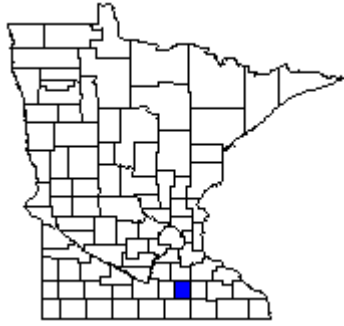


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**MINNESOTA
 SOIL and WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICTS**

The regular monthly meeting of the Steele County Soil and Water Conservation District Board of Supervisors was called to order by Chairman Mark Ihlenfeld at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, July 8, 2009 at the Conservation Office located at 235 Cedardale Drive SE, Owatonna, MN.

| <u>SWCD Supervisors Present:</u> | <u>SWCD Staff Present:</u> | <u>Others Present:</u> | <u>Absent:</u> |
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| Mark Ihlenfeld, Chairman | Dan Arndt, Manager | Bruce Kubicek, Com. | Noel Frank, NRCS |
| James Klecker, Vice-Chrmn | Eric Gulbransen | James Smith, NRCS | Dan Hansen,Secretary |
| Dave Melby, Reporter | Sue Condon, SWCD | | |
| Kyle Wolfe, Treasurer | | | |

The June minutes were sent to the Supervisors prior to the meeting. Motion was made by Klecker, seconded by Wolfe to approve the minutes. Motion was carried by voice vote.

The July agenda was reviewed and stays as it stands.

The June Treasurer’s Report (see attached) was read by Wolfe. Motion was made by Melby, seconded by Klecker to approve the June Treasurer’s Report. Motion was carried by voice vote.

Bills: (see attached.) Motion was made by Wolfe, seconded by Klecker to approve paying the bills as listed. Motion was carried by voice vote.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. SE MASWCD Resolutions Mtg., July 1st: Ihlenfeld attended. There were 6 resolutions presented by the SE MN Districts. Our resolution on CRP Rental Adjustment passed. (See attached.) Ihlenfeld briefly reviewed other resolutions. There will be an Annual JPB Bd. Mtg., on July 30th, Arndt and Ihlenfeld plan on attending.
2. Other: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Gulbransen presented Buffer Cost-Share Contracts: An amendment to BG-4A Lafky in the amount of \$356.21. Motion was made by Klecker, seconded by Wolfe to approve the amount. Motion was carried.

Gulbransen then reviewed the following Buffer Cost-share contracts: BG-4A Lafky Partial Payment of \$1,500.12; BG-3 MNDOT Partial Payment of \$4,156.20; and BG-2 Georgette Maas Partial Payment of \$1,803.50. Motion was made by Klecker, seconded by Melby to approve the payments as listed. Motion was carried.

2. Arndt passed out the list of candidates for the 2009 Outstanding Conservation Farmer; 2009 Outstanding Wildlife Conservationist; and the 2009 Outstanding Windbreak Award. Discussion followed. Motion was made by Wolfe, seconded by Klecker for the following: Motion was carried.

2009 Outstanding Conservation Farmers – Lynn and Grace Miller

2009 Outstanding Wildlife Conservationists – Kevin and Kristin Deml

2009 Outstanding Windbreak Award – Greg and Pam Spatenka

3. SE JPB mtg., July 30th: Arndt and Ihlenfeld plan on attending.
4. Fair Booth Ideas: Discussion. It was decided that the booth will center on invasive species featuring Wild Parsnips, Wild Carrot, Buckthorn, and Emerald Ash Borer. Motion was made by Wolfe, seconded by Melby to have a tree drawing and a rain barrel drawing. Motion carried.

Agency Reports: Commissioner Kubicek stated that the county is starting to review their 2010 budget.

Smith, NRCS stated that there are 13 EQIP contracts that were approved.

Staff Reports: Arndt reported that staff was very busy. He also requested permission to hire part-time help to assist with the District Easement Maintenance Program. This would be for approximately 120 hours at \$15/hr. Arndt also suggested that the District pay for the new person's pesticide license at the cost of \$75. Melby stated that MCIT should be notified if the District hires a part-time person. Discussion followed. Motion was made by Melby, seconded by Klecker to proceed in the hiring of a part-time person. Motion carried.

Motion made at 9:15 to adjourn the meeting by Klecker, seconded by Melby. Motion was carried.

Respectfully Submitted By:

Sue Condon, District Admin. Sec.