

Minnesota Association of Soil & Water Conservation Districts

Board Meeting Minutes

December 7, 2002

Radisson Riverfront Hotel, St. Paul MN

Attending: President Richard Zupp, Vice President Scott Hoese, Secretary/Treasurer & Area I Director Carol Berg, Area II Director Mary Ann Scharf, Area III Director Ted Lovdahl, Area IV Director Jim Main, Area V Director Steve Sunderland, Area V Co-Director Clark Lingbeek, Area VI Director Greg Roiger, Area VII Director Clarence Anderson, LeAnn Buck (MASWCD Staff), Sheila Vanney (MASWCD Staff).

1. **Call to Order** – President Zupp called the meeting to order at 2:10 p.m. and led the board in the pledge of allegiance.
2. **Approval of Agenda and Minutes** – Motion by Lovdahl to approve the agenda with changes. Seconded by Scharf. Motion carried.
3. **President's Report - Richard Zupp**
Zupp updated the board on the NACD conference held in St. Louis, Missouri. The conference was focused on the conservation title of the Farm Bill.
4. **Review Convention Agenda – Sheila Vanney**
Vanney reviewed with the board the convention activities for the next several days.
5. **Vice President's Report- Scott Hoese**
Hoese presented the board with the pre-balloting results from voting on resolutions. Several resolutions will be up for vote and discussion during Tuesday's business meeting during the annual convention.
6. **Finance Committee – Carol Berg**
The draft budget was reviewed. Zupp accepted the finance report subject to annual review.
7. **Personnel Committee – Scott Hoese**
Hoese reported on the committee's recommendations. Motion by Main, seconded by Lovdahl to accept the personnel committee's recommendations.
8. **District Capacity Meeting with AMC – Richard Zupp & LeAnn Buck**
On November 20th, Buck and other MASWCD representatives met with the Association of Minnesota Counties (AMC). Jim Main will represent MASWCD, along with Jim Birkholz from BWSR, at the AMC Convention in Duluth. Zupp further discussed the proposed statute changes with the board.
9. **Executive Director's Report – LeAnn Buck**
Buck reported that she, Main and Hoese met with Lt. Governor Carol Molnau to discuss MASWCD issues. Buck also discussed budget reduction scenarios and asked for board direction. Motion by Sunderland, seconded by Lovdahl, that MASWCD does not want to see budget reductions be tied to levy authority. Motion carried with dissenting vote from Roiger. Buck updated the board on legislative committee activity. She discussed the leadership program – the third institute concluded in November. Buck will work with Extension on a contract to begin a fourth institute. Motion by Main, seconded by Anderson, to go ahead as proposed by Buck to do a fourth leadership institute with registration possibly set for March 1st, 2003. Roiger gave a report on the Minnesota River Basin Joint Powers Board. Area VI is in the basin and many projects still need to be completed. Roiger would like to see the joint powers board continue and would like input from the board.
10. **Adjourn**
Hoese brought to the board's attention the section in the bylaws concerning ballots for the election. The meeting adjourned at 4:45 p.m. Next board meeting will take place following the banquet on Tuesday, December 10th.