

Approved Minutes

The meeting of the Waseca County SWCD Board of Supervisors was held at the Waseca Soil and Water meeting room on January 10, 2008.

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Wayne Cords, chairman.

Members Present

Wayne Cords, chairman
Roger Androli, vice chairman
Ron Purcell, Treasurer
Jurgen Peters
Bob Drager

Staff Present

Marla Watje, District Manager
Todd Piepho, CREP Technician
Jim Jirik, NRCS
Darlene Kukuczka, Office Assistant

Others

Kasey Taylor, NRCS
Lisa Buckner, NRCS
Chris Hughes, BWSR

Motion by Ron, second by Bob to approve the agenda as distributed.

Motion carried. Affirmative: All Opposed: None

Lisa Buckner from NRCS came to share some future plans for the RC+D and handed out information on some possible meetings and training events that will be taking place in the future. Kasey Taylor, NRCS informed us of the new computer allocation in all of the offices around the state. The NRCS will provide one computer for district use and all other will cost \$3,000.00 to keep connected to the NRCS server.

Motion by Roger, second by Jurgen to approve the minutes of December 13, 2007 SWCD Board meeting. Motion carried. Affirmative: All Opposed: None

The treasurer's report dated December 31st 2007 was presented to the Board for review. Motion by Jurgen, second by Bob to approve the December 31st, 2007 Treasurers Report as presented and file for audit. Motion carried. Affirmative: All Opposed: None

Motion by Ron, second by Roger to approve the payment of invoices. Motion Carried:
Affirmative: All Opposed: None

Supervisors Report:

Roger- Attended the Three Rivers meeting. The next representative from Waseca will be on the personal and policies committee. The conference "Recharging the RC+D" will be held in Rochester March 9-11th, 2008.

Wayne- Zone 10 may be requesting \$300.00 from all districts to support employees. Everyone agrees we should contribute. Waseca County recieved \$10,000.00 to go toward septic mapping in the county.

Ron No lakes meeting. Attended Cannon River Watershed meeting and presented handout.

Staff Report:

Todd- Discussed projects and other activities that are getting worked on in the office and in the field

Marla- Discussed projects and other activities that are getting worked on in the office and in the field. End of the year reporting is due February.

NRCS Report:

Jim- Discussed EQIP sign up. He has 6 already approved and 25 more pending for the second sign up. He hopes he can get another sign up and believes he could spend the money. An offer was made on a WRP site in Waseca County and accepted by the landowner. Cheryl Olson is retiring in March.

BWSR

Chris Hughes talked about some upcoming meetings that we could attend. Some of the topics included Native Buffers, Weed Management, and RIM Clean Energy Training.

Elections

Motion by Jurgen, second by Roger to accept slate as is. Motion Carried: Affirmative: All Opposed: None.

Chair- Wayne Cords

Vice Chair- Roger Androli

Treasurer- Ron Purcell

Secretary- Jurgen Peters

Recording Secretary- Todd Piepho

Committees

Jurgen-Alliance-Personnel

Roger-Three Rivers

Wayne-Budget, Lake Elysian

Ron- Cannon River Watershed Partnership, Waseca Lakes, EQIP, Budget

Bob-Eqip, Zone 10, Personnel

Motion by Jurgen, second by Ron to purchase Microsoft Web Expression Software and pay NACD server fees so the District can start to work on the website required by June 30th, 2008 by BWSR. Motion Carried: Affirmative: All Opposed: None

Motion by Ron, second by Bob to designate First National Bank as the Districts primary bank. Motion Carried: Affirmative: All Opposed: None

Motion by Roger, second by Ron to look at getting a new copier. Permission was given to purchase a new copier before next board meeting. The District will look at all possibilities and options. Motion Carried: Affirmative: All Opposed: None

Motion by Ron, second by Bob to give all employees a pay increase of 3.5% retro to January 1st, 2008. Motion Carried: Affirmative: All Opposed: None

The annual plan is due March 15 so bring ideas to next board meeting for new input.

Tree day will be January 31st, 2008 at the District Office meeting room.

Legislative Day will be February 25th and 26th. Ron will plan on attending.

BWSR Performance Review Assistance Program. This program will monitor all districts throughout the state to make sure all funds are being used properly and jobs are getting done correctly.

Motion by Bob, second by Ron to send Marla and Todd to Wetland Training January 30th, 2008 for a cost of \$140.00 each. This money can be taken from the Alliance training funds. Motion Carried: Affirmative: All Opposed: None.

Motion by Ron, second by Roger to sign the accounting services agreement with Jared Dufault for the cost of \$240.00/quarter. Year end reports will also be completed by Jared for an additional cost. Motion Carried: Affirmative: All Opposed: None.

Motion by Bob, second by Ron to contribute \$150.00 to the Envirothon. Motion Carried: Affirmative: All Opposed: None.

There will be an area 6 chairpersons meeting on January 16th. Bob will plan to attend.

Monthly board meeting will continue to be the second Thursday of the month at 6:30 P.M. at the SWCD office.

Motion by Roger, second by Ron to keep mileage rates at .35 cents/mile. Motion Carried: Affirmative: All Opposed: None.

Motion by Ron, second by Bob to adjourn the meeting at 8:55 P.M. Motion Carried: Affirmative: All Opposed: None.

The Next Board Meeting will be February 14th at 6:30 P.M. in the District meeting room.