

Approved Minutes

The meeting of the Waseca County SWCD Board of Supervisors was held at the Out to Lunch restaurant on January 8, 2009. The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Wayne Cords, Chairman.

Members Present

Wayne Cords, Chairman
Ron Purcell, Treasurer
Jurgen Peters, Secretary
Bob Drager
Larry Hagen

Staff Present

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

Oath of office was conducted with newly elected supervisors. Wayne Cords, Ron Purcell, and Larry Hagen were sworn in.

Motion by Ron, second by Jurgen to approve the agenda as distributed.
Motion carried. Affirmative: All Opposed: None

Motion by Jurgen, second by Ron to approve the minutes of December 18, 2008.
Motion carried. Affirmative: All Opposed: None

The treasurer's report dated December 31, 2008 was presented to the Board for review.
Motion by Bob, second by Jurgen to approve the Treasurers Report as presented and file for audit. Motion carried. Affirmative: All Opposed: None

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

Election of Officers:

Chair: Nominations were opened for the Chair position.

Ron moved to nominate Wayne Cords, second by Bob. Call for more nominations. Motion by Bob, second by Ron to cease nominations and to cast a unanimous ballot for Wayne Cords.
Motion carried. Affirmative: All Opposed: None Wayne Cords is chair for 2009.

Vice Chair: Ron moved to nominate Jurgen Peters. Call for more nominations. Motion by Bob, second by Ron to cease nominations and to cast a unanimous ballot for Jurgen. Motion carried.
Affirmative: All Opposed: None Jurgen Peters is vice chair for 2009.

Treasurer: Jurgen moved to nominate Ron. Call for more nominations. Motion by Bob, second by Jurgen to cease nominations and to cast a unanimous ballot for Ron. Motion carried.
Affirmative: All Opposed: None Ron Purcell is treasurer for 2009.

Secretary: Bob moved to nominate Larry. Call for more nominations. Motion by Ron, second by Bob to cease nominations and to cast a unanimous ballot for Larry. Motion carried.
Affirmative: All Opposed: None Larry Hagen is secretary for 2009.

Motion by Jurgen, second by Ron to appoint Darlene Kukuczka as the recording secretary.
Motion carried. Affirmative: All Opposed: None

Committee Appointments:

Canon River Watershed: Ron Alternate-Jurgen
JPB Zone 10: Bob Alternate - Larry
EQIP: Ron Alternate - Bob
Greater Blue Earth River Basin Alliance: Jurgen Alternate - Bob
Waseca Lake Assn.: Ron Alternate - Jurgen
Three Rivers RC&D: Larry Alternate - Bob
Lake Elysian Assn: Wayne Alternate - Larry
Water Planning: Wayne Alternate - Ron
Budget Committee: Ron and Wayne
Personnel Committee: Jurgen and Bob

Designation of Bank: Motion by Jurgen, second by Ron to designate the bank used in past years, the First National Bank in Waseca. Motion carried. Affirmative: All Opposed: None

Cost Share Payments:

FY07-4 Steve Sexton - Feedlot runoff management - Cost share of \$4500.00
FY07-2 Scott Singlestaed - Terrace - Cost share of \$1722.00. Motion by Jurgen, second by Larry to approve payment of both projects.
Motion Carried: Affirmative: All Opposed: None

Health Insurance:

Discussion was held on the change in costs to employees, especially the increased out of pocket costs from \$200 to \$500 for the single plan.
Motion by Jurgen, second by Ron to adopt the county rate for the family coverage option through Blue Cross Blue Shield (the \$500 deductible plan).
Motion Carried: Affirmative: All Opposed: None
Motion by Ron, second by Bob to pay 100% of the single coverage (the \$500 deductible plan), and reimburse employees on this plan for up to \$300 of out of pocket medical expenses annually.
Motion Carried: Affirmative: All Opposed: None

Salary Increase:

Ron reported that the budget included a 3.5% cost of living adjustment (COLA) for staff.
Motion by Ron, second by Jurgen to approve a 3% increase retroactive to Jan 1, 2009 and consider the .5% at the July, 2009 meeting. Motion Carried: Affirmative: All Opposed: None

2009 Annual Plan of Work:

This year's plan of work is due March 15th and a draft will be available for the February meeting.

MASWCD Day at the Capital:

It is Feb. 23 – 24 with registration needed if going on the 23rd. Ron plans to attend on the 24th.

2007 Audit report:

It was so noted that the audit was completed and approved by the State Auditor.

2009 County Appropriation:

It was so noted that the district received the letter from Waseca County Coordinator about the amount the district will receive for 2009 budget.

Tree Day:

It is scheduled for Friday, January 30th at the office from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Consensus by board members to supply cookies, coffee and juice and door prizes.

Jared Dufault Contract:

Motion by Jurgen second by Ron, to approve the contract for 2009 with CPA, Jared Dufault.
Motion Carried: Affirmative: All Opposed: None

Native Plants Manuals and Trees:

3 reference manuals for trees and wetland species were requested Total cost is approximately \$81.00 plus shipping. Motion by Bob, second by Ron to purchase them. Motion Carried:
Affirmative: All Opposed: None

RC&D Contract changes:

RC&D agreed to pay 60% of the \$3000.00 cost from NRCS to remain on the computer network and receive IT support from them. Motion by Ron, second by Jurgen to accept their offer of \$1800.00 and for the district to pay the remaining \$1200.00 of the NRCS agreement. Motion Carried: Affirmative: All Opposed: None

Area VI Chairman's meeting:

It was so noted that the meeting will be January 23rd in New Ulm.

Misc: Waseca County Commissioner, Dan Kuhns, is the delegate for Waseca SWCD.

Motion by Jurgen, second by Ron to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was declared adjourned at 7:35 p.m. Motion Carried. Affirmative: All Opposed: None.

The Next Board Meeting will be Feb. 12, 2009 at 6:30 P.M. at the Waseca SWCD office.