



# Chisago Soil & Water Conservation District

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## **REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

The November Board meeting of the Chisago Soil & Water Conservation District was convened in the AG Service Center, North Branch, MN on November 10, 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), with Jason Rehn and Casey Thiel joining the meeting during New Business discussion.

### **AGENDA**

Motion by Cleveland and seconded by Mold to approve the agenda as printed after adding discussion regarding a District Newsletter to New Business (letter e). Motion carried.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

Motion by Mold and seconded by Cleveland to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. 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 Wilson and Seconded by Cleveland to add a request by Nick Beuhring to cancel Cost Share Contract # 06-02 (letter f). Motion carried.

Motion by Wilson and seconded by Mold to authorize Craig Mell to act on advertising for office space as needed. Motion carried.

Discussion was had on the following items; Rural Preserves Property Tax Program, Chisago Lakes Chain of Lakes Watershed TMDL Study, and Proposed Clean Water Fund grant applications. The group decided to spend more time at the next meeting discussing those items.

Motion by Cleveland and seconded by Mold to accept Nick Buehring's request to cancel his BWSR Feedlot Water Quality Management Grant, Contract # 06-02, and to return funds to the state (\*see attached). Motion carried.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

No committee reports were given.

### **UPCOMING BOARD MEETING**

Motion by Cleveland and seconded by Wilson to approve changing the date of the regular December Board meeting to Tuesday, December 15, 2009, due to the Annual MASWCD Convention taking place on December 8<sup>th</sup>. Motion carried.

The next regular Board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, December 15, 2009 at 8:00 a.m. at the North Branch Area Public Library.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Hearing no objections, Chair Birkholz adjourned the meeting at 9:45 a.m.

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Secretary

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Date

\*Attachments available at SWCD office.