



Minutes from the May 21, 2008 Regular Board Meeting

Call to Order Chair David Davis called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**Members Present:**

David Davis  
Albert Moline  
Hartley Sandstrom  
Marcia Stromgren

**Others Present:**

R.C. Boheim, SWCD Staff  
Danny Weber, NRCS District Conservationist  
Caroline Weber, Public

**Members Absent:**

Debra Taylor

Agenda The Board reviewed the agenda. MASWCD Area III Resolution Meeting and 2008 Resolutions will be added to the agenda under Other Business. Motion by Sandstrom, seconded by Moline to approve the agenda.

Affirmative: Davis, Moline, Sandstrom, Stromgren  
Opposed: None ***Motion Carried***

Approval of minutes Minutes from the April 2008 Regular Board Meeting were reviewed. Motion by Stromgren, seconded by Sandstrom to approve the minutes as presented.

Affirmative: Davis, Moline, Sandstrom, Stromgren  
Opposed: None ***Motion Carried***

Treasurer's Report Boheim reviewed the Treasurer's reports for April. Total fund balance as of the end of April was \$313,627.51. The undesignated fund balance was \$151,515.62. Motion by Moline, seconded by Stromgren to approve the treasurer's report.

Affirmative: Davis, Moline, Sandstrom, Stromgren  
Opposed: None ***Motion Carried***

State Cost-share Program Applications *None*

Ag BMP Program Applications *None*

### Grant Agreements

**MPCA Wetland Restoration** Boheim described an agreement with MPCA to provide \$5,000 for the SWCD to continue to look for wetland restoration sites in the St. Louis River Watershed. This work was started earlier through other funding. Through this agreement more work will be done to identify specific sites and cooperators to get a step closer to establishing wetland credits. Motion by Sandstrom, seconded by Moline to enter into the agreement with MPCA and authorize Davis to sign the contract.

Affirmative: Davis, Moline, Sandstrom, Taylor

Opposed: None ***Motion Carried***

**NRRI Amity Creek Streambank** Boheim explained that NRRI would like to partner with the SWCD to complete streambank stabilization work on Amity Creek. The amount of the agreement is \$25,000. Motion by Sandstrom, seconded by Moline to enter into the agreement with NRRI for the project and authorize Davis to sign the contract.

Affirmative: Davis, Moline, Sandstrom, Taylor

Opposed: None ***Motion Carried***

SWCD Elections Supervisors discussed the 2008 election for SWCD Supervisors. Two Supervisor positions are up for election, Districts I and IV. Staff will put out a press release and post information on the website regarding SWCD elections.

Project Presentations None

District Manager's Report Boheim reported on current projects and activities.

District Conservationist's Report Danny Weber handed out a written report regarding landowners that are receiving NRCS assistance.

### Committee and Board Membership Reports

**CCLNS JPB #3** Davis reported that there was not a quorum for the last meeting, but current projects were discussed with those present.

**SWCD Forestry Association** Davis reported that the last meeting was on May 15<sup>th</sup>. A hybrid poplar cutting demonstration was discussed.

**Laurentian RC&D** Moline reported that the last meeting was May 12<sup>th</sup>. Moline discussed some current and proposed projects.

### Supervisor Reports and Concerns

**Stromgren and Davis** discussed the Envirothon. Both stated that it went well and was well organized. Both complemented Kate Kubiak for her work on the Envirothon.

### Other Business

**MASWCD Area III Resolution Meeting** Davis, Moline, Sandstrom and Stromgren will attend the Resolution Meeting.

**2008 Resolutions** Supervisors discussed the following resolution:

WCA Funding Directly to SWCDs

**Whereas**, Soil & Water Conservation Districts have many Minnesota Wetland Conservation Act responsibilities, and

**Whereas**, SWCDs receive funding from the state through the Minnesota Board of Water and Soil Resources as compensation for some of our WCA workload, and

**Whereas**, this funding from BWSR is in the form of Natural Resources Block Grants that are received by counties with a portion required to be passed-through by the county to the SWCD(s) in the county, and

**Whereas**, BWSR has an existing relationship with SWCDs where grants (General Service, Cost-share, etc) are paid directly to SWCDs, and

**Whereas**, BWSR allocating funds first to counties to pass-through to SWCDs is a step that has caused delays in WCA payments being made to SWCDs,

**Therefore, be it resolved** that the Minnesota Association of Soil & Water Conservation Districts work with the Board of Water and Soil Resources to make any necessary changes to allow payment of WCA funds directly to SWCDs without first going through a county, and without any requirement that SWCDs match the WCA funds.

Motion by Moline, seconded by Sandstrom to approve the resolution and bring it forward at the Area III Resolution Meeting.

Affirmative: Davis, Moline, Sandstrom, Stromgren  
Opposed: None ***Motion Carried***

Supervisor Expenses Supervisors submitted expense forms and Davis reviewed with the Board.

Motion by Sandstrom, seconded by Moline to approve supervisor expenses.

Affirmative: Davis, Moline, Sandstrom, Stromgren  
Opposed: None ***Motion Carried***

Adjourn Motion by Moline, seconded by Sandstrom to adjourn the meeting.

Affirmative: Davis, Moline, Sandstrom, Stromgren  
Opposed: None ***Motion Carried***

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Approved

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Al Moline, Secretary

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Date