

# Minnesota Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts

Board Meeting Minutes

March 6, 2000

Kelly Inn Best Western, St. Paul, Minnesota

Attending: President Owen Knutson, Vice President Richard Zupp, Secretary/Treasurer & Area IV Director Scott Hoese, Area I Director Carol Berg, Area III Director Bob Hoefert, Area V Director Arland Moger, Area VI Director Curt Russell, Area VI Co-Director Loyal Fisher, Area VII Director Clarence Anderson, LeAnn Buck (MASWCD Staff), Sheila Vanney (MASWCD Staff), Sally Westby (MASWCD Lobbyist); Advisors: Roger Mussetter (NRCS).

Absent: Area II Co-Director Paul Krabbenhoft, MACDE, DNR and BWSR.

**1. Call to order and Pledge of Allegiance** - President Knutson called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. and led the group in the Pledge Of Allegiance.

**2. Approval of Agenda & Minutes**- Hoese moved to approve the agenda. Russell seconded. Motion passed. Knutson pointed out that because of the short period of time between this meeting and the February 25<sup>th</sup> meeting, staff did not have time to complete minutes. They will be ready for approval at the April meeting.

**3. President's Report** - Owen Knutson

a. Knutson explained there are some vacancies on the MASWCD Community Development Committee that will need to be filled. If anyone has any suggestions they should contact Knutson.

b. Knutson reviewed with the board the letter that was sent from the MASWCD office to the administrative law judge working with the Chapter 7020 Feedlot Rule. The letter indicates that SWCDs and counties have been looked to more and more by state agencies for working directly with livestock producers to protect water quality through information, technical and financial assistance and regulation. Accelerated feedlot compliance with water quality protection standards will need commensurate funding for technical and financial assistance for feedlot inventories and prioritization, information, education, runoff and manure storage facilities, manure management and monitoring. The letter represents MASWCD's official comments on the rule.

c. Knutson briefly explained his upcoming trip to Washington DC to meet with Minnesota Congressmen. Several appointments have already been made. Zupp, Bill Hunt (NRCS) and Al Kean (BWSR) will also be going.

**4. Vice President's Report** - Richard Zupp

Zupp briefed the board on a meeting between himself, Hoese, Buck and D'Wayne DeZiel. The meeting was held this afternoon and was aimed at clarifying the affiliate membership program. MASWCD will hold a contract with DeZiel until the end of the fiscal year. Details on the contract are forthcoming. There are 101 affiliate members to date.

**5. Executive Director's Report** - LeAnn Buck

a. Buck reviewed the legislative agenda and upcoming events for the MASWCD Legislative Briefing and Day at the Capitol, this evening and tomorrow.

b. Buck went over the Legacy Bill component of the legislative agenda in further detail.

**6. Partnership Reports**

**NRCS** - Mussetter updated the board on the Workload Analysis data which was supposed to be available at the time of the NACD convention in January. NRCS regional staff are still working on it to make it more useful for SWCDs. NRCS will notify us when it becomes available.

**7. Adjourn** - Hoese moved to adjourn the meeting at 4:30 p.m. Russell seconded. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned. The next meeting will be April 18 at 9:30 p.m. at the MASWCD office in St. Paul.