



Chisago Soil & Water Conservation District

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DECEMBER 15, 2009 REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

The December Board meeting of the Chisago Soil & Water Conservation District was convened at the North Branch Regional Library, North Branch, MN on December 15, 2009. Chair Jim Birkholz called the meeting to order at 8:10 a.m.

ATTENDANCE

Board members present: Jim Birkholz, Roland Cleveland, Craig Mold and Justin Wilson
Staff present: Craig Mell, Susan Humble, Jason Rehn, Casey Thiel, and Deb Hermel (NRCS)

AGENDA

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

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Mold and seconded by Wilson to approve the Consent Agenda as presented, noting that the North Branch Printing bill be paid pending delivery of the Districts newsletter. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

The Board reviewed recently received correspondence.

COST SHARE PROGRAMS

No action taken.

STAFF REPORTS

No action taken.

OLD BUSINESS

No action taken.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Brief committee reports were given.

NEW BUSINESS

Motion by Mold and Seconded by Cleveland to accept District 3 Supervisor Mary Ann Jay's letter of resignation dated December 2, 2009 from the District Board of Supervisors. Motion carried.

Motion by Mold and seconded by Cleveland to direct staff to create a list of possible candidates to fill Supervisor opening in District 3 (Amador, North & South Sunrise Townships), and to bring to the Board in January. Motion carried.

Motion by Cleveland and seconded by Mold to appoint Justin Wilson as the District Board Secretary. Motion carried.

Motion by Wilson and seconded by Mold to approve contract number B36782 for \$5,000 with the MN Department of Natural Resources (DNR) Division of Forestry for continued Coordination by the SWCD of the Four Corners Pilot Forestry Project. Motion carried.

Motion by Cleveland and seconded by Mold to continue the Poster Contest on the local level, with the theme "Community Waters". Age groups K-3rd grade and 4th-6th grade, and to pay prizes at each school in each age group as follows; 1st - \$50.00, 2nd - \$30.00, and 3rd - \$20.00 (North Branch, Rush City, Taylors Falls, and Chisago Lakes Public Schools) with the amount paid out not to exceed \$800.00 total. Motion carried.

Motion by Wilson and seconded by Cleveland to approve payment of the 2009 4th quarter expenses, subject to review at the January SWCD board meeting. All expenses should be submitted to the SWCD office no later than December 21st. Motion carried.

The District Board and Staff entered into a discussion on upcoming opportunities and challenges facing the District in 2010 and beyond. No official action was taken during this discussion.

UPCOMING BOARD MEETING

The next regular Board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 12, 2009 at 8:00 a.m. at the North Branch Ag Service Building.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Cleveland and seconded by Wilson to adjourn the meeting at 12:00 p.m. Motion carried.

Secretary

Date

*Attachments available at SWCD office.