

PINE COUNTY SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

MINUTES

January 27, 2009

The Pine County Soil and Water Conservation District Board of Supervisors held their monthly meeting on Tuesday, January 27, 2008. Supervisors present were Skip Thomson, Paul Olesen, Kelly Osterdyk, JJ Waldhalm and Doug Odegard. Office staff present were: Jill Carlier, District Manager; Tim Olson, Office Assistant; Sam Martin, Water Management/GIS Specialist; Robin Poppe, Resource Conservationist/Wetland Specialist; and Bob Korth, NRCS District Conservationist.

Also present were Ryan Hughes, BWSR; David Koland, and Don Slama Sr.

CALL TO ORDER: Jill Carlier called the board meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:

Dave Koland stated at the last meeting there was discussion about the water plan and feedlots. Koland stated other agencies take care of feedlots and didn't think there should be anything about this in the water plan. His concern about the water plan was trace chemicals. Koland also stated he didn't agree with the WCA Performance Bond.

ROTATION OF OFFICERS: 2009 Officers Are:

Chairman: Doug Odegard
Vice Chairman: Kelly Osterdyk
Secretary: Paul Olesen
Treasurer: Skip Thomson
Public Relations: JJ Waldhalm

Motion by Olesen, seconded by Osterdyk to approve the rotation of officers for 2009.

Affirmative: Olesen, Osterdyk, Thomson, Waldhalm

Opposed: None Motion carried

REVIEW OF COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS:

Snake River Watershed: Doug Odegard, Alternate is Skip Thomson

IMPACT6: Skip Thomson, Alternate is Paul Olesen

Onanaegozie RC&D Council: Paul Olesen has served on this committee; JJ Waldhalm would like to be on this committee. Olesen and Waldhalm will both attend the next meeting for JJ to see what it is all about.

MN Forestry: *to be determined*

Legislative: Doug Odegard

Wetland TEP: Skip Thomson, Alternate is JJ Waldhalm

Personnel: Doug Odegard, Kelly Osterdyk

East Central Forest Landscape: *to be determined.* Osterdyk stated there is a meeting Friday, January 30th. Odegard will attend meeting and report back at the February meeting.

New Committee: Policy Committee: Kelly Osterdyk, and JJ Waldhalm

DESIGNATE DEPOSITORIES:

Carlier stated there are accounts at Woodlands National Bank, Lake State Federal Credit Union, and First National Bank of the North.

Carlier stated there haven't been any problems with any of these and recommends we stay the same.

Motion by Olesen, seconded by Thomson to continue with the present depositories.

Affirmative: Olesen, Osterdyk, Thomson, Waldhalm
Opposed: None Motion carried

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Motion by Thomson, seconded by Waldhalm to approve the agenda with the additions of Designate Depositories and Miscellaneous.

Affirmative: Olesen, Osterdyk, Thomson, Waldhalm
Opposed: None Motion carried

DECEMBER MINUTES:

Waldhalm inquired about the WCA Performance Bond. Carlier explained that the bond is something the board had been discussing because of replacement plans not being followed through on as agreed upon. The district, as LGU, must monitor these plans for 5 years. The bond is a recommendation from BWSR, as a way to ensure that the replacements plans are carried out as planned and agreed upon. The bond is not required, just recommended by BWSR.

Motion by Olesen, seconded by Thomson to approve the December minutes with the correction of Beaver Damage Control Grant for 2006 instead of 2008.

Affirmative: Olesen, Osterdyk, Thomson, Waldhalm
Opposed: None Motion carried

DECEMBER FINANCIAL STATEMENTS:

Motion by Olesen, seconded by Osterdyk to approve the December Financial Statements.

Affirmative: Olesen, Osterdyk, Thomson, Waldhalm
Opposed: None Motion carried

JANUARY PAYMENT OF BILLS:

Motion by Olesen, seconded by Thomson to approve the January payments of bills, including a \$20,000 transfer.

Affirmative: Olesen, Osterdyk, Thomson, Waldhalm
Opposed: None Motion carried

INFORMATION REQUEST POLICY:

Carlier stated she sent out a very rough draft policy in the board packs. Osterdyk stated there needs to be a policy for reviewing information and files inside the office. Waldhalm stated there are issues with data privacy, and people have a right to see information. Olesen stated that the county attorney said there are two types of files, settled files and on-going investigation files. Settled files can be reviewed but on-going investigation files need to be approved by the board before these files can be reviewed.

Motion by Olesen, seconded by Thomson to table the Information Request Policy until the February meeting.

Affirmative: Olesen, Osterdyk, Thomson, Waldhalm
Opposed: None Motion carried

STATE COST SHARE:

Carlier stated there are no cost share projects.

LEGISLATIVE DAY AT THE CAPITOL:

Carlier sent out information for Legislative Day at the Capitol, on February 23rd and 24th. Osterdyk, Odegard, and Thomson stated they are all able to attend this event. Waldhalm may be able to attend.

Motion by Olesen, seconded by Thomson to approve Osterdyk, and Odegard and Thomson and possibly Waldhalm attending the Legislative Day at the Capitol.

Affirmative: Olesen, Osterdyk, Thomson, Waldhalm

Opposed: None Motion carried

MASWCD DUES:

Carlier stated that the 2009 dues for MASWCD are due. The amount is \$2,750.

Motion by Olesen, seconded by Osterdyk to approve paying the MASWCD dues of \$2,750 for 2009.

Affirmative: Olesen, Osterdyk, Thomson, Waldhalm

Opposed: None Motion carried

BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS:

Carlier stated she attended the county board meeting on January 6th. With the state budget where it is at this time, we need to justify our funds and save money in anticipation of cuts coming from the county and/or the state. All trainings and meetings should be approved by the board.

Motion by Olesen, seconded by Waldhalm to approve all trainings and meetings having board approval.

Affirmative: Olesen, Osterdyk, Thomson, Waldhalm

Opposed: None Motion carried

WATER PLAN RESOLUTIONS:

Carlier stated there was a resolution to adopt the Pine County Water Plan as our comprehensive plan. That resolution expired at the end of the year. We need to adopt a new one beginning January 1st of this year until the new plan is updated, approved and finalized in 2010.

Motion by Osterdyk, seconded by Thomson to approve adopting the Pine County Water Plan as our comprehensive plan.

Affirmative: Olesen, Osterdyk, Thomson, Waldhalm

Opposed: None Motion carried

BWSR SUPERVISOR TRAINING:

Carlier stated there are two new supervisors, she has asked BWSR to come and do a training for the supervisors. BWSR will discuss the duties of the job, and give an overview of the cost share program, the water plan program, and WCA. This training will take place at the Pine SWCD office. Thomson mentioned we should invite the commissioners as well.

WCA DISCUSSION:

Thomson stated he handed out information on WCA for the board to review. The board discussed some of the information. Thomson talked about who was on the TEP and the TAC. Thomson talked about having a supervisor on the TAC being a possible conflict of interest, as well as Poppe doing both jobs being a conflict of interest. Poppe stated that the TEP is a 'checks and balance system' for WCA. Waldhalm stated that the LGU must establish a local appeal process, since we do not have one at this time. This topic was tabled and further discussion will be addressed at the BWSR training.

DISTRICT CONSERVATIONIST REPORT:

Korth reviewed the attached report.

STAFF/SUPERVISOR REPORTS:

Wetlands

Poppe stated there are no projects.

Water Management:

Martin stated at the water plan meeting working group last month the working group discussed public comments and priority concerns. The next working group meeting will be on February 12th. The Annual Water Management Plan Task Force meeting will be on February 19th at 7:00p.m.

Trees:

Olson stated there are 44 tree orders as of today.

NEWSLETTER:

Carlier stated the newsletter will be printed by the end of the week, and will be in the office early next week. It will be in circulation by the end of next week.

MISC ITEMS:

There are no miscellaneous items.

NEXT MEETING DATE & TIME:

Motion by Olesen seconded by Thomson to hold the next meeting on February 24th, 2009 at 5:00p.m.

Affirmative: Olesen, Osterdyk, Thomson, Waldhalm

Opposed: None Motion carried

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:30 p.m. by Odegard

Affirmative: Olesen, Osterdyk, Thomson, Waldhalm

Opposed: None Motion carried

Respectfully submitted,

Paul Olesen, Secretary