

Minnesota Association of Soil & Water Conservation Districts

Board Meeting Minutes

December 6, 2005

Sheraton Bloomington Hotel, Bloomington MN

Attending: President Carol Berg, Vice President Loyal Fisher, Area 1 Director Ken Pederson, Area 4 Director Mary Wetter, Area 5 Director Clark Lingbeek, Area 7 Director Rudie Spitzer, Area 8 Director Tom Schulz; MASWCD staff LeAnn Buck, Sheila Vanney.

Absent: Area 2 Director Ross Aigner, Area 3 Director Bill Saumer, Area 6 Director Greg Roiger.

1. **Call to Order** – President Berg called the meeting to order at 8:12 p.m. and noted this is the annual organizational meeting of the board.
2. **New Board Members** – Berg welcomed new Area 7 Director Rudie Spitzer, supervisor from Winona SWCD. Also new to the board will be Ross Aigner as Area 2 Director, however he was unable to make this meeting. Aigner is a supervisor with the Wilkin SWCD.
3. **Annual Board Retreat** – Consensus of the board members in attendance was to hold the annual retreat January 24-25. Berg and Buck will work through an agenda. It may include a prioritization of the resolutions approved by the membership at today's convention business meeting.
4. **2006 Meeting Dates** – Board members were fine with continuing to have the fourth Tuesday of the month as the default board meeting date. With that in mind, the tentative schedule of meetings for the coming year is: January 24-25 (in conjunction with retreat), February 28, date in March that coincides with Legislative Briefing and Day at the Capitol, April 25, no meeting in May, June 27, no meeting in July, August 22, and September 26. Tentative dates for meetings beyond that will be determined at a later time.
5. **BWSR Appointments** – Board members continued discussion from Sunday's meeting on SWCD supervisors who may be interested in seeking appointment to the BWSR Board.
6. **Secretary/Treasurer** – The position of MASWCD Secretary/Treasurer is elected by the board each year at this annual organizational meeting. Motion by Pederson, seconded by Pederson, nominating Lingbeek as Sec./Treasurer for 2006. Lingbeek indicated he accepted the nomination. Motion carried with unanimous approval.
7. **NACD Meetings** – future meetings of the National Association of Conservation Districts include: NACD North Central Region Meeting, January 5-6, Chicago, Illinois; NACD Annual Convention, January 29-February 2, Houston, Texas; and NACD Legislative Conference, late March, Washington DC.
8. **Adjourn** – Motion by Pederson, seconded by Lingbeek to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.