

Carlton County Soil and Water Conservation District

Regular Monthly Board Meeting Minutes

Date: Monday, April 13, 2009

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

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

Roll Call:

Present

Absent

Staff

Present

Mark Thell
Barb Dahl
Merrill Loy
Larry Sampson

Brad Matlack
Kelly Smith
Lu Olean

The pledge of allegiance was said.

Chair Dahl asked for a moment of silence for Supervisor Carol Hauck.

Matlack asked that Bob and Rochelle Karp be added to the Cost Share Contracts

M/S Loy/Thell to approve agenda

Motion carried

M/S Thell/Sampson to approve the March 9, 2009 minutes

Motion carried

Loy stated that the Savings Account at Cornerstone Bank was yielding 2% or better interest and the money should be left there.

M/S Loy/Thell to receive Treasurer's report for March 9, 2009

Motion carried

Guests & Visitors:

A welcome and introductions were made for Carlton County Commissioner Tom Proulx.

NRCS:

Mike Walczynski, NRCS Soil Scientist gave a presentation of the Web Soil Survey and how it works. There are 5 different reports that you can retrieve for free. Reports are a great planning tool needed to make land-use and management decisions.

Danny Weber informed that they were taking application but it seemed the interest was less from last year. There were some changes that were going to be implemented to the program soon. He also discussed the Freedom of Information Act (written info was given to Supervisors prior to meeting) and what effect that will have for NRCS and CCSWCD. Attachment C must be signed by Board so NRCS can discuss and give out information. Statistical info can be given but no names, tract numbers etc. can be given without Attachment C signed. Loy suggested that we talk to the County Attorney before signing.

M/S Loy/Thell to wait until next board meeting to make a decision on signing Attachment C.

Motion carried

Cost Share Contracts:

Smith explained to the Board that Karl Olsen's lake frontage property has a shore erosion problem. Keith Anderson and himself would do a riparian buffer similar to the one they did on Josie Shanks property last year. The total cost would be \$2,400.00. SWCD Cost Share would be \$1800.00 or 75% which ever is less.

M/S Loy/Sampson to approve Karl Olsen contract for \$1,800.00 or 75% of construction cost whichever is less from FY 2008 funds

Motion Carried

Matlack informed the Board that Bob and Rochelle Karp would like to cancel their dam repair project because of financial difficulties. Loy stated that it is a shame we can't find out some other avenues to help pay for their part of the project. All Supervisors along with Smith and Matlack agreed. If not we will need to send back \$2,000.00 to the State for Cost Share Program 2007. This is where their funding was coming from.

M/S Loy/Thell

Motion carried

Cooperators Agreements:

None

Correspondence:

None

Old Business:

Matlack addressed the question that was brought up by Thell at the March 9th meeting about his concerns with the litigation venue for the SWAG Grant coming from Ramsey County but this was standard procedure for litigation to come from the area in which the grant was written. No further discussion.

New Business:

Matlack informed the Board that he had talked to the County Auditor about the District 4 Supervisors seat vacancy. The first step was to declare a board vacancy. Discussion was held as to the time line for the application for the seat. Olean would put a public notice in the Pine Journal, Arrowhead, Star Gazette and Voyageur Press. Applications would be available by coming to or calling the office and also it would be on the web site. Deadline will be May 5th, 2009

M/S Loy/Sampson

Motion carried

Chairman Dahl handed out new Committee assignments:

Vice President-Larry Sampson

RC&D – Mark Thell

Water Task-Merrill Loy

Building-Mark Thell

Matlack discussed the packets the Board received about the TSA 3 New Joint Powers Agreement. The realignment will take place on July 1st. We need a Board member plus an alternate. The Board felt it was necessary to talk to County Attorney before going forth.

M/S Thell/Loy

Motion carried

Loy requested that Lu Olean be taken off probation after 6 months and be considered a Regular Part Time employee. Kirsten Swenson was given a raise after her 1-year probation was over.

M/S Loy/Thell

Motion carried

Matlack and Loy informed the Board that on June 5, 2009 at the Transportation Building the MASWCD Resolutions meeting will be held from 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Outside Organization Issues:

Thell discussed the Green Acres Conservation Plan. It was suggested that an assessor be invited to attend one of our Board meetings.

Other Business:

Smith talked to Commissioner Proulx about what the SWCD has done in the past for his District. Matlack will send him a copy of our last cooperators. Thell announced the Graze Fest this year will be held in Carlton County on July 17th and 18th.

Having no further business,

**M/S Thell/Sampson to adjourn.
Motion carried**

Meeting adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

Submitted by: Lu Olean

Date Approved: May 11, 2009

Chair: Barbara Dahl

Secretary: Larry Sampson