

Carlton County Soil and Water Conservation District

Regular Monthly Board Meeting Minutes

Date: Monday, July 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
Kim Samuelson

Brad Matlack
Kelly Smith
Lu Olean

The pledge of allegiance was said.

County Auditor Paul Gassert swore in Kim Samuelson as the District 4 Supervisor.

Loy asked that Area III meeting be added to **New Business** and Thell to add Graze Fest to **Outside Organizations Issues**.

M/S Thell/Ly to approve agenda.

Motion carried unopposed

M/S Loy/Sampson to approve the June 8, 2009 minutes.

Motion carried unopposed

M/S Loy/Thell to receive Treasurer's report for June 30, 2009.

Motion carried unopposed

Guests & Visitors:

None

NRCS:

Daniel Weber updated the Board on the Cooperators assisted for the month of July. Carlton County applications into contracts were 7 EQUIP and 1 WHIP. July is MN NRCS all Cultural Appreciation Month.

Cost Share Contracts:

None

Cooperators Agreements:

Smith explained to the Board that Keith Anderson and himself are working on an erosion control project with Jan and John Stanlaski.

M/S Loy/Thell to approve the Cooperators Agreement with Jan and John Stanlaski.

Motion carried unopposed

Correspondence:

Board members read all correspondence prior to the meeting. Matlack informed the Board that the MASWCD was reminding all SWCD's about selling Native and Non-Invasive plants on tree sales. Matlack confirmed that he would be attending the Coastal Program 10 year reception. Loy will also attend. Samuelson will let them know if she can attend.

Old Business:

The Board with Matlack and Smith explained the procedures of the Awards Banquet to Samuelson. Matlack will be trying to contact the legislatures before setting a date for the banquet. Olean will be working on brochures and getting them to the Supervisors as soon as possible so they can solicit sponsors.

2009 Award Winners are:

- Outstanding Conservationists of the Year: Gerry Maunu
- Conservation Educator: Cree Bradley
- Water Quality Conservationist: Ted and Linda Erickson
- Conservation Partner: Heather Cunningham
- Lake Shore Conservationist: Karl Olesen
- Erosion Control Conservationist: Matt LaVeau

M/S Thell/Sampson to accept and approve the nominations for the 2009 Awards Banquet.

Motion carried unopposed

Matlack told the Board he has been working on the 2009 Budget and that it is due to Carlton County by July 23rd. The Public Hearing will be August 24th.

M/S Loy/Thell to have the Finance Committee meet on July 21, 2009 at Loy's office to work on the 2009 Budget.

Motion carried unopposed

New Business:

Matlack and Smith informed the Board that they met with the new Costal Non Point Specialist, Amber Westerbur to discuss the Costal Program. Contracts will be a little less than last year and also with fewer dollars. The contract will last till June of 2010.

M/S Loy/Samuelson to accept the Costal Program Contract.

Motion carried unopposed

Chair Dahl read the new slate of officers and committee assignments for the rest of 2009.

- Chair: Barb Dahl
- Vice Chair: Larry Sampson
- Secretary: Mark Thell
- Treasurer-Merrill Loy
- Public Relations Officer: Kim Samuelson

M/S Loy/Thell to accept the officers and assignments.

Motion carried unopposed

Chair Dahl appointed the following:

SWCD Committees

- Personnel-Dahl/Loy
- Finance-Dahl/Loy
- Education/Awards-Samuelson/Sampson
- Policy-Samuelson/Loy
- Legislative-Thell/Loy
- Long Range Planning-Thell/Sampson
- Forestry-Sampson/Loy

Outside Organizations

- TSA-Thell
- RC&D-Samuelson
- SWCD Forestry-Sampson
- Big Sandy/Tamarack Watersheds-Dahl
- EQUIP Local Work Group-Thell

Matlack handed out info on the Area III Tour and Annual Meeting that will be held September 23rd and 24th in Mountain Iron. Everyone who will be attending should let Matlack know by the August 10th board meeting.

Outside Organization Issues:

Thell talked about the Graze Fest to be held July 17th and 18th. Smith will have a booth at a cost of \$100.00 to promote Carlton County SWCD. Thell said he would assist him if needed.

Other Business:

Matlack is working on a tour of some of SWCD's projects and he is hoping to have Representative Mary Murphy and other Legislators to attend. He also told the Board that the Weed Management Committee is underway and going strong. Smith is in the process of talking to a property owner in Moose Lake about using his land for a demonstration. Matlack told the Board that the next TSA meeting would be held July 22, 2009. That everything is merging nicely. There were some health coverage issues but consensus won out.

With no further business

M/S Thell/Sampson to adjourn.

Motion carried unopposed

Meeting adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

Submitted by: Lu Olean

Date Approved: August 10, 2009

Chair: Barbara Dahl

Secretary: Mark Thell