

Minnesota Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
December 9, 2008
Crown Plaza St. Paul Riverfront Hotel, St. Paul, Minnesota

Present: President Steve Sunderland, Vice President & Area 6 Director Kathryn Kelly, Area 3 Director Merrill Loy, Area 4 Director Mark Zabel, Secretary/Treasurer and Area 5 Director Clark Lingbeek, Area 7 Director Bob Borchert; MASWCD Executive Director LeAnn Buck, Assistant Director Sheila Vanney. Absent: Area 1 Director Russ Severson, Area 2 Director Ross Aigner, Area 8 Director Tom Schulz.

1. Steve Sunderland, MASWCD President called the meeting to order at 8:30 p.m. During today's business meeting with the membership, Sunderland was elected as President and Kelly was elected as Vice President. Kelly will also continue in her role as Area 6 Director.
2. Meeting Agenda. Motion by Kelly, seconded by Zabel to approve the agenda. Motion carried.
3. Election of MASWCD Secretary/Treasurer. Motion by Zabel, seconded by Kelly, to nominate Lingbeek as MASWCD Sec./Treas. Motion carried. Motion by Borchert for all nominations to cease. Motion by Borchert to cast a unanimous ballot in favor of Lingbeek serving as MASWCD Sec./Treas. Motion carried.
4. MASWCD Delegate and Alternate to National Association of Conservation Districts. Board members reviewed MASWCD bylaw language related to this issue:
 - 9.1) NACD BOARD OF DIRECTORS - Delegates to the Board of Directors of the National Association of Conservation Districts (NACD) shall be designated by the MASWCD Board of Directors at their state organizational meeting. The President of MASWCD and the Vice President of MASWCD shall be appointed to sit on the NACD Board of Directors. In the event that both the MASWCD President and Vice President are unable or unwilling to be present at a meeting of the NACD Board of Directors, the MASWCD Board of Directors, or their designee, shall designate a substitute.Motion by Borchert, seconded by Kelly, to authorize the MASWCD President to designate a substitute with voting privileges for NACD functions limited to any serving supervisor. Motion carried.
5. Upcoming NACD Functions. Annual NACD North Central Meeting in Chicago will take place January 8-9, 2009. Annual NACD Convention will take place February 1-4, 2009 in New Orleans, Louisiana.
6. Upcoming MASWCD Board Events. Board members set a tentative date of January 20-21 for the January board meeting and annual MASWCD Board Retreat.
7. BWSR Board Appointments Update. Board members discussed the SWCD supervisor position on the BWSR board which is up for appointment.

Minn. Stat. 103B.101 Board of Water and Soil Resources, Subdivision 2 Voting Members:

 - c) Members ... are appointed by the governor. ***In making the appointments, the governor may consider persons recommended by the Association of Minnesota Counties, the Minnesota Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts, and the Minnesota Association of Watershed Districts.*** The list submitted by an association must contain at least three nominees for each position to be filled.Carver SWCD Supervisor Bob Burandt is currently serving in the position and is interested in continuing to serve. Borchert expressed interest in the appointment as well. Motion by Lingbeek, seconded by Loy, so submit the names of Burandt and Borchert to Governor Pawlenty as recommendations. Motion carried.
8. MASWCD Area Boundary Reorganization. Board members discussed next steps regarding reorganization of the MASWCD Area boundaries.
9. Adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 9:40 p.m.