



**MINNESOTA
SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICTS**

**SIBLEY SOIL AND WATER
CONSERVATION DISTRICT**

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MINUTES FROM THE MONTHLY BOARD MEETING, NOVEMBER 17, 2009

Members present:

Dave Trebelhorn, Chairman
Paul Wiemann, Vice Chairman
Tom Pfarr, Treasurer
Gary Schafer, Reporter

Others present:

Loren Evenson, District Manager
Kevin Pioske, District Technician
Ron Otto, Water Management Coordinator
Roderick Dukes, Acting District Conservationist
Joel Wurscher, High Island Coordinator

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Trebelhorn at 4:04 P.M.

Motion by Pfarr; seconded by Schafer to approve the October meeting minutes. Yeas: all; nays: none. Motion carried.

Motion by Pfarr; seconded by Schafer; to approve the October financial report, subject to audit. Yeas: all, nays: none. Motion carried.

NRCS Report

November 16th was the deadline for completing the necessary paperwork for the Conservation Stewardship Program. Seven applications will be forwarded for funding consideration.

1026 drainage requests are being processed as they are received.

Water Management Report

Otto participated in the RUSLE2 training, held for NRCS, BWSR, and SWCD personnel.

Otto also attended the Water Resources Conference in St. Paul.

The application for grant funds to LCCMR for rock inlets and filter strips was denied on October 16th.

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Water Management Report (continued)

Calendars are being developed using photos submitted for the watershed photo contest.

The planks have been removed from High Island Lake, after high water conditions in the creek caused them to be replaced. The lake level is now how it was last year at this time.

District Report

The staff met with Zone 10 and NRCS Area engineers and technicians to investigate two State Cost-Share and EQIP projects for a solution to erosion problems. None of the office staff have technical approval authority to design these projects.

The wetter-than-normal weather conditions have caused delays for seven projects that were slated for construction this fall. Hopefully the conditions will improve and these projects can move forward before freeze-up.

The paperwork for Duane Pagenkopf's RIM/WRP is nearly completed. There has been some difficulty in obtaining the necessary signatures for payments.

Tom Fischer and Chris Hughes performed a financial audit for the Natural Resources Block Grant (WCA, Water Management, Feedlots, and Shoreland programs). There were no inconsistencies, but recommendations were given, of course.

Old Business

There was no old business to report.

New Business

Motion by Pfarr; seconded by Wiemann, to approve a State Cost-Share practice completion of Shawn Radloff, of Alfsborg Township. Yeas: all; nays: none. Motion carried. Final payment of \$247.50 will be issued for contract #FY08-14, for the sealing of an unused well. The District will retain \$61.87 for technical and administrative services related to the project.

Pioske reviewed two joint project notifications for potential wetland impacts. Both projects will be given a no-loss determination as they do not impact WCA regulated wetlands.

Supervisors will find items for the auction at the MASWCD convention.

Area VI MASWCD will be holding its quarterly meeting next Tuesday at New Ulm.

A change in the bylaws of Area VI MASWCD will change the name of the association to the "South Central Area Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts".

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Correspondence

Supervisors received a thank you note from John Dotolo, retired District Conservationist.

The Area VI Employees Association is discontinuing the Envirothon and are interested in starting an education fund to be used for outreach. They are requesting funding from the area Soil and Water Conservation Districts.

Motion by Pfarr; seconded by Schafer, to table the request until more information is received regarding how these funds will be spent. Yeas: all; nays: none. Motion carried.

Other Business

Motion by Schafer; seconded by Pfarr, to pay their per diems for the scheduled November 10th meeting, which was cancelled due to lack of a quorum. Yeas: all; nays: none. Motion carried. Schafer and Pfarr were the only supervisors to make the meeting.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Pfarr; seconded by Wiemann, to adjourn the meeting. All, nays: none. Motion carried. The meeting was concluded at 5:02 P.M. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 10th, at 4:00 P.M., at the Agricultural Service Center.

Secretary _____