

Minnesota Association of Soil & Water Conservation Districts

Board Meeting - Conference Call Minutes

August 18, 2000

Attending: President Owen Knutson, Secretary/Treasurer & Area IV Director Scott Hoes, Area I Director Carol Berg, Area II Director Carl Annalora, Area III Director Bob Hoefert, Area VI Director Curt Russell, Area VII Director Clarence Anderson, LeAnn Buck (MASWCD Staff), Sheila Vanney (MASWCD Staff).

Absent: Area V Director Arland Moger, Vice President Richard Zupp.

1. **Call to Order** – President Knutson called the meeting to order at 8:10 a.m.
2. **MASWCD 2000-2001 Budget (action item) – Scott Hoes**
Hoes went over proposed 2000-2001 budget item by item. The budget was drafted by the MASWCD Finance Committee. Knutson expressed concern that the amount listed for medical and dental insurance was too low. Buck will check into it. Hoes moved to approve budget, Berg seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
3. **MASWCD Area Meetings**
Area Directors reviewed Area Meeting dates where the budget will be presented to the membership, and discussed who from MASWCD or the Finance Committee will be in attendance to discuss it.

Area I	October 25	Tom Schulz
Area II	November 16	Carl Annalora
Area III	September 7	Scott Hoes
Area IV	TBA	Scott Hoes
Area V	November 16	Richard Zupp
Area VI	November 21	Scott Hoes
Area VII	September 11	Scott Hoes
4. **NACD Legislative Funding Request – Owen Knutson**
Fifteen soil and water conservation districts responded to Knutson's letter, requesting additional funds to support NACD legislative efforts. A total of \$1,050 has been collected by the MASWCD office and will be sent on to NACD.
5. **Joint Powers Board/District Capacity Issues – Carl Annalora**
A subcommittee is being developed to put together a recommendation that will be brought before the MASWCD board for approval and then will be sent on to the BWSR Board.
6. **Conservation Tillage/Monsanto Partnership – Owen Knutson**
Sixteen soil and water conservation districts have expressed interest and responded to the mailing. Components of the agreement include administrative dollars for MASWCD to coordinate things at the state level and dollars per acre for the local individuals who enroll acres into the no-till program. There will be a meeting to brief district staff and other local coordinators who will be involved with the program on September 1 or September 6.
7. **Adjourn** – Meeting adjourned at approximately 9:00 a.m.