

SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICTS



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MINUTES FROM THE APRIL 9, 2009 MONTHLY BOARD MEETING

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The monthly meeting of the Redwood Soil and Water Conservation District was called to order at 8:00 a.m., on Thursday, April 9, 2009 by chair Mike Hewitt. The meeting was held in the meeting room of the Ag Service Center in Redwood Falls, MN.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mike Hewitt – Chair
Don Steffen– Vice-Chair
Tom Morley – Secretary
Joe Plaetz – Treasurer
Ralph Heiling – PR&I

STAFF: Marilyn Bernhardson – District Administrator

COUNTY COMMISSIONER: Gary Dahms

ADOPT AGENDA: Motion by Steffen, second by Heiling to adopt the agenda with the addition of Wetland letter. Motion carried by all voting yes.

MINUTES: Motion by Heiling, second by Steffen to approve the minutes from the March 12, 2009 board meeting as sent. Motion carried by all voting yes.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

Joe Plaetz entered the meeting at 8:06 a.m.

STATE COST SHARE:

District: Motion by Steffen, second by Morley to approve the following request for cost share assistance:

1-09

Diane Thram

Fmstd

\$713.00

Motion carried by all voting yes.

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State Cost Share (continued)

FY 2007 Clean Water Legacy

At the request of the landowners, motion by Plaetz, second by Morley to cancel the following requests for cost share assistance:

CWL-25-07	Bryan Hagert	WW	\$ 6,531.81
CWL-46-07 & amend	Fred Pfeiffer	Basins	\$14,646.68
CWL-52-07	Andrew Weber	Intakes	\$ 1,125.00
CWL-53-07	Andrew Weber	Intakes	\$ 2,475.00

Motion carried by all voting yes.

Motion by Steffen, second by Morley to accept the following request for cost share assistance:

CWL-73-07	Ivan Kuhlman	Intakes	\$ 675.00
CWL-74-07	Brent Prouty	Dam	\$12,780.90
CWL-75-07	Donna/Jim Zollner	Dam	\$28,000.00

Zollner dam will be cost shared up to but not exceeding \$28,000, remaining funds that are not cost shared through Clean Water Legacy will be cost shared through Area II or possibility RCRCAs.

Motion carried by all voting yes.

RCRCA will provide technical assistance for CWL-73-07 and Area II will provide technical support for CWL-74-07 and CWL-75-07.

FY 2008 Clean Water Legacy

Motion by Morley, second by Heiling to approve the following requests for cost share assistance:

CWL-49-08	Jim Timm	Intakes	\$ 900.00
CWL-50-08	Fred Pfeiffer	Basins	\$14,646.68

Motion carried by all voting yes.

RCRCA will provide technical assistance for CWL-49-08

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Motion by Plaetz, second by Morley to approve payment for the following contract:

CWL-35-08	Norman Carrow	Intakes	\$486.78
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Motion carried by all voting yes.

BILLS PAYABLE: Motion by Steffen, second by Plaetz to approve payment of bills through April 9, 2009 totaling \$17,878.23. Motion carried by all voting yes.

Brain Pfarr entered the meeting at 8:25 a.m.

NRCS: Rich is retiring at the end of the month and not sure who we will have as acting DC. Brian Pfarr reviewed the memorandum of Understanding the district has with NRCS.

Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) – Pfarr explained the new Freedom of Information Act policy. Each SWCD board member signed Attachment C “Certification of Natural Resources Conservation Service Conservation Cooperator” Form.

Waiting to hear when EQIP will be released. Have lots of interest in different practices.

Brian Pfarr left the meeting at 8:42 a.m.

REPORTS:

Judy Schulte entered the meeting at 8:42 a.m.

Technical Report: Schulte 1) Trees were delivered yesterday. Have 11 tree plantings to do. Still have a few plans to finish. 2) Went to waterway, WCA and Soils mechanics training, will have terrace and MinnFarm training in the near future. 3) Have two WCA issues we need to look into. 4) Working with a couple of individuals to do tree removal on rock outcrop areas. 5) Have a couple rock outcrop applications. 6) Sending our CRP proposals.

Judy Schulte left the meeting and Karen Wilhelmi entered the meeting at 8:50 a.m.

Education Report: Wilhelmi 1) Worked on ordering Soil and Water Stewardship materials for the week of April 26th – May 3rd. 2) Setting up schools for Ecology Bus. 3) Still working on Envirothon. 4) Working on Environmental fair. 5) Science museum will be coming to Redwood County and will go to the 7th and 8th grade classes on May 13th, 14th and 15th for all the schools in the county. 6) Helped unload trees. 7) Measured DNR wells. 8) Working on web site. 9) Revised several lists the office maintains. 10) Started looking at eLINK so I can start entering data.

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Karen Wilhelmi left the meeting at 8:57 a.m.

District Administrator: Bernhardson 1) Attended Clean Water Council Meeting. 2) Attended advanced WCA training sponsored by BWSR. 3) Listened to FOIA information through NRCS and signed documents for information sharing. 4) Attended Technical Service Area Meeting. 5) Prepared for Redwood/Cottonwood multi SWCD meeting. 6) Made a presentation to Area VI about how SWCD's fit into the Clean Water Funding. 7) Sent letters to individuals who need to have clean water legacy contracts completed by June 30, 2009. 8) Dealing with several wetland issues. 9) Following Legislative activity that could affect the district. 10) Started updating Employee Handbook. 11) An individual has purchased a used tree matting machine and donated it to the district.

RCRCA: Steffen reported on the March 16, 2009 meeting.

Technical Service Area: Hewitt reported on the April 1, 2009 meeting.

COUNTY COMMISSIONER: Dahms – 1) ITV program will have 12 classes on line in the fall. 2) Board passed a resolution to look into the feasibility to work with other counties for various departments.

SUPERVISOR ORIENTATION MEETING: Plaetz attended the new supervisor orientation in Marshall on March 26, 2009. Motion by Steffen, second by Heiling to pay compensation and expenses for Plaetz attending the orientation meeting. Motion carried by all voting yes.

TOUR: Food and date were discussed. It was decided that the tour will be held June 3, 2009 and an evening meal will be served at Plum Creek Park. Staff will work with local caterers to finalize menu.

WCA LETTER: The office will be sending letters to producers in the county telling them of the need to check with the state wetland program before implementing any drainage project. Letter will be prepared and mailed early summer. Notice and forms will be posted on the counter.

NEXT MEETING: The next meeting of the Redwood Soil and Water Conservation District will be held May 14, 2009 at 8:00 a.m. in the meeting room of the Ag Service Center in Redwood Falls, MN.

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting was adjourned at 9:50 a.m.

Supervisor