

Carlton County Soil and Water Conservation District Regular Monthly Board Meeting Minutes

Date: Monday July 14, 2008

Location: SWCD office at 115 5th 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

Carol Hauck

Merrill Loy

Danny Weber

Larry Sampson

The pledge of allegiance was said.

M/S Loy/Thell to approve agenda with these additions; under Old Business add Long Range Plan Update, under New Business add Forestry tour, and under Cooperators Agreement add Kirk Anderson.

Motion carried

M/S Hauck/Thell to approve June 9, 2008 minutes with date and spelling correction.

Motion carried

M/S Thell/Sampson to receive Treasurer's report for June 2008.

Motion carried

Guest & Visitors:

Jason Weirnerman BWSR BC was present at the meeting.

NRCS Report

Dan Weber gave a report on programs and projects he is working on. Presented 2008 Contribution Agreement

M/S Sampson/Hauck to approve 2008 Contribution Agreement.

Motion carried

Cost Share Contracts:

None

Cooperators Agreements:

Kelly Smith discussed Paul Koskinen, Gene Deutschman, and Kirk Anderson Cooperator Agreements.

M/S Loy/Sampson to approve as presented.

Motion carried

Correspondence:

Discussed State Convention Talent Show, no entries

Old Business:

Kelly Smith reviewed DNR Well Log Printouts

Discussed nominations for 2008 Conservation Awards

Outstanding Trout Habitat Improvement - The Gamache family of Esko for their riparian forest buffer planting along the Midway River.

Outstanding Erosion Control - Josie Shank for her stream bank protection project on one bank of the Moosehorn River in Barnum

Outstanding Urban Forestry - The City of Carlton for the Carlton Wayside Park tree planting project

Outstanding Environmental Educator - Lori Wester Cromwell HS teacher for work with envirothon teams and the school forest

MASWCD/ DNR Forestry Outstanding Forest Steward Award - George Anderson

MASWCD Outstanding Supervisor Award - Merrill Loy

M/S Hauck/Sampson to approve list of 2008 awards

Motion carried

Hauck and Thell appointed to the awards event planning committee.

Sampson reviewed Tree Program Report.

Manager and Thell discussed Comp Plan Update underway.

New Business:

Board reviewed proposed Records Retention Schedule.

M/S Thell/Loy to approve schedule as presented

Motion carried

Manager discussed weed management grant agreement.

M/S Hauck/Thell to approve grant agreement as presented.

Motion carried

Manager discussed MN Coastal Program Implementation Grant Agreement and Resolution of authorization.

M/S Loy/Sampson to approve Coastal Program Grant Agreement.

Motion carried

M/S Hauck/Loy to approve the following resolution.

Resolution of Authorization

WHEREAS, the State of Minnesota, through the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources – Waters, administers financial assistance for coastal management purposes, through Minnesota’s Lake Superior Coastal Program and,

WHEREAS, the Carlton County Soil and Water Conservation District desires financial assistance under Minnesota’s Lake Superior Coastal Program.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Carlton County Soil & Water Conservation District as follows:

1. That the Carlton County Soil & Water Conservation District approves filing an application to Minnesota's Lake Superior Coastal Program.
2. That the Carlton SWCD Manager/Brad Matlack is hereby authorized and directed to execute and file an application with the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources and to provide all information and documentation required to become eligible for possible funding assistance.
3. That the Carlton SWCD Manager/Brad Matlack has signatory authority to enter into an agreement with the State of Minnesota.

That the Carlton SWCD does agree to act as legal sponsor and to obligate the funds required to satisfactorily complete the proposed project and become eligible for reimbursement under the terms and conditions of the Minnesota's Lake Superior Coastal Program.

Motion carried

Manager presented IRS mileage rate increase for information.

Manager discussed performance evaluation for Water Resources Coordinator

Manager distributed letters from SWCD Board Members to County Commissioners for signature.

Kelly smith discussed upcoming Forestry Tour at John and Susan Murray farm.

Outside Organization Issues:

Thell discussed upcoming RC&D meeting in Carlton.

Other Business:

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

Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 5:15 pm

Next meeting is scheduled for **Monday, August 11, 2008** to be held at the SWCD office at 115 5th St. South, Carlton. Dan Weber will bring coffee snacks and invite a speaker.

Submitted by Brad Matlack

Date Approved

Chair: Barbara Dahl

Secretary: Larry Sampson