

Minnesota Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts  
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes  
December 2, 2007  
Radisson Plaza Hotel, Rochester, MN

Present: President Ken Pederson, Vice President Steve Sunderland, Area 1 Director Russ Severson, Area 2 Director Ross Aigner, Area 3 Director Merrill Loy, Area 4 Director Mark Zabel, 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 and Sheila Vanney. Also in attendance: BWSR Executive Director John Jaschke, NRCS State Conservationist Bill Hunt, NRCS Assistant State Conservationist Ann English, Redwood SWCD Manager, Clean Water Legacy Council member and MASWCD Legislative Committee Chair Marilyn Bernhardson, Brown SWCD Supervisor and MASWCD Drainage Work Group Representative Greg Roiger.

1. Pederson called the meeting to order at 3:00 a.m. and led the board in the pledge of allegiance.
2. Motion by Schulz, seconded by Spitzer, to approve today's agenda. Motion carried.
3. President's Report – Ken Pederson  
Pederson spoke with the board about the upcoming NACD annual meeting being held Feb. 10-13 in Reno, Nevada, the NACD North Central meeting held in Chicago in January, and BWSR Board Appointments. The board took up a request from the MN SWCD Forestry Association for \$800 for a conference. Motion by Loy, seconded by Severson, to honor the request. Board discussion followed. Kelly suggested that such sponsorship funding should get MASWCD one waived registration for an SWCD representative. Zabel noted he was resistant at least to \$800; the agenda looks like issues that could get addressed at an Area meeting. Further discussion included where the funding would come from within the MASWCD budget, and past history of funding to the MN SWCD Forestry Association. Question was called. All in favor: 4; opposed: 2; abstained: 2. Motion carried.
4. Vice President's Report. Sunderland presented the pre-convention balloting results.
5. Finance Committee – Clark Lingbeek
  - a. Motion by Severson to approve year end financials, seconded by Spitzer. Motion carried.
  - b. Review Budget. Lingbeek went over the proposed budget that will go before the membership at the annual meeting on Tuesday, December 4.
  - c. Motion by Schulz to conduct year-end review for the 2006-07 fiscal year, seconded by Loy. Motion carried.
6. NRCS Computer Systems Allocations. NRCS State Conservationist Bill Hunt updated the board regarding issues surrounding the NRCS computer system and SWCDs.
7. Clean Water Legacy Council. SWCD Representative Marilyn Bernhardson reported on issues related to the Clean Water Legacy Council.
8. Legislative Committee Status– Committee Chair Marilyn Bernhardson, updated the board on the committee's December 11 meeting and discussion regarding the next legislative session. The legislative committee will develop a draft 2008 legislative platform for the board's consideration during the January MASWCD board meeting.
9. Drainage Work Group – MASWCD Representative Greg Roiger spoke about the work of the drainage work group and future issues. MASWCD resolutions related to public drainage issues have been part of the Drainage Work Group's discussions.
10. Adjourn. Motion by Spitzer, seconded by Aigner, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 4:55 p.m.