

Minnesota Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts  
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes  
December 4, 2007  
Mayo Civic Center, Rochester, MN

Present: President Ken Pederson, Vice President Steve Sunderland, 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.

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

1. President Pederson called the meeting to order at 7:50 p.m. Agenda was approved with additions.
2. Election of MASWCD Secretary/Treasurer. The board annually selects the secretary/treasurer at this meeting. Motion by Kelly, seconded by Spitzer, to nominate Lingbeek to continue serving as MASWCD Secretary/Treasurer. Motion carried. Lingbeek accepted.
3. BWSR Board Appointments Update. Board members shared thoughts about individuals interested in serving on the BWSR board. There are three vacancies, one of which is an SWCD representative. Louise Smallidge from Washington Conservation District currently holds the position and is interested in continuing to serve. This will be an agenda item for the January board meeting. Statute requires the Association to submit a list of three names to the Governor for his consideration.
4. NRCS Computer Systems. A conference call will be held between SWCD representatives, BWSR staff and NRCS staff to discuss how to move forward on NRCS computer issues in Minnesota. Buck, Schulz, if schedule allows, and two SWCD employees – Glen Roberson from Goodhue SWCD and Darren Newville from East Otter Tail SWCD – will likely participate in the call.
5. January Board Meeting and Retreat. The next board meeting is tentatively scheduled for January 9-10, 2008 in Alexandria and will be held in conjunction with the annual retreat.
6. Adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.