

# **Carlton County Soil and Water Conservation District**

## **Regular Monthly Board Meeting Minutes**

**Date: Monday, August 10, 2009**

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

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

**Roll Call:**

<b>Present</b>	<b>Absent</b>	<b>Staff Present</b>
Mark Thell	Larry Sampson	Brad Matlack
Barb Dahl	(arrived at 4:30)	Lu Olean
Merrill Loy		
Kim Samuelson	Kelly Smith	

The pledge of allegiance was said.

Under **Guests & Visitors** Thell wanted to explain why we were not having one. Loy asked that Area III meeting be added to **New Business**. Matlack requested that the 2009 District Capacity Award also be added to **New Business**

**M/S Loy/Thell to approve agenda.**  
**Motion carried unopposed**

**M/S Thell/Loy to approve the July 13, 2009 minutes.**  
**Motion carried unopposed**

**M/S Loy/Thell to receive Treasurer's report for July 31, 2009.**  
**Motion carried unopposed**

**Guests & Visitors:**

Thell reported to the Board that he would reschedule Bob Cresap the intended guest speaker for today because he was still collecting data on trees. These trees have been harvested from area bogs and carbon dating is being done on them along with examining their growth conditions, age, etc.

**NRCS:**

Daniel Weber updated the Board on the Cooperators assisted for the month of August. He also explained and handed out to the Supervisors information on the Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP). The Supervisors and Matlack voiced many questions and concerns. August is Women's Equality Month.

**Cost Share Contracts:**

None

**Cooperators Agreements:**

None

**Correspondence:**

Board members read correspondence prior to the meeting. No one had any questions, concerns or comments.

**Old Business:**

Matlack informed the Board that dates had been set for the 2009 Awards Banquet and the Board Tour. The Award Banquet would be held September 29<sup>th</sup> at the Cozy Café in Carlton. Olean will finalize the date, time and menu. The Board Tour will be September 14<sup>th</sup> starting at 9:00 a.m. at the SWCD office.

Matlack updated everyone on the 2010 Proposed Budget and because of the \$12,000.00 deficit the Finance Committee along with himself will put a freeze on staff payroll and the projected health care benefits will be cut in half. Thell was very concerned about this and the effect it will have on staff

members. Samuelson and Sampson had questions on the wording and amount requested. Matlack will reword that portion of the document.

**M/S Sampson/Loy to accept the 2010 Proposed Budget**  
**Motion carried unopposed**

**New Business:**

Matlack told the Board that the 2010 BWSR Agreement for the Cost Share program took a substantial decrease in funds. State Base Grant went from \$23,824.00 to \$22,000.00 and Administrative Fees went from \$12,000.00 to \$7,600.00 The Board discussed the ramifications of this reduction.

**M/S Loy/Thell to accept the 2010 BWSR Agreement**  
**Motion Carried unopposed**

Matlack gave information to the Board on the Hydrologic Conditions Maps. More information can be found on the DNR website.

Matlack informed the Supervisors that TSA III bylaws state that a alternate must be named in case our main representative (which is Thell) can not attend a meeting. Sampson volunteered for the position.

The St. Croix Basin 319 Grant Application was denied so no action was needed.

Loy reminded everyone about the Area III Fall Tour being held in Mt. Iron on September 23rd and 24<sup>th</sup>. All Board members along with Matlack stated that they should be able to attend. Olean will make hotel reservations for six.

**Outside Organization Issues:**

Samuelson attended the Onanegozie RC&D meeting and was surprised to learn from Dana Raines that Carlton County has no projects. She would like to meet with Raines, Matlack and herself to discuss this issue. She informed the Board that Bill Hunter from NARC&D was retiring and that he will be missed. She will be updating their websites for them.

**Other Business:**

None

With no further business

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

Meeting adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

Submitted by: Lu Olean

Date Approved: September 14, 2009

Chair: Barbara Dahl

Secretary: Mark Thell