

Minnesota Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts  
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes  
November 10, 2009  
MASWCD Office, St. Paul, MN

Present: Vice President & South Central Area 6 Director Dr. Kathryn Kelly, West Central Area 2 Director Ralph Peterson, Metropolitan Area 4 Co-Director Mary Wetter, Secretary Treasurer & Southwest Area 5 Director Clark Lingbeek, Southeast Area 7 Director Bob Borchert, North Central Area 8 Director Tom Schulz; MASWCD staff LeAnn Buck and Sheila Vanney; Felicia Brockoff, Minnesota Association of Conservation District Employees (MACDE); Brad Wozney and Steve Woods, Board of Water and Soil Resources; State Representative Rick Hansen. Absent: President Steve Sunderland, Northwest Area 1 Director Ross Aigner, Metropolitan Area 4 Director Mark Zabel.

1. Vice President Dr. Kelly called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. and led the board in the pledge of allegiance.
2. Motion by Peterson, seconded by Borchert, to approve the board meeting agenda. Motion carried. Motion by Schulz, seconded by Borchert, to approve the September 22 board meeting minutes with changes. Motion carried.
3. Vice President's Report. Dr. Kelly reported on board meeting highlights for the 2008-2009 fiscal year.
4. Finance Report. Lingbeek reviewed monthly financial report; Sunderland accepted subject to annual review.
5. MASWCD, AMC, MAWD, & BWSR Joint Partner Meeting. Dr. Kelly reported on a recent meeting between MASWCD, the Association of Minnesota Counties (AMC), Minnesota Association of Watershed Districts (MAWD) and Board of Water and Soil Resources. The partnership has agreed to meet on a regular basis to discuss issues of mutual interest.
6. Executive Director's Report. Buck updated the board on committee meetings, SWCD representation on the Minnesota Noxious Weed Advisory Committee, the Technical Quality Control workgroup, BWSR appointments for 2010, USDA's Mississippi River Basin Healthy Watersheds Initiative. Schulz had a question about the Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board and whether supervisors were getting correspondence from them.
7. MASWCD FY 2008-09 Year in Review. Buck went through a powerpoint slide show which summarized much of the work accomplished by the Association over the past year, and how it tied into the MASWCD Board's work plan.
8. MACDE Report. MACDE President Felicia Brockoff reported on activities of the employees' association.
9. MASWCD Board Leadership Program Assignment: Sharing SWCD Technical & Administrative Expertise Across SWCD Boundaries. BWSR employee and 2008-09 Leadership Program graduate Brad Wozney went through a powerpoint slide show on the issue. The MASWCD Board of Directors had assigned this as a small group assignment within the 2008-2009 leadership institute cohort.
10. 2010 Session Overview – Rep. Rick Hansen. State Representative Rick Hansen had a conversation with the board about the upcoming legislative session and what issues may be brought forward for legislative action.
11. Clean Water Legacy Grant Overview. BWSR Assistant Director Steve Woods provided an overview of the grants. He also spoke about SWCD base funding, a proposal BWSR has submitted to LCCMR for a Minnesota Conservation Apprenticeship program, the BWSR Academy, and BWSR Responses to MASWCD 2008 Resolutions.
12. Other. Board members were provided with written reports from Anne Oldakowski, Wadena SWCD Employee and MASWCD's representative to the Minnesota Shade Tree Advisory Committee (MnSTAC) and from Dennis Thompson, Aitkin SWCD Employee and one of MASWCD's two representatives to the State Forest Stewardship Committee.
13. Meeting adjourned at 2:45 p.m. The next board of directors meetings will be held December 6 and December 8 in conjunction with the MASWCD annual convention in Duluth.