

Minnesota Association of Soil & Water Conservation Districts

Board Meeting Minutes

November 1, 2005

MASWCD Office, St. Paul, MN

Attending: President Carol Berg, Vice President Loyal Fisher, Area I Director Ken Pederson, Area II Co-Director Glen Matejka, Area III Director Bill Saumer, Area IV Director Mary Wetter, Area V Director Clark Lingbeek, Area VI Director and MASWCD Secretary/Treasurer Greg Roiger, Area VII Director Ralph Breuer; MASWCD staff LeAnn Buck and Sheila Vanney; BWSR Executive Director Ron Harnack, Winona SWCD Supervisor Rudie Spitzer, Environmental Trust Fund Advisory Task Force Member Steve Morse.

Absent: Area II Director Mary Ann Scharf, Area VIII Director Tom Schulz.

1. **Call to Order** – President Berg called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. and led the board in the pledge of allegiance.
2. **Approval of Agenda and Minutes** – Motion by Wetter, seconded by Breuer, to approve the agenda. Motion carried. Motion by Breuer, seconded by Wetter, to approve the September 27, 2005 board meeting minutes with correction. Motion carried.
3. **President's Report – Carol Berg**
 - a. Motion by Roiger, seconded by Breuer to adopt standing rules for convention business meeting as discussed. Motion carried.
 - b. Berg noted that she is recommending the MASWCD board members go through a self-evaluation some time in the middle of 2006.
4. **Finance Report – Greg Roiger, Secretary/Treasurer**
 - a. Roiger reviewed the finance report and Berg accepted subject to annual review.
 - b. Roiger reviewed the raffle ticket sales for the six-wheeler. He again encouraged board members to support this effort with the member districts in their Areas. The current proposed budget does project revenues from the raffle.
5. **Area Directors Reports**

Area Directors provided updates on activities from their areas and fall area meetings.
6. **Executive Director's Report – LeAnn Buck**

Buck reported on the federal conservation budget reconciliation, CRP acre reductions, Washington DC Leadership Institute, Outreach for Success Training for SWCDs, MASWCD 2005 goals, MASWCD Legislative Committee update, and 2006 DNR roundtable. Bill Saumer will be the MASWCD representative to the 2006 DNR roundtable and Mary Wetter will be the alternate.
7. **Clean Water Legacy – LeAnn Buck**

Buck provided a PowerPoint presentation on MASWCD's involvement in this issue to date. Motion by Lingbeek, seconded by Matejka, that MASWCD adopt the G18 commitment pledge for the Clean Water Legacy initiative. Motion carried.

The board recessed for lunch at 12:15 p.m. and reconvened at 1:00 p.m.

8. Environmental Trust Fund Advisory Task Force – Steve Morse, Task Force Member and former State Senator

Morse briefed the board on the background behind the Task Force, the process they are undergoing, and the projected outcomes. Discussion also included the need to streamline the application process, LCMR support for soil surveys and local water planning challenge grants.

9. BWSR Report – Ron Harnack

Harnack reported on policy and budget issues BWSR will be working on in the coming months. BWSR has a number of major issues to address over the next year including wetlands programs assessment and potential changes; feedlot cost-share; and CREP 2 funding. The BWSR will be requesting input from MASWCD on these various issues. Harnack reported that the BWSR has also addressed 2004 Resolution No. 12 Heavy Use Protection Lanes (Root River SWCD). The BWSR cost share committee adopted it as a practice. BWSR is currently surveying the drainage authorities regarding public drainage ditch buffers. This is an outcome of 2004 Resolution No. 7 (Brown SWCD).

10. Convention Update – LeAnn Buck

Buck presented a quick snapshot of convention events and board member roles.

11. Future Meeting Dates & Adjourn

The next board meeting will take place the afternoon of Sunday, December 4 at the Sheraton Bloomington Hotel, with more details to follow at a later time. Motion by Breuer, seconded by Lingbeek, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m.