

Carlton County Soil and Water Conservation District

Regular Monthly Board Meeting Minutes

Date: Monday, September 14, 2009

Location: Eskomo Pizza Pies, Esko MN

Chair Dahl called the meeting to order at 4:05 p.m.

Roll Call:

Present

Absent

Staff

Present

Mark Thell
Barb Dahl
Merrill Loy
Kim Samuelson
Larry Sampson

Brad Matlack
Lu Olean
Kelly Smith

The pledge of allegiance was said.

Under **New Business** Matlack requested that Resolution Packets be added. Thell requested the CSP meeting held August 31, 2009 be added to **Old Business**.

M/S Loy/Thell to approve agenda.

Motion carried unopposed

Samuelson to have Olean change Sampson to Samuelson in Outside Organization Issues.

M/S Sampson/Loy to approve the August 10, 2009 minutes.

Motion carried unopposed

M/S Loy/Sampson to receive Treasurer's report for August 31, 2009.

Motion carried unopposed

Guests & Visitors:

None

NRCS:

No Report

Cost Share Contracts:

Smith requested the Board approve the payment of 586.50 to Ed Pung for shoreline planting done on his property on Upper Island Lake in Cromwell.

M/S Loy/Thell to approve payment to Ed Pung.

Motion carried unopposed

Smith informed the Board that Marvin Benson had made an application for a reforestation project.

Discussion was held on the project.

M/S Thell/Loy to use \$1,500.00 from the 2009 State Cost Share Funds for Marvin Benson's project.

Motion carried unopposed

Smith explained to the Board that Blackhoof Township will be applying for State Cost Share Funds to replace a culvert on Pioneer Rd. that is failing and letting sediment into Dusler Creek. Keith Anderson is designing the project and his initial estimate is \$16,000.00. Discussion was held on the validity of helping any township repair a township road. Questions were asked on why the County doesn't help or why Blackhoof Township didn't levy for more dollars to help with road repair. The Board felt has a whole that they needed more info on the Blackhoof Township Project before any further discussion. Smith will get engineer costs and present his findings to the Board at the next board meeting.

Cooperators Agreements:

Smith told the Board that Kermit Neilson would like to become a Cooperator. He will be constructing a windbreak in District 2. He is not requesting any Cost Share dollars.

M/S Loy/Thell to make Kermit Neilson a Cooperator.

Motion carried unopposed

Correspondence:

Board members read correspondence prior to the meeting. No one had any questions, concerns or comments. Matlack showed the Board the "Thank You" cards received from 4H members SWCD sponsored at the Carlton County Fair this year.

Old Business:

Matlack updated the Board on the progress of the 2009 Awards Banquet. Three sponsor's are still needed or donations. All other plans are going well. Sampson volunteered to be this year Master of Ceremonies.

Matlack received an e-mail from BWSR on State Cost Share Cut that Thell inquired about at the last board meeting. According to BWSR all SWCD's received a 48.7% cut in funding across the board. Our amount for 2010 is \$7669.00.

Thell asked and discussion was held as to why no one (except Smith thru e-mail) was informed of the Conservation Stewardship Program meeting held at the Carlton County Transportation Building on April 31st, 2009.

New Business:

Matlack told the Board that Olean had made reservations for 3 rooms for the Board members to attend the Area III Fall meeting in Mt. Iron on September 23rd and 24th. Loy stated he might have a conflict but was hoping to attend. Matlack and Olean will be attending the Thursday program.

Matlack informed the Board that Smith had again received the Quality Incentive Payment for Stewardship Planning for work he had done on the Big Sandy Watershed Project. Matlack and the Board congratulated Smith on his excellent work.

Matlack also reminded and encouraged the Board to attend the St. Croix Basin TMDL meeting, which will be held on September 21st at the Kanabec County Courthouse in Mora.

Matlack handed out the Resolution Packets to Board Members and explained the procedures on voting.

Outside Organization Issues:

None

Other Business:

Thell reported to the Board that the Farmers Union meeting would be held in Barnum on September 30th.

With no further business

M/S Thell/Sampson to adjourn.

Motion carried unopposed

Meeting adjourned at 5:20 p.m.

Submitted by: Lu Olean

Date Approved: October 13, 2009

Chair: Barbara Dahl

Secretary: Mark Thell