

# Carlton County Soil and Water Conservation District

## Regular Monthly Board Meeting Minutes

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**Date: Monday June 8, 2009**

**Location: SWCD office at 115 5<sup>th</sup> St. South, Carlton**

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

Roll Call:

Members

Staff

Present:

Absent:

Present:

Mark Thell

Brad Matlack

Barb Dahl

Kelly Smith

Merrill Loy

Danny Weber

Larry Sampson

The pledge of allegiance was said.

M/S Loy/Thell to approve agenda with these additions; under Cost Share add Chuck Pace extension and Karl Olesen payment, under New Business add board votes and DNR monitoring well contract.

Motion carried by all yea votes.

M/S Loy/Sampson to approve May 11, 2009 regular monthly board meeting minutes.

Motion carried by all yea votes.

M/S Loy/Thell to receive Treasurer's report for June 2009.

Motion carried by all yea votes.

### **Guest & Visitors:**

Ryan Hughes BWSR Board Conservationist was present and introduced himself.

### **NRCS Report**

Dan Weber gave a report on EQIP signup and practices certified. He also reviewed 2009 EQIP Organic Initiative.

### **Cost Share Contracts:**

The payment voucher for Karl Olesen streambank erosion control project was presented.

M/S Loy/Thell to approve payment to Karl Olesen for \$525.

Motion carried by all yea votes.

The Gerald Konu feedlot and manure storage pit project was presented.

M/S Loy Sampson to encumber \$12,590.27 or 75% of construction costs whichever is less to the Gerald Konu project. \$10,610.62 will come from FY 2008 and the remaining \$ 1,979.65 from FY 2009.

Motion carried by all yea votes.

Discussed Charles Pace project extension to allow for construction this season.

M/S Loy/Thell to grant contract extension for Charles Pace project.

Motion carried by all yea votes.

**Cooperators Agreements:**

None

**Correspondence:**

Discussed Douglas County Land Conservation project tour and open house. Thell may attend.

Discussed 2009 MNRC&D Summer Conference at Cloquet Forestry Center. Staff will register Merrill Loy for Wednesday only.

**Old Business:**

Merrill Loy reviewed recommendations of the Personnel Committee (Loy/Dahl) on appointment to fill vacant board seat from district 4.

M/S Loy/Thell to appoint Kim Samuelson to fill the vacant seat.

Motion carried by all yea votes.

M/S Loy/Sampson to select Gary Waller as second choice in case Kim Samuelson does not accept appointment.

Motion carried by all yea votes.

Loy reported on Area III Resolution meeting.

Manager discussed tree sale report. Forestry Committee (Loy/Sampson) will meet with staff for a 2009 wrap-up and 2010 planning meeting.

Loy discussed office space options and the following resolution.

**Resolution for pursuing exploratory office space option discussions**

Whereas the Carlton Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) requires adequate office space, storage space and room for possible future expansions to conduct the business of the SWCD, and

Whereas, many options have been explored in the Carlton and surrounding areas, and

Whereas, the SWCD's current lease expires December 31, 2010,

Therefore be it resolved the SWCD enter into negotiations with potential office location sites on a discussion basis with considerations to net zero cost difference from current or expected space costs, and within the timeline of current lease expiration, and

Be It Further Resolved that the SWCD Board appoints Merrill Loy as its representative for these exploratory discussions.

M/S Sampson/Thell to pass resolution as presented.

Motion carried by all yea votes.

**New Business:**

Manager discussed nominations for 2009 conservation awards. Nominations are due to Manager by June 30<sup>th</sup> for compilation for the July board meeting.

Manager discussed request from Hay Lake Association for the Carlton SWCD to be fiscal agent for their lake association.

M/S Thell/Loy to approve SWCD being fiscal agent for the Hay Lake Association.

Motion carried by all yea votes.

Thell discussed recording of board votes in minutes. Staff will record minutes to reflect votes including passage “by all yea votes”.

Staff presented 2009 DNR monitoring well contract and recommended approval.  
M/S Thell/Sampson to approve contract.

Motion carried by all yea votes.

**Outside Organization Issues:**

TSA 3 will meet again in June to continue merger process.

**Other Business:**

Having no further business, M/S Thell/Sampson to adjourn.

Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 5:19 pm

Next meeting is scheduled for **Monday, July 13, 2009** to be held at the SWCD office at 115 5<sup>th</sup> St. South, Carlton. Larry Sampson will bring coffee snacks and invite a speaker.

Submitted by Brad Matlack

Date Approved

Chair: Barbara Dahl

Secretary: Larry Sampson