

Approved Minutes

The meeting of the Waseca County SWCD Board of Supervisors was held at the Waseca Soil and Water District's meeting room on September 10, 2009.

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

Members Present

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

Staff Present

Marla Watje, District Manager
Darlene Kukuczka, Office Assistant

NRCS Staff

Jim Jirik, NRCS

Others: Chris Hughes (BWSR)

Bill and Ramona Ripka (Landowners)

Motion by Jurgen, second by Bob to approve the agenda as presented.

Motion carried. Affirmative: All Opposed: None

Outstanding tree account: Discussion was held about trees purchased and planted on a CREP site. The outstanding tree account is due and payable to Waseca SWCD for the amount of \$3345.50. Consensus by both parties, SWCD Board and Ripkas, that the additional wetland restoration work will be completed as originally designed, as funds are available.

Minutes: Motion by Ron, second by Jurgen, to approve the minutes of August 13, 2009.

Motion carried. Affirmative: All Opposed: None

The treasurer's reports dated August 31, 2009 was presented to the Board for review.

Motion by Bob, second by Larry to approve the Treasurer Reports as presented and file for audit.

Motion carried. Affirmative: All Opposed: None

Invoices: Motion by Larry, second by Ron to approve payment of the presented invoices.

Motion Carried: Affirmative: All Opposed: None

Supervisors Reports:

Ron reported on Lakes association meeting and discussion on Gaitor Lake.

Staff Reports:

Marla – Briefed the board on various work activities.

Darlene – Briefed the board on Three Rivers RC&D and GBERBA work activities.

BWSR Report: Chris reported on the Clean Water fund grant process and that the State cost share rules are being redone. Green Acres program will now be called Rural Preserves program. WCA rules have been amended and became effective as of August 8, 2009.

NRCS Report: Jim reported that the majority of the workload currently is the Conservation Stewardship Program. The deadline for this program is September 30th. We are gathering information daily and signing applicant up.

Our ability to make payments under Protracts is shut down for a couple of weeks.

We have been in the field on a few composter projects.

We did complete our first RIM/WRP easement from the applications that were taken a year ago. This continues to be a slow process. We still have several more to complete.

2009 Resolutions: MASWACD proposed resolutions were distributed for board members to vote. Ballot will be submitted to MASWCD by Oct. 31st.

Lessar-Sams Grant application: An application for the Gaitor Lake project and Remund Lakes will be pursued.

BWSR Academy: Staff training will be Nov. 2nd - 4th at Brainerd. Motion by Jurgen, second by Larry for staff to attend the training. Motion Carried: Affirmative: All Opposed: None

FY09 space agreement: Motion by Jurgen, second by Ron to sign the agreement for October 1, 2008 to September 30, 2009. Motion Carried: Affirmative: All Opposed: None

FY10 rental agreement: As of Oct. 1st NRCS will no longer be subleasing to SWCDs. Consensus by Board for Marla to proceed with the rent agreement directly with the owner.

Appeals court: The district appeal on the Borglum wetlands issue will be on Oct 7, 2009 at the Judicial Center in St Paul at 10:00.

Small Claims court: A request to extend the settlement until November for Roger Cole's outstanding tree invoice was granted by the court.

State Cost Share:

FY09 – Feedlot Update on the project and the variation of bid amounts was provided. Board consensus for Marla and SCTSA to send landowner a letter clarifying construction requirements.

FY10 allocation - Tabled

Native Buffer FY09 – David Arndt Payment request of \$500.00

Motion by Jurgen, second by Larry to approve the above cost share payment.

Motion Carried: Affirmative: All Opposed: None

Cannon River Watershed organization: Marla updated board on the pursuit of a Joint Powers Agreement for the Cannon River Watershed with districts and water planners in that watershed.

Staff - Farmbill technician: Recommendation was made to provide Rice County SWCD the opportunity to share the farm bill technician position with Waseca and Steele.

Motion by Jurgen, second by Ron to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was declared adjourned at 9:50 p.m. Motion Carried. Affirmative: All Opposed: None.

The Next Board Meeting will be Oct. 8, 2009 at 6:30 P.M. at the Waseca SWCD office.