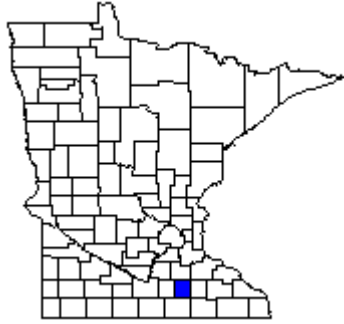


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**MINNESOTA
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The regular monthly meeting of the Steele County Soil and Water Conservation District Board of Supervisors was called to order by Chairman Mark Ihlenfeld at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, June 9, 2010 at the Conservation Office located at 235 Cedardale Drive SE, Owatonna, MN.

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

The June agenda was reviewed and stays as it stands.

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

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

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Meeting with Dan Baloun, new NRCS State Conservationist: Staff and Ihlenfeld met with him on May 13th. Very good discussion was held. He assured us that the District will not get a bill for 2 years of computer service all at once. He also mentioned that if the copier or printer ceased working that the NRCS should be approached to replace it. Also mentioned, was the updating to a CAD Civil 2 System eventually. SWCD staff and Ihlenfeld had good comments.
2. 2010 Final Tree Report was given by Gulbransen (see attached). The District made an \$11,569.68 profit on the trees which went for salaries.
3. State Envirothon Report was given by Condon. Steele County’s Medford High School went on to state competition near Brainerd. Rushford-Peterson from Fillmore County place 1st and is going on to compete at the National Canon Envirothon to be held the end of July for one week at Fresno, California. Condon refreshed the supervisors on the merits and prizes awarded. The district is very pleased with Medford team and hopes to get more teams next year.

4. Other: Ihlenfeld reported on the June 7th RC & D meeting held in Rochester. He went over the updates on the projects. He also stated that a contract was submitted to the LCCMR on April 9th for invasive weed control in SE Minnesota. A Legislative Committee manages these resource grants.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Gulbransen presented the cost share contacts to the supervisors:
 - Moved by Klecker, seconded by Wolfe to approve amendment 7(08)A to encumber the amount of an additional \$657.51 to contract 7(08) M. Wencil located in Blooming Prairie Twp. Carried by voice vote. Moved by Hansen, seconded by Klecker to approve the final payment of 7(08) to Wencil in the amount of \$2,157.51. Carried by voice vote.
 - Moved by Melby, seconded by Hansen to approve the amendment 3(09)A , Deerfield twp, A. Radel in the amount of \$500 to be encumbered. Carried by voice vote.
2. 2009 Buffer Grant Actions:
 - Moved by Wolfe, seconded by Klecker for BG-1, T. Yule, final payment of \$6,725.04, Medford Twp. Carried by voice vote.
 - Moved by Melby, seconded by Klecker for BG-2, G. Maas, final payment of \$50, Medford Twp. Carried by voice vote.
 - Moved by Klecker, seconded by Wolfe for BG-4 Amendment of \$38 to be encumbered. Carried. Moved by Hansen, seconded by Klecker for the final payment of \$110. Carried by voice vote.
3. 2008 CWMA Final Financial Signature: Motion was made by Hansen, seconded by Klecker to approve Wolfe to sign the 08 closeout of the Buffer Grant which amounted to \$12,000. Carried by voice vote. The contract recipients will be required to clip at least twice more.
*Noel Frank enters at 7:50 p.m.
4. Annual Observation Well Monitoring Agreement: Moved by Hansen, seconded by Klecker to approve Wolfe to sign this agreement to monitor the 2 wells (Gun Club near Hope and the Old office of the Hope elevator). Carried by voice vote.
5. 2010 Outstanding Conservationists Nominations: Arndt present a list of possible candidates. Discussion followed. Tabled until next month.
6. NRCS/SWCD Semi-Annual Conservation Tour Date: Discussion. The date will be July 20th at 4:00 p.m. Staff will look into finding a sponsor for a meal afterwards. Report on that next month.
7. SE MASWCD Resolution Meeting, June 30th at Dodge Center: The District does not have any resolutions this year. Discussion. Hansen stated that he should be able to go.
8. CRWP's 20th Anniversary Party, July 12th, 6-9 p.m. pot luck at North Alexander Park in Faribault. Discussion followed.
9. Other: Ihlenfeld handed out MN Farm Assist Cards to be left in the office for farmers under stress.

Agency Reports:

Frank stated that because of the WRP/RIM scoring system none of the 6 new easements have been approved. NRCS is sending a letter about the scoring system. Smith stated the EQIP contracts are in the process of being paid. Our tour may include one of the EQIP high top tunnel project.

Kubicek reported that there will be a Water Management Summit in St. Cloud next month. He is planning on attending if anyone wants to ride along. The DNR may be purchasing some land along the Straight River near Clinton Falls. It is home to a very rare Dwarf Trout Lily. The septic ordinance final date for compliance will be Feb. 2012.

Staff Reports: Arndt reported that he attending a grant writing seminar last month. District has applied for a \$10,000 grant through the USFWS. Arndt has been working with 5 landowners in Berlin & Lemond twps. on a tile plan for this tile group. Gulbransen is reapplying for the spraying license needed for the Weed Management Grant.

Motion was made to adjourn by Hansen, seconded by Klecker at 9:00 p.m. Motion carried.
Meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted By:

Susan Condon

Sue Condon, District Administrative Secretary