

Carlton County Soil and Water Conservation District

Regular Monthly Board Meeting Minutes

Date: Monday, May 11, 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.

Matlack asked that Bill Larson and Cynthia Neufeld be added to the **Cooperators Agreement**. Thell requested that RC&D business be added to **Other**.

M/S Loy/Thell to approve agenda

Motion carried

Loy noticed a error in the date of the Area III MASWCD Resolution meeting and asked that it be changed to read June 5, 2009 and not June 6, 2009

M/S Loy/Thell to approve the April 13, 2009 minutes

Motion carried

Loy stated that monies should be left in the Savings Account at CornerStone Bank.

M/S Thell/Sampson to receive Treasurer's report for April 13, 2009

Motion carried

Guests & Visitors:

Carlton County Assessor, Marci Moreland brought us up to date and answered questions regarding the SFIA, 2C and Green Acres Programs in Carlton County and the state. Discussion was brought up about the new provision that was added to the Green Acres Program, which states that all new enrollees must have a Conservation Plan in place. Moreland was unaware of this and was going to look into further. Matlack and Moreland agreed to exchange brochures. Smith also informed her that he could write up plans for the different programs.

NRCS:

Daniel Weber updated the Board on the Cooperators assisted for the month of May. He also let them know that May is Asian American Pacific Islander Heritage month. Timelines were given for WHIP and EQUIP. A lengthy discussion was held on Attachment C. The Board is not ready to sign. They need further information about insurance and any other ramifications this may have.

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

Motion carried

Cost Share Contracts:

Matlack told the Board that Blackhoof Township, Smith and himself are working on a project. Updates to follow.

Cooperators Agreements:

Matlack asked that the Board to approve the Cooperators Agreements with:

Don Sjorren: District 1

Bill Larson: District 1

Cynthia Neufeld: District 4

M/S Loy/Thell to approve the Cooperators Agreement and to move that Chair Dahl sign District 4's agreement because of the vacancy.

Motion carried

Correspondence:

None

Old Business:

Matlack told the Board that only two applications came in for the District 4 vacancy.

M/S Loy/Thell to hold Board seat vacancy open until more applications come in.

Motion carried

Matlack informed the Board that the attorney has reviewed the TSA 3 New Joint Powers Agreement and he doesn't see any problems.

M/S Thell/Loy to approve the TSA 3 New Joint Powers Agreement.

Motion carried

Matlack also asked if anyone had any new resolutions to bring up at the Area III Resolutions Meeting. No one had any.

New Business:

Matlack asked who would be going to the Area III Resolution Meeting on June 5, 2009. Dahl, Sampson, Thell, Matlack and Loy will be attending (do not have to pay for Loy). Olean will take care of registration.

Outside Organization Issues:

Thell informed that there was some Federal dollars available for flood plan areas and wondered if Carlton County had any. Smith stated that Carlton County historically doesn't have flood areas. The Board felt we should look further into this and see what information we can find. He also talked about the seminar that RC&D would be holding on July 29th and 30th at the Forestry Center in Cloquet. Tours will be given along with a program on climate studies. Sampson shared with the Board a pamphlet he received for a conference on Streamside Ecology given by the University of MN Extension. Matlack told about the New Supervisor and Employee's Orientation given by Sheila Vanney, which will be held July 14th, and 15th.

Other Business:

Thell reminded everyone that Graze Fest would be held on Friday, July 17th and Saturday, July 18th.

Having no further business,

M/S Thell/Sampson to adjourn.

Motion carried

Meeting adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

Submitted by: Lu Olean

Date Approved: June 8, 2009

Chair: Barbara Dahl

Secretary: Larry Sampson