

# Minnesota Association of Soil & Water Conservation Districts

Board Meeting Minutes

December 5, 2006

Sheraton Bloomington Hotel, Bloomington MN

Attending: President Ken Pederson, Vice President Steve Sunderland, Area 3 Director Bill Saumer, Area 4 Director Mary Wetter, Area 5 Director Clark Lingbeek, Area 6 Director Kathryn Kelly, Area 7 Director Rudie Spitzer, Area 8 Director Tom Schulz; MASWCD staff LeAnn Buck, Sheila Vanney.

Absent: Area 1 Director Russ Severson, Area 2 Director Ross Aigner.

1. **Call to Order** – President Pederson called the meeting to order at 8:55 p.m. and noted this is the annual organizational meeting of the board.
2. **New Board Members** – During today's business meeting with the membership, Pederson was elected as President and Sunderland was elected as Vice President. The vacancy created by Pederson leaving the Area 1 Director position will be filled by West Polk SWCD Supervisor Russ Severson. Pederson welcomed new Area 6 Director Kathryn Kelly, supervisor from Renville SWCD. Area 4 Director Mary Wetter's term will end December 31; Carver SWCD Supervisor Mark Zabel will be the Area 4 Director starting January 1. Area 3 Director Bill Saumer's term ends at the conclusion of tonight's meeting, after which Carlton SWCD Supervisor Merrill Loy will be the Area 3 Director.
3. **Secretary/Treasurer** – The position of MASWCD Secretary/Treasurer is elected by the board each year at this annual organizational meeting. Motion by Kelly, seconded by Wetter, nominating Lingbeek as Sec./Treasurer for 2007. Lingbeek indicated he accepted the nomination. Motion carried with unanimous approval.
4. **NACD Meetings & Delegates** – The annual Chicago meeting of the NACD North Central Region will be held January 4-5; the MASWCD executive director, president and vice president typically attend that event. The NACD North Central Region also holds an annual conference in the summer.

The NACD annual meeting will be February 4-8 in Los Angeles, California; leadership from the association, as well as supervisors and staff from districts across the state, usually attend that event. In July of this year, NACD will hold a legislative conference and board meeting.

Pederson noted that at this board's meeting this past Sunday, board members were asked by now immediate past president Carol Berg for assistance in funding her registration and lodging at the NACD annual meeting in Los Angeles. Berg is a member of the NACD Legislative Committee. Board members discussed. Motion by Lingbeek, seconded by Spitzer, to approve payment of her \$485 registration fee for the event. Motion carried.

Motion by Lingbeek, seconded by Schulz, to appoint the MASWCD President and Vice President as Minnesota's delegate and alternate, respectively, to the NACD board of directors. Motion carried. Motion by Lingbeek, seconded by Kelly, to send our delegate, alternate and executive director to the NACD annual meeting. Motion carried.
5. **Annuity** – Vanney noted that the company that is handling the annuity that was donated to the Association is requesting a formal authorization from the board to allow Buck to work with them to accept the annuity. Motion by Schulz, seconded by Lingbeek, to make this authorization. Motion carried.
6. **Annual Board Retreat** – Consensus of the board members in attendance was to try to hold the annual retreat immediately following the Leadership Institute session in Duluth, which would make the tentative board retreat dates January 24-25. Buck will work this out with the executive committee.
7. **Future Meeting Dates & Adjourn** – The board will hold a conference call the week of December 18<sup>th</sup> to discuss and approve the legislative platform. There will be a condensed board meeting at the conclusion of the board retreat in January. After that, board members were fine with continuing to have the fourth Tuesday of the month as the default board meeting date. Motion by Lingbeek, seconded by Kelly to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:35 p.m.