

Minnesota Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts  
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes  
January 12, 2011  
St. Paul, Minnesota

Present: President Dr. Kathryn Kelly, Vice President Mark Zabel, West Central Area 2 Co-Director Mark Weimerskirch, Northeast Area 3 Director Kurt Beckstrom, Metropolitan Area 4 Director Mary Wetter, Southwest Area 5 Director Ian Cunningham, South Central Area 6 Director Loyal Fisher, Southeast Area 7 Director Ed McNamara, North Central Area 8 Director Tom Schulz, MASWCD staff LeAnn Buck and Sheila Vanney.

Absent: Northwest Area 1 Director Ross Aigner, West Central Area 2 Director Ralph Peterson.

1. Call to order and Pledge of Allegiance. MASWCD President Kelly called the meeting to order at 10:00 am and led the board in the Pledge of Allegiance.
2. Approval of Agenda and Board Meeting Minutes. Motion by Cunningham, seconded by Beckstrom, to approve the meeting agenda as amended. Motion carried. Motion by Schulz, seconded by Cunningham, to approve the board meeting minutes for November 9, December 5 and December 7. Motion carried.
3. President's Report – Kathryn Kelly
  - a. Legislative Committee Appointments. Kelly presented the board with a list of individuals she is appointing to the 2011-2012 MASWCD Legislative Committee. Motion by Fisher, seconded by Schulz, to ratify the committee appointments. Motion carried. MASWCD Legislative Committee members will include SW Area 5 Marilyn Bernhardson - Redwood staff (Chair), NW Area 1 Darren Newville - E. Ottertail staff, WC Area 2 Doug Hanson - Kandiyohi Supervisor, NE Area 3 Jim Nynas - Carlton Supervisor, Metro Area 4 Roland Cleveland - Chisago Supervisor, Metro Area 4 Mary Wetter – Wright Supervisor, SC Area 6 Steve Flohrs - Martin Supervisor, SE Area 7 Bev Nordby - Mower staff, and NC Area 8 Josh Stromlund - Lake of the Woods staff. Two members will serve on the committee from the metro area due to the large number of legislators in that area. Other committees will be appointed at the February board meeting.
  - b. Board Retreat. Motion by Cunningham, seconded by Wetter, to hold the annual board of directors' retreat February 15-16. Motion carried. Additional details will be worked out as we get closer to those dates.
  - c. NACD Delegate. During the December 7, 2010 board organizational meeting following the conclusion of the Annual Conference, delegates to the NACD Convention were appointed and approved by the board. Since that time, Kelly noted that she has become aware of additional duties she needs to perform at the NACD Convention. She has requested immediate past-president Steve Sunderland to serve as delegate in her place. Mark Zabel would still remain as the alternate. Not only will Steve provide mentorship to Mark regarding the process and committee work, but he will also present any resolutions from Minnesota to the convention body. Kelly asked the board for ratification of this action. In addition, the bylaws allow the president to designate a replacement. Motion by Fisher, seconded by Cunningham to ratify placement of Sunderland as NACD delegate, with Zabel to remain alternate. Motion carried.
  - d. DNR Roundtable. Kelly represented the Association during the two day DNR Roundtable held Friday and Saturday, January 7-8. The primary topics for the meeting included the game and fish fund and the management of invasive species.
4. Finance Report - Tom Schulz
  - a. Monthly Financials. Motion by Schulz, seconded by Beckstrom, to approve the monthly financial reports subject to annual review. Motion carried.



9. Clean Water Fund Policy Resolutions – The board of directors discussed the clean water fund policy that was passed by the membership during the annual meeting. The resolutions included:
  - a. No.2 Reduce the Number of Clean Water Fund Competitive Grant Categories, submitted by Wadena SWCD
  - b. No. 4 Reduce Local Match Requirements, submitted by Wadena SWCD
  - c. No. 7 BWSR Runoff Reduction Grants, submitted by Pennington SWCD

The MASWCD of Directors will request a meeting with the BWSR Grants Advisory Committee to discuss the Association's policy requests for the next round of allocations. The legacy grant program funding will be an outcome of the 2011 legislative session.

10. The next board meeting will be held in conjunction with the annual board retreat, February 15-16. Additional details will follow at a later date. Board meeting adjourned at 2:25 pm.