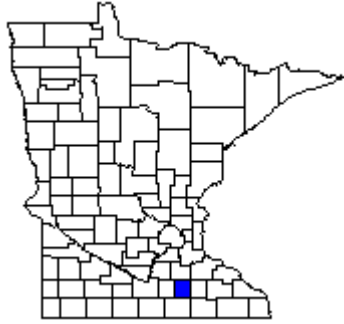


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 SOIL and WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICTS**

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 14, 2010 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>
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		
Dave Melby, Reporter			
Kyle Wolfe, Treasurer			

The July agenda was reviewed and stays as it stands.

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

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

**OLD BUSINESS:**

1. SE MASWCD Resolutions meeting, June 30<sup>th</sup>: Hansen attended and reported on the meeting. There were 8 resolutions. Out of the 8 resolutions, 4 were passed, 1 was denied and 2 were dropped because of no motion. Mary Kells, BWSR stated that there will be major changes forth coming in BWSR. LeAnn Buck, MASWCD reported that the districts state wide receive about \$12 million from their counties. Remember to thank them.
2. Other: Hansen stated that he attended the CRWP meeting and picnic on July 12<sup>th</sup>.

Kubicek reported on attending the Water Management Summit held in St. Cloud on July 12<sup>th</sup>. There were about 370 people in attendance. He stated there was very good discussion. The meeting can be found on a web site: [www.mnlocalgovernmentroundtable.com](http://www.mnlocalgovernmentroundtable.com).

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Arndt presented the FY2010 BWSR RIM/WRP grant agreement to the supervisors. This agreement is on the 3 new 2009 sign-ups with the administrative part of the grant amounting to \$2,000 for each of the contracts. Motion was made by Wolfe, seconded by Klecker to approve the signing of the grant agreement. Motion carried by voice vote.
2. Condon presented the bids for the 2009 audit: Abdo, Eick and Meyers presented a bid of \$3,500 and James Maiser, CPA had a bid of \$2,250. Condon made the comment that she would like to see an alternation between the two firms because of financial integrity. Discussion followed. Motion was made by Melby, seconded by Klecker to accept the lower bid because of our tight budget. Motion was carried by a voice vote.
3. Arndt reviewed the mid-year budget. Motion was made by Wolfe, seconded by Hansen to approve the mid-year 2010 budget. Motion was carried by a voice vote.
4. Clean Water Fund Buffer Grant: This grant was entered into with Rice, Goodhue and Waseca's SWCD. The amount applied for was \$300,000, granted amount was \$150,000 for buffer strips in these SWCDs. The practices will focus on protected waters with a buffer of 50'. Because of the limited amount of the grant it the recipients to be on a first come first serve basis. Discussion followed. The General CRP program sign up will be starting soon.
5. Arndt reviewed the list of candidates for the outstanding award winners for 2010: Motion was made by Klecker, seconded by Melby to select Brent Reese for 2010 Outstanding Conservation Farmer. Carried. Motion was made by Wolfe, seconded by Klecker to select Clark Velski as the 2010 Outstanding Windbreak winner. Carried. Motion was made by Hansen, seconded by Klecker to select John Sherrell as the 2010 Outstanding Wildlife winner. Carried. There were many good candidates that will stay on the list for next year's awards.
6. Part-time staff for easement spraying: Arndt stated that there is a need for a part-time person to assist with the spraying of some of the permanent conservation easement acres. Last year the District paid \$15/hr. for help. Motion was made by Hansen, seconded by Melby to hire part-time help. Carried by voice vote.
7. MASWCD President and Vice President – call for nominations: Arndt handed out pamphlets on this.
8. Fair booth ideas: Discussion. Arndt suggested we target buffers this year.
9. SWCD/NRCS Conservation Tour, July 20<sup>th</sup>: Arndt stated the tour sites are still pending, but that it will be located in the townships of Deerfield, Clinton Falls and Medford. Discussion about having a lunch afterwards. Because of tight budget, it was decided not to offer a lunch this year. Motion was made by Wolfe, seconded by Klecker to rent a bus and have cold water available for the tour. Carried by a voice vote.
10. SE SWCD Tech. Support JBP meeting, July 28<sup>th</sup>: To be held at the Olmsted Public Works Dept. in Rochester. Ihlenfeld will be attending.
11. Other: none.

**Agency Reports:**

Smith reported that the CSP sign-up has ended with 2 signing up.

Kubicek reported that the commissioners meeting on July 15<sup>th</sup> will include discussion on the recording all right of ways of County ditches.

Gulbransen reported Spindler's animal waste control project is under construction. The Flood Grant project is now under water and must dry out before work can begin.

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

Respectfully Submitted By: Sue Condon, District Administrative Secretary