



Chisago Soil & Water Conservation District

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SEPTEMBER 21, 2009 REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

The September Board meeting of the Chisago Soil & Water Conservation District was convened at the Chisago Lakes Regional Library, Chisago City, MN on September 21, 2009. Chair Jim Birkholz welcomed everyone in attendance for the SWCD tour. Brief introductions of those in attendance were made. Chair Birkholz called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

ATTENDANCE

Board members present: Jim Birkholz, Roland Cleveland, Craig Mold and Justin Wilson

Board members absent: Mary Ann Jay

SWCD Staff present: Craig Mell, Susan Humble, Jason Rehn and Casey Thiel

NRCS Staff present: Deb Hermel and Mark Yrjo

Others present: County Commissioners George McMahon, County Commissioner Rick Green and Board of Water and Soil Resources (BWSR) Board Conservationist Melissa Lewis.

AGENDA

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

DISTRICT TOUR

The group departed on a tour of District projects throughout Chisago County. Tour stops included: Chris Trandal, the Chisago Lakes Lakeside School, the Chisago City Water Tower Park, the North Center Lake Boat Landing, Steve & Chris Waddell, Jerril Andrews, Camp Waub O Jeeg, and the Chisago County Business Park.

The Chisago SWCD Board Meeting was reconvened at the Chisago Lakes Library at 1:00 p.m. by District Chair Jim Birkholz.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

CORRESPONDENCE

The Board reviewed recently received correspondence.

COST SHARE PROGRAMS

Motion by Mold and seconded by Cleveland to approve final payment of the following FY09 BWSR state cost share contract:

Contract #	Name	Practice	Payment Amount	T&A Amount
09-01	Chisago County Public Works Dept	468	\$5,500.00	\$1,375.00

Motion carried.

Motion by Cleveland and seconded by Wilson to approve final payment of the following FY08 BWSR Native Buffer state cost share contract:

Contract #	Name	Practice	Payment Amount	T&A Amount
NB08-01	Myles Gunia	643	\$262.00	\$65.50

Motion carried.

Motion by Wilson and seconded by Cleveland to encumber North Branch of the Sunrise River cost share dollars to the following project:

Contract #	Name	Practice	Rate/NTE Amount
NBSR09-01	Myles Gunia	472	50%/\$2,000.00

and to designate Jason Rehn, District Resource Conservationist, as the technical representative for this project.

This project is to begin no later than September 21, 2009 and to be completed no later than June 30, 2010.

Motion carried.

STAFF REPORTS

Deb Hermel provided the Board with 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 Mold and seconded by Wilson to sign the NRCS Space Agreement (#68-6322-9-933) for the period of October 1, 2008 – September 30, 2009, in the amount of \$8,669.00. Motion carried.

Motion by Mold and seconded by Cleveland to approve the FY10 Farm Bill Assistance Grant with BWSR for \$7,875.00 and to authorize District Administrator Craig Mell to sign the grant application (*see attached). Motion carried.

Motion by Wilson and seconded by Mold to approve updated staff Technical Approval Authority as presented for District Administrator Craig Mell, Resource Conservationist Jason Rehn, and Water Resource Specialist Casey Thiel. Motion carried.

Motion by Cleveland and seconded by Wilson to approve and sign the Conservation St. Croix Memorandum of Agreement. This Memorandum of Agreement is a Watershed Based Partnership of Conservation Districts and Counties within the St. Croix Basin (*see attached). Motion carried.

Melissa Lewis, BWSR, gave the Board an update on different grant monies that will be available through the Board of Water & Soil Resources in the near future.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Brief committee reports were given.

UPCOMING BOARD MEETING

The next regular Board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 13 at 8:00 a.m. at the North Branch Ag Service Center in North Branch.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Wilson and seconded by Mold to adjourn the meeting at 2:10 p.m. Motion carried.

Secretary

Date

*Attachments available at SWCD office.