



Chisago Soil & Water Conservation District

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AUGUST 11, 2009 REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

The August Board meeting of the Chisago Soil & Water Conservation District was convened in the AG Service Center, North Branch, MN on August 11, 2009. Chair Jim Birkholz called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

ATTENDANCE

Board members present: Jim Birkholz, Roland Cleveland, Craig Mold and Justin Wilson
Board members absent: Mary Ann Jay
Staff present: Craig Mell, Susan Humble, and Deb Hermel (NRCS)
Others present: None

AGENDA

Motion by Cleveland and seconded by Mold to approve the agenda as printed. Motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Mold and seconded by Cleveland to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Motion carried.

Motion by Cleveland and seconded by Wilson to authorize reimbursement to employees of expenses incurred between monthly board meetings for items that are paid back to the District, such as printing costs for photos, these items should then be brought to the board for review. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

The Board reviewed recently received correspondence.

COST SHARE PROGRAMS

No action taken.

STAFF REPORTS

Deb Hermel distributed and reviewed a written report of the past months NRCS activities (see attached*).

Craig Mell distributed and reviewed a written report of the past months SWCD activities (see attached*).

OLD BUSINESS

No action taken.

NEW BUSINESS

Motion by Cleveland and seconded by Mold to sign and forward the MASWCD District Capacity Award program score sheet as presented. Motion carried.

Motion by Mold and seconded by Wilson to approve the BWSR FY10 General Services (\$23,362.00), State Cost Share (\$8,477.00), and RIM Easement Services (\$545.00) grants and to appoint District Administrator Craig Mell as the District’s Authorized Representative to sign the grant agreement. Total grant agreement amount equals \$32,384.00. Motion carried.

Motion by Wilson and seconded by Mold to approve the Metropolitan Soil and Water Conservation Districts Technical Service Area Joint Powers Board 2009-2010 plan of work and budget, and to approve the District to pay the \$100 membership dues as represent in the budget. Motion carried.

Motion by Cleveland and seconded by Wilson to approve purchasing 13 Weatherguide Calendars for the District’s Rainfall Monitoring Volunteers at a cost of \$110.50 plus shipping. Motion carried.

NRCS District Conservationist Deb Hermel gave the Board an update on the new NRCS Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP). District staff will assist NRCS as needed.

Motion by Cleveland and seconded by Wilson to change the 2009 September District Board meeting date, time and location from Tuesday, September 8th to Monday, September 21st at 9:00 a.m. at the Chisago Lakes Regional Library in Chisago City and to approve District Staff to pay expenses (i.e. transportation & lunch) in advance for a tour of recently completed District projects. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Brief committee reports were given.

UPCOMING BOARD MEETING

The next regular Board meeting is scheduled for Monday, September 21 at 9:00 a.m. at the Chisago Lakes Regional Library in Chisago City.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Mold and seconded by Cleveland to adjourn the meeting at 10:10 a.m. Motion carried.

Secretary

Date

*Attachments available at SWCD office.