

**PINE COUNTY SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
MINUTES
May 26, 2009**

The Pine County Soil and Water Conservation District Board of Supervisors held their monthly meeting on Tuesday, May 26, 2009. Supervisors present were Paul Olesen, Skip Thomson, Kelly Osterdyk, JJ Waldhalm and Doug Odegard. Office staff present were: Jill Carlier, District Manager; Tim Olson, Office Assistant; Robin Poppe, Resource Conservationist/Wetland Specialist; Sam Martin, Water Management/GIS Specialist; and Bob Korth, NRCS District Conservationist. Also present Ryan Hughes BWSR, and Don Slama Sr.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:
None

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Motion by Osterdyk, seconded by Olesen to approve the May agenda with additions.

Affirmative: Olesen Osterdyk, Thomson, Waldhalm

Opposed: None Motion carried

APRIL MINUTES:

Motion by Thomson, seconded by Olesen to approve the April minutes with corrections.

Affirmative: Olesen, Osterdyk, Thomson, Waldhalm

Opposed: None Motion carried

MAY FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND PAYMENT OF BILLS:

Motion by Olesen, seconded by Osterdyk to approve the May payments of bills, including a \$5,000 funds transfer.

Affirmative: Olesen, Osterdyk, Thomson, Waldhalm

Opposed: None Motion carried

TSA III:

Carlier stated the TSA III merger will take affect July 1st, 2009. Carlier stated at the June 15th IMPACK6 board meeting, the IMPACK6 board approved the return of the contribution made by the Pine SWCD district in 2007. Pine SWCD's contribution was \$4,885. The Pine SWCD board approved sending the funds to TSA III in Duluth..

Motion by Thomson, seconded by Olesen to approve sending Pine SWCD's 2007 contribution to TSA III in Duluth.

Affirmative: Osterdyk, Thomson, Waldhalm

Opposed: None Motion carried

SWCD OFFICE SPACE:

Carlier stated on June 2nd the Pine SWCD board met with two Pine County Commissioners, and the Pine County Coordinator, to discuss the county's offer of the Pine SWCD moving into the Land Building in Sandstone. On June 4th the Pine SWCD staff met with Mark LeBrun to tour the Land Building.

Carlier stated on June 12th the landowner ahe existing office called to discuss the rent. His offer was to cut the existing rent in half. The district would have a yearly lease with

AUDIT BIDS:

Carlier stated she sent out letters to three accountants about our 2008 Financial Audit. We received one response, from James Maiser, who typically does most of the district audits. His bid was \$1,850. Motion by Thomson, seconded by Waldhalm to approve James Maiser doing the 2008 audit.

Affirmative: Osterdyk, Thomson, Waldhalm

Opposed: None Motion carried

STATE COST SHARE:

Carlier stated there are two projects:

Terry Hanlon: Abandoned Well Sealing Contract # FY09-3. Total project cost is \$990.00 with 50% cost share totaling \$495.00

Motion by Osterdyk, seconded by Thomson to approve payment of Terry Hanlon's Abandoned Well Sealing project in the amount of \$495.00

Affirmative: Osterdyk, Thomson, Waldhalm

Opposed: None Motion carried

Ken Brown: Grass Waterway Project Contract # FY07-4. Total project cost is \$9,582 with 75% cost share totaling \$7,185.94

Motion by Osterdyk, seconded by Thomson to approve payment of Ken Brown's Grass Waterway Project in the amount of \$7,185.94

Affirmative: Osterdyk, Thomson, Waldhalm

Opposed: None Motion carried

WATER MANAGEMENT PLAN SCOPING DOCUMENT:

Carlier stated Martin put together a Scoping Document for the new Water Plan. A working group meeting was held to discuss the document and changes were made. A new draft was sent out to the group for any final comments. The district needs board approval on the Scoping Document. If the board approves the document, we will send it out for agency comment. The document then needs to be formally presented to a BWSR committee in August.

Motion by Thomson, seconded by Osterdyk to approve the Scoping Document.

Affirmative: Osterdyk, Thomson, Waldhalm

Opposed: None Motion carried

AGBMP LOAN PROGRAM:

Carlier received a letter from Jan Anderson, Kanabec SWCD. Anderson prepares the paperwork for the AGBMP Program. The AGBMP Program is run through IMPACK6. With the TSA merger, does the district want to stay with AGBMP Program as it is, or do we want to break up into individual counties and handle it on our own. If we continue to have Kanabec County SWCD administer the program, each district involved would need to pay \$200/year.

Motion by Thomson, seconded by Osterdyk to approve continuing with the AGBMP Program administered by Kanabec County at a cost of \$200.00 per year.

Affirmative: Osterdyk, Thomson, Waldhalm

Opposed: None Motion carried

DISTRICT CONSERVATIONIST REPORT:

Korth reviewed the attached report.

STAFF/SUPERVISOR REPORTS:

Wetlands:

Poppe stated a there was a TEP meeting on Tuesday May 26th. A revised replacement design for the Askov Waste Water Ponds was sent to the district, and the TEP recommends approval of the amended design. The city met all conditions on the replacement plan. Once the board approves the amended design Poppe will send a letter to the city stating the design was approved.

Motion by Thomson, seconded by Waldhalm to approve the revised replacement design for the Askov Waste Water Ponds.

Affirmative: Osterdyk, Thomson, Waldhalm

Opposed: None Motion carried

Poppe stated at a previous meeting WCA Monitoring Reports were discussed. Julie Olson, DNR sent letters to those individuals that did not send in reports for 2008. The letter stated those individuals who haven't sent in their 2008 WCA Monitoring Reports need to send the information in by June 1st, 2009. The 2009 WCA Monitoring Reports need to be in by September 15th, 2009. Poppe stated some reports were sent back, but most of them are incomplete.

Poppe stated she would like board approval to write a letter to the individuals stating the TEP will accept the incomplete 2008 WCA Monitoring Reports. However, the 2009 WCA Monitoring Reports must be completed and show the individual is complying with the replacement plan, or copies of the report will be sent to DNR for review.

Thomson stated he would like to see what Olesen's thoughts are on this issue, rather than make a decision tonight.

This issue was tabled until the June board meeting.

Water Management:

Martin stated at the Snake River Watershed meeting two cost share projects were approved for the Cross Lake Association.

Forestry:

Waldhalm stated there will be meeting in Mora on May 29th.

Impact 6:

Thomson stated a meeting was held in Duluth on May 27th with all nine districts represented. One of the issues discussed at the meeting was the operating grant and budget cuts over the next two years.

RC&D Onanaegozie:

A meeting is set for May 28th.

Snake River Citizen Advisory Committee:

Odegard stated a layered GIS map was being made for the Snake River Watershed Districts.

Legislative:

None

Personnel:

Carlier stated a meeting is set for May 29th with an insurance agent, to discuss health insurance plans.

Carlier stated employee evaluations will be on June 18th at 2:00 p.m.

Policy:

Carlier stated there was no meeting.

Trees:

Olson stated there were 306 tree orders. Carlier stated we sold 31,330 trees and made approximately \$10,000 in profit. The trees left over were donated to the Finlayson Giese Sportsman's Club.

Envirothon:

Carlier stated the Envirothon was held on Monday May 4th. The southern region had 18 teams and was held at Camp Onomia in Onamia. Cromwell took first, third, fourth and fifth and Isle took second in the southern region. The top three teams went on to state. No one from Area III placed in the top ten at state.

MISC ITEMS:

Supervisor Orientation:

Carlier stated she received an email from MASWCD stating MASWCD the Supervisor Orientation and Refresher Conference will be on July 14th and 15th in St. Cloud. More information will be provided at a later date.

BWSR Academy:

Carlier stated the 2009 BWSR Academy has been scheduled for November 2nd, 3rd, and 4th. Location to be determined.

TMDL Meeting:

Carlier stated Craig Mell from Chisago is trying to set up a meeting. Jay Riggs from Washington Conservation District and Mell have been discussing a way to secure funding for SWCD's amendment money to do TMDL work on the St. Croix Watershed. They met with LeAnn Buck, Steve Woods, and Marcy Westrick from BWSR to discuss the cooperative St Croix River TMDL project, where the nine SWCD's receive adequate funding and support to work with the land owners. Carlier stated our goal is to hold a two hour meeting on June 22nd or 23rd at the Pine County Government Center in Pine City to discuss this project. Odegard and Carlier will attend this meeting.

NEXT MEETING DATE & TIME:

Motion by Thomson seconded by Osterdyk to hold the next meeting on Tuesday June 23rd, 2009 at 4:30p.m.

Affirmative: Osterdyk, Thomson, Waldhalm

Opposed: None Motion carried

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:15 p.m. by Thomson, seconded by Osterdyk

Affirmative: Osterdyk, Thomson, Waldhalm

Opposed: None Motion carried

Respectfully submitted,

Paul Olesen, Secretary