



Clearwater Soil & Water Conservation District

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BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING January 15, 2008

MINUTES

Present: Harlan Strandlien, Robert Bilden, Leonard Stinar, Paul Rydeen & John Gunvalson

Staff: Wade Robinson, Kathy Rasch, & John Knisley

Guests: Cari Rebischke - NRCS, John Nelson – Clearwater County Commissioner

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Chair Bilden in the Bagley USDA Service Center. The pledge of allegiance was recited.

Chair Bilden introduced to staff, supervisors and guests.

Officer Positions: Officer Positions were sworn in by Sandra Bromaghin, Public Notary, as follows: Chair – Robert Bilden; Vice Chair – Harland Strandlien; Secretary – Paul Rydeen; Treasurer – Leonard Stinar; Member – John Gunvalson. A motion was made to ~~except~~ the Officer Positions as listed above by Stinar, 2nd by Strandlien. Motion Carried 5-0. *accept*

Agenda: Chair Bilden called for additions or corrections to the agenda. A motion to approve the agenda was made by Strandlien, 2nd by Bilden. Motion carried 5-0.

Minutes: Minutes of the regular October meeting were reviewed. A motion to approve the December Minutes was made by Rydeen, 2nd by Stinar. Motion Carried 5-0

NRCS- Just finished the National Audit; 90-95% of the files in the Bagley Office are completed to standard. Cari noted that they just received word that the EQIP/WHIP sign-up will not be held until late April-May. The RC&D just hired a new coordinator, Casey Olson, the former Soil Scientist from Koochiching County.

Resource Technician Report-

Cost Share: Rasch reported that she has started preparing for the Roy Lake Lakeshore Restoration Project (Contract # 008-03) by booking the church as a meeting place for the

seminar. We are still waiting on approval for the plant species to be used for the Roy Lake project.

The final payments for Pine Lake Township (Contract #007-05) of \$160.00 from FY 08 were paid to finish the payments for the project. A request for engineering/design was sent to the North Central JPB for the Windsor Township Streambank Protection (Contract # 008-02) project

Tree Program: Rasch reported that it is difficult to get out to the Conservation Farm to do any work on the tree planting equipment due to the amount of snow. It was reported that we did get a new tire for the tree planter.

Envirothon: The scheduled date for this year's Area VIII Envirothon is April 22nd at Bemidji State Park. The SWCD has been receiving a few donations and tracking them because we are still the purse holders for the event.

Rasch reported that now we are in the reporting stage for eLINK and will be reporting all progress on projects started/completed during the 2008 year.

Program Technician's Report: Robinson reported that on Jan. 7th a Water Plan Task Force meeting was held to go over the newly revised "Priority Concern's Scoping Document". The document sets the direction for the Water Plan and has 60 days to be reviewed by Agencies involved. Robinson stated that we still can start writing the Water plan during the time when the Agencies are reviewing the document, to get the writing started and save some time; the new Water Plan will be ready by March 15th, 2009. Robinson reported that there will be a Water Plan sub-committee meeting held on April 11th or 14th.

Robinson reported that the Clearbrook Urban Runoff Challenge has now been taken over by the Red Lake Watershed District. Plans are that the construction of the stormwater projects will start the summer of 2009. There was discussion held on the price of the potential project; Robinson stated that there were different options for finishing this project, but the option with the most clean-up at the most cost effective price was the one they chose to pursue.

On other issues, Robinson reported that the Beaver Grant is now closed out and \$80 was sent back to BWSR. Robinson reported that he has been busy working on the SWCD Website, Rain-gauge monitoring program, and Priority Concerns Scoping Document.

AWR Grant: Clearwater SWCD has received that grant agreement for the grant and this winter Phase 2 of the grant will be taking place.

Other Reports:

District Manager's Report- The financial statement showing all revenue and expenditures for the month of December was presented to the board for review. Following discussion a motion was made by Rydeen, 2nd by Stinar to accept the reports for the record and approve all bills as paid totaling \$35,793.38. Motion carried 5-0.

The financial report showing the Profit & Loss vs. Actual Report for calendar year 2008 was presented to the board for review. After discussion a motion was made by Rydeen, 2nd by Stinar to accept the report for the record as a total income of \$15,402.99 for the year. Motion carried 5-0.

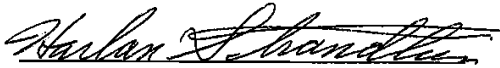
Discussion on the 2009 SWCD Per Diem, Meal, and Mileage Rates was held. It was felt that the mileage rate of \$.505/mile was acceptable when gas prices were higher, but now that the prices have dropped a bit they felt the rate should drop as well. After discussion was made by Rydeen to accept the Per Diem Rate of \$65/meeting; Meal Rates (breakfast-\$6, lunch-\$9, dinner-\$15), and Mileage rate of \$.485/mile; and Meeting Dates as written, 2nd by Stinar. Motion carried 5-0.

Discussion was held on planning on having the 2009 Plan of Work done and ready to be reviewed by the next Board Meeting. Discussion was also held on reviewing the SWCD Employee Policy, JPB Meeting Update, and end of the year Employee Reviews.

Discussion was held on Legislative day, February 23rd, and whether or not to attend the day. It was recommended that Leonard Stinar and John Knisley attend the MASWCD days at the Capitol.

The board held a discussion on preparing to be host of the 2009 Area VIII Fall Meeting/Tour through Clearwater County. The dates for the meeting were September 24th-25th.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Stinar, 2nd by Strandlien. Motion carried.


Harlan Strandlien, District Secretary

