

Minnesota Association of Soil & Water Conservation Districts

Board Meeting Minutes

February 17, 2004

Holiday Inn St. Paul East, St. Paul, MN

Attending: President Scott Hoese, Vice President and Area I Director Carol Berg, Area II Director Mary Ann Scharf, Area III Director Ted Lovdahl, Area III Co-Director Roland Cleveland, Area IV Director Rick Hansen, Area V Director Steve Sunderland, Area V Co-Director Clark Lingbeek, Area VI Co-Director Loyal Fisher, Area VII Director Ralph Breuer; MASWCD staff LeAnn Buck, and Sheila Vanney; Doug Thomas, BWSR; Greg Regimbal, MDA; Bob Albrecht, Keith Pohl and Leonard Koerning, Crow Wing SWCD; Vic Ormsby, Winona SWCD and BWSR Board; Don Bajumpaa, Wilkin SWCD.

Absent: Greg Roiger, Area VI Director

1. **Call to Order** – President Hoese called the meeting to order at 10:15 a.m. and led the board in the pledge of allegiance.
2. **Approval of Agenda and Minutes** – Motion by Lovdahl, seconded by Breuer, to approve the agenda. Motion carried. Motion by Breuer, seconded by Lovdahl, to approve MASWCD January 12, 2004 board meeting minutes with amendment. Motion carried.
3. **President's Report – Scott Hoese**
 - a. Motion by Lovdahl, seconded by Scharf to take off the table the issue of appointing a member to the NACD Great Lakes Committee. Motion carried. Hoese commented that Jerry Flaschberger, a North St. Louis SWCD Supervisor, expressed interest in the position. Motion by Lovdahl, seconded by Hansen to approve Flaschberger as Minnesota's representative to the committee. Motion carried. Hoese currently serves as chair of the committee. Their next meeting will be March 1-3 in Ann Arbor, Michigan.
 - b. Hoese commented that with the passing of Owen Knutson, there is now a vacancy on the MASWCD Finance Committee. Those interested can contact Ralph Breuer, the Area VII Director, or they can contact the MASWCD office. Hoese would like to confirm an appointment at the March board meeting.
 - c. Hoese and Buck led discussion on recommendations for BWSR Board Appointments. Because Dwain Otte, Dakota SWCD Supervisor, is not seeking re-appointment, there is a vacancy for a SWCD representative to the board. At the January MASWCD board meeting, H. Merrill Loy was endorsed by the MASWCD board. Motion by Hansen, seconded by Sunderland, to add Clark Lingbeek, Cottonwood SWCD Supervisor, to the list of names we are endorsing. Motion carried. Motion by Scharf, seconded by Berg, to also endorse Ernie Larsen, Anoka CD Supervisor. Motion carried. The Governor's selections for BWSR Board Appointments are expected to be announced at the April 28 BWSR Board meeting.
 - d. Hoese, Berg, Sunderland and Hansen provided comments on their attendance of the NACD Annual Convention. Minnesota submitted four resolutions which were acted on during the convention. Three failed and one passed. The approved resolution, entitled, "CRP extension" is now part of the NACD consent calendar and will be forwarded to the appropriate NACD committee for further action.
 - e. Motion by Hansen, seconded by Lovdahl, that in accordance with standing MASWCD resolutions supporting the Conservation Security Program (CSP), MASWCD should provide USDA with comments on the proposed rules for the CSP, and that our comments should be based on NACD analysis of the proposed rule. Motion carried.

4. Finance Report – Scott Hoese

- a. Hoese presented the finance report in Roiger’s absence and accepted the report subject to annual review. There was consensus among the board members that a reminder should go out from the MASWCD office to those districts which haven’t yet paid membership dues in full.

5. Area Directors’ Reports

At this time, Bob Albrecht from the Crow Wing SWCD expressed interest in establishing an eighth MASWCD Area.

Following this, Area Directors shared events and issues being addressed in their Areas.

The board recessed for lunch at 11:55 a.m. and reconvened at 12:25 p.m.

6. Resolutions Overview with Area Co-Directors

Board members and co-directors reviewed the twelve resolutions which were approved at the annual convention and provided input on strategy for addressing them in the coming year.

7. Executive Director’s Report – LeAnn Buck

- a. Buck reviewed the status and achievements toward reaching the 2002-2003 goals set-out by the board.
- b. An update on the impaired waters initiative was provided. This will also be discussed at the legislative briefing later today.
- c. Buck provided an overview of the upcoming events of today’s legislative briefing and provided board members with attendance information.
- d. Interest in the leadership program remains strong and applications are continuing to come in to the MASWCD office.
- e. Buck provided an update on Supervisor Refresher Course/Re-Boot Camp, taking place March 24-25 at Breezy Point Conference Center. Board members are encouraged to attend.
- f. Vanney distributed to board members the 2004 MASWCD Policy Handbook. The handbook includes all standing resolutions, with action taken and sunset dates.

8. Ag BMP Discussion – Greg Regimbal, MN Department of Agriculture

Regimbal presented information to the board about the Minnesota Department of Agriculture’s best management practices for water quality.

9. Confirm Meeting Dates and Adjourn

Future meetings will take place March 23 and April 21 at the MASWCD office. Motion by Lovdahl, seconded by Sunderland, to adjourn the meeting at 2:15 p.m. Motion carried.

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1. Scott Hoese called the meeting to order at 3:50 p.m. Motion by Ted Lovdahl, seconded by Mary Ann Scharf, for the MASWCD to support the ¼ of one percent Outdoor Heritage Legislation. Motion by Rick Hansen, seconded by Loyal Fisher, to amend the motion to remove support for the language stating: “the dedication comes from existing revenue, and sunsets after 20 years.” Motion carried. Opposed Breuer. Amended Motion carried. Opposed Breuer. Motion by Lovdahl, seconded by Sunderland to adjourn. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 3:58 p.m.