

Minnesota Association of Soil & Water Conservation Districts
Board of Directors Conference Call Minutes
December 21, 2006

Participating: President Ken Pederson, Vice President Steve Sunderland, Area 1 Director Russ Severson, Area 2 Director Ross Aigner, Area 3 Merrill Loy, Area 4 Director Mary Wetter, Secretary/Treasurer & Area 5 Director Clark Lingbeek, Area 6 Director Kathryn Kelly, Area 7 Director Rudie Spitzer, Area 8 Director Tom Schulz; MASWCD staff LeAnn Buck, Judy Erickson, MASWCD Legislative Committee Chair Marilyn Bernhardson.

- 1. Call to Order:** President Ken Pederson opened the conference call.

- 2. MASWCD 2007 Legislative Platform:** Marilyn Bernhardson, MASWCD Legislative Committee Chair reviewed the committee's 2007 MASWCD Legislative platform recommendation to the Board of Directors. Discussion followed. Motion by Kathryn Kelly and seconded by Tom Schulz to adopt the 2007 MASWCD Legislative Platform with the inclusion of "long term" for the Clean Water Legacy funding and listing of General Services Grants as the first item. Motion carried. The 2007 Platform includes SWCD General Service Grants, Long Term Funding for the Clean Water Legacy Act, and Project Levy Authority; support and monitor BWSR's biennial budget, Wetland Conservation Act, Public Drainage Ditch Buffer Assessment; and monitor Legislative Audit and dedicated funding initiatives for conservation. Kathryn Kelly and Ken Pederson thanked the committee and the staff for their work reviewing initiatives and forwarding a recommendation to the Board of Directors.

- 3. Upcoming Conferences.** Motion by Merrill Loy, seconded by Clark Lingbeek, for Tom Schulz, to serve as the MASWCD Representative to the DNR Roundtable Conference, January 5 & 6, 2007. Motion carried. Ken Pederson, Steve Sunderland, and LeAnn Buck will be attending the NACD North Central Region Board of Directors meeting in Chicago, IL January 4 & 5, 2007. MASWCD resolutions pertaining to federal issues will be discussed during the meeting.