

Morrison SWCD Board Meeting

Thursday, April 22, 2010

9:00 a.m.

USDA County Offices

Present: Supervisors Stangl, Dahmen, Brutscher, Anez, and Holmgren. Staff: Ringwelski, Zapzalka, and McLennan. Absent: Commissioner Don Meyer.

Secretary's Minutes: MSC by Holmgren/Dahmen to approve as read.

Treasurer's Report: MSC by Holmgren/Brutscher to approve as presented.

Staff Reports: Terry stated that most of the EQIP was funded. He has assumed his Soil Con duties which will require some travel to other counties. The Soil Tech position was posted. Steve Lutes has been named the Morrison NRCS District Conservationist.

Alan informed the board that WCA had begun to be quite hectic already. He did environmental reviews for two Dean Marshik projects. Ross had designed the Kevin Doucette bank. The staff was geared up for tree week next week. They would be designing some sediment basins for Kevin Poster, and Ross had three ag waste pits to design. There were numerous requests for boundary and typing wetlands that might be eligible for tax exemption. The county will not exempt them without some type of letter from this office.

OLD BUSINESS

1. R C and D Report: Claude said that Smokey Timbers continued to receive grants to pay down the debt and they were working hard to keep that from becoming a public ownership.
2. Anniversary Celebration Update: Helen shared that the VFW was reserved, invitations sent, and cake ordered. Dairy princesses will serve the ice cream. It will run from 1:30 p.m. until 4 p.m., following the Area 2 meeting. Lance and Alan are putting together a continuous slide show that will highlight some pictures of projects throughout the 50 years.
3. Morrison County Water Plan Approval: Helen and Lance presented the LWP to the BWSR committee in Bemidji on April 14th. The plan was approved for recommendation to the BWSR board at their April board meeting.
4. Tree Program Update: April 29 and 30 will be pickup days and it appeared sales would max out at only 36,000 this year.
5. Technical Evaluation Panel Report: The TEP met with the County Engineer's representatives on 5 road projects, and 5 bridge projects. They visited the Terry Roach site on Lake Alex, but that project will be DNR jurisdiction. They then met with Kevin Doucette to discuss the potential bank credits and review the design. Another property owned by Cliff Poirier near Royalton was looked at on the Mississippi River.

6. Board of Adjustment Report: Both of the applications were denied. One was for a guest cottage on Fishtrap Lake and the other for setbacks from the Crow Wing and Long Prairie Rivers.
7. Cancellation of #08-09 Robbie Meyer \$2,340 (trees) At the landowner request, MSC by Anez/Dahmen to cancel.

NEW BUSINESS

1. State Cost Share applications: MSC by Dahmen/Brutscher to approve.

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| a. 16-09 | Alex Warzecha | FWB | \$1249.873 |
| b. 17-09 | Crystal Wenner | FSB | \$941.38 |
| c. 18-09 | Kevin Poster | Sed Basin | \$2500 |
| d. 19-09 | Kevin Poster | Terraces | \$2500 |
| e. 20-09 | Gerald Thoma | FWB | \$793.23 |
2. Local Water Plan:
 - a. Resolution approving LWP as District Comprehensive Plan: MSC by Brutscher/Dahmen. On a roll call vote, all supervisors voted yes.
 - b. May 12 LWP task force Meeting
3. Sullivan Lake Cost Share Match: MSC by Anez/Dahmen to approve setting aside \$3,000 to match Sullivan Lakes funding to cost share riparian plantings.
4. WCA Delegation of Authority: MSC by Brutscher/Anez to approve the District Manager to make day to day decisions on wetland applications. Denials that may potentially be appealed will be brought before the board for action. On a roll call vote, all supervisors voted yes.
5. Logo Wear: MSC by Anez/Dahmen to approve paying 50% of the cost for 5 shirts for staff.

Meeting adjourned at 10:05 a.m.

_____ Robert Holmgren, Secretary