 2% interest and the money should be left there. Thell questioned the Weed Management dollar amount and Matlack said he would check into it.

M/S Loy/Sampson to receive Treasurer's report for January 31, 2009 and February 28, 2009

Motion carried

Guests & Visitors:

None

NRCS:

Supervisors were given reports to read prior.

Cost Share Contracts:

Matlack asked that FY 05 and FY 07 Drought Disaster Assistance be officially closed out. Matlack also expressed to the Supervisors that Karola Dalen should be commended on a wonderful job of gathering clients in such a short time to fulfill the contracts.

M/S Thell/Loy

Motion carried

Smith explained to the Supervisors about the Edwin and Cherie Pung forest riparian buffer contract. This would be done on their property on South Island Lake. They would do a tree shrub planting and buffer this spring. The cost to SWCD would be 586.50 or 75% which ever is less.

M/S Thell/Sampson

Motion carried

Cooperators Agreements:

Tim Oland SWCD # 5 (Non Resident)

M/S Thell/Sampson

Motion carried

Tom Roles SWCD # 1 (Non Resident)

M/S Thell/Sampson

Motion carried

John Skare SWCD #1 (Non Resident)

M/S Thell/Sampson

Motion carried

Correspondence:

None

Old Business:

The Policy Committee recommends that if anyone solicits us for use of our mailing list our policy will be to let them know that we will do the work for a fee but will never give out our mailing list to anyone.

M/S Loy/Sampson

Motion carried

Matlack reported that 13 producers attended the Manure Economics Workshop taught by the University of Minnesota Duluth and that it was well received.

He also updated everyone on the Weed Management Grant. Troy Salzer, Greg Bernu, Kelly Smith and himself are putting together a two-part program. The first part will include education on evasive species and the second part will be demonstrations. This will be a two-year project and they are hoping to get representatives from the area. Heather Cunningham from Carlton County Zoning Office has already volunteered to participate. Larry Sampson was kind enough to volunteer to be SWCD's representative.

M/S Loy/Thell

Motion carried

Matlack asked that the Stewardship Plan in the Service Rates be updated to \$210.00 + \$6.50 per acre instead of the previous \$210.00 + \$2.50 per acre.

M/S Thell/Loy

Motion carried

At the January 12, 2009 meeting Thell inquired why there was a negative amount in the Drought Disaster fund. Matlack did not know the answer at that time but looking into it further he found that it was just a simple posting error.

New Business:

The Sandy Lake Watershed donated \$5,000.00 to the Carlton County Extension Office to purchase a No-till drill. Troy Salzer has purchased a Great Plains Model and is available for use. The Extension Office along with SWCD will start a cooperative adventure in an advertisement campaign to reach the people particularly in the Sandy Lake Watershed area.

Matlack told the Supervisors that the SWCD had received their 2008 MASWCD plaque for Distinguished Service.

Matlack reported that the Annual Reports would be posted to the Web soon. Attending the 2008 Legislative Days in St. Paul were Loy, Sampson and himself. They met with Representative Mary Murphy, Representative Bill Hilty and Senator Tony Lourey. Packets were handed out that Matlack had prepared. Loy and Sampson wanted to commend Matlack for a great job of putting together the packets.

Matlack updated the Supervisors on the Tree and Shrub Sale. Order forms were inserted into the Pine Journal and Arrowhead Leader last week, the second bulk mailing will be going out March 10th and that he was still working on a refrigerated device for the trees. Sales are slow but hopefully they will start to pick up. Loy felt we should see if the papers would write another article about the tree sale. Olean will look into that.

Matlack and the Supervisors reviewed the 2008 YE Financial Report. There were questions from Thell on depreciation. Matlack stated that anything over \$1,000.00 is depreciated. The van is on a 5-year depreciation and the TMDL computer on a 3-year depreciation.

M/S Loy/Thell

Motion carried

Matlack and Supervisors reviewed the 2009 Annual Plan. Matlack told them that these are requirements for Base Grants and Cost Share program. Loy stated that this plan makes sense. BWSR gave good comments on it also.

M/S Sampson/Loy

Motion carried

The Surface Water Assessment Grant Agreement was born out of the Water Summit last year. R.M.B. offered to put together the grant. The grant monies would be used for gathering lake water data in Carlton County. Heather Cunningham, Brad Matlack and Kirstin Swenson will be heading up this project. SWCD will get approximately \$6,000.00 for staff salary and there will be an expiration date of June 2011. In the month of **April** there will be volunteer training for water monitoring. The volunteers are already lined up and ready to go. In **May** the sampling will start. The samples will be dropped off at the SWCD office and then picked up each Monday for delivery to the testing lab. Thell had concerns that Ramsey County was the jurisdiction on the grant. Matlack was going to investigate that further.

M/S Thell/Loy

Motion carried

Outside Organization Issues:

None

Other Business:

Loy let everyone know that the Area III Resolution Meeting will be held Friday June 5th, 2009 at the Transportation Building.

Thell gave everyone a **Grassroots Guide to the 2008 Farm Bill** book and talked about what a great resource manual it was. It explains opportunities for farmers and how to understand the Farm Bill along with other important information.

Having no further business,

M/S Thell/Loy to adjourn.

Motion carried

Meeting adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

Submitted by: Lu Olean

Date Approved: April 13, 2009

Chair: Barbara Dahl

Secretary: Larry Sampson