

# Minnesota Association of Soil & Water Conservation Districts

Board Meeting Minutes

May 14, 2003

Conference Call

Attending: President Scott Hoese, Vice President and Area I Director Carol Berg, Secretary/Treasurer and Area VI Director Greg Roiger, Area V Director Steve Sunderland, Area VII Director Ralph Breuer, LeAnn Buck (MASWCD Staff), Sheila Vanney (MASWCD Staff).

Absent: Area II Director Mary Ann Scharf, Area III Director Ted Lovdahl, Area IV Director Rick Hansen.

1. **Call to Order and Approval of Agenda** – President Hoese called the meeting to order at 12:05 p.m. Motion by Berg, seconded by Sunderland, to approve the agenda as amended. Motion carried.
2. **Finance Committee Recommendations on Dues Hardship Designations – Greg Roiger**  
Roiger updated the board on the finance committee's review of hardship designation requests and other dues non-payment situations. Six SWCDs are currently delinquent in dues payment for various reasons. Roiger presented the recommendations of the committee. Motion by Roiger, seconded by Breuer, to accept the recommendations from the finance committee. Motion carried. Those districts which have not paid dues and have not been granted hardship designation will not be considered members in good standing - they will not receive benefits of membership which include: either electronic or hard-copy, mailings from the Association, the opportunity to participate in the MASWCD resolution process and voting privileges at the MASWCD Convention, the opportunity to participate in the MASWCD awards programs, and the opportunity to attend MASWCD sanctioned activities, along with various other benefits.
3. **EQIP/LWG Workshops**  
Buck updated board members on the upcoming workshops being held around the state on the EQIP program and the Local Work Group process. She reviewed the workshop agenda, which includes welcome comments from the NRCS Area Conservationist and MASWCD. Area Directors indicated whether they would be in attendance at the workshops in their Area and whether they would be able to make the opening MASWCD welcome comments. Buck will develop talking points and distribute to board members.
4. **Area Meeting Dates**  
Board members reviewed when Area meetings will take place and whether a report on the Ad Hoc Technical Assistance Work Group will be included on their agendas.
5. **BWSR Regional Supervisors Assistance**  
Buck indicated that Steve Woods, BWSR Assistant Director for Operations, offered the assistance of the BWSR Regional Supervisors for working with Area Directors with the planning of Area meetings and other Area activities. The BWSR Northern Region Supervisor is Ron Shelito (Areas 1, 2 and 3), the BWSR Southern Region Supervisor is Jeff Nielsen (Areas 5, 6 and 7), and Steve Woods services the metro Area (Area 4).
6. **June 24<sup>th</sup> MASWCD Board of Directors Meeting**  
Hoese and Buck reviewed the draft agenda for the June 24<sup>th</sup> board meeting, which will be held in Carver County and will include activities on June 23<sup>rd</sup>. Hoese and Buck will continue to clarify the agenda.
7. **Adjourn**  
Motion by Breuer, seconded by Roiger to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 12:40 p.m.