

**Morrison SWCD Board Meeting**  
**Thursday – August 27, 2009**  
**9:00 a.m.**  
**USDA County Offices**

Present: Supervisors Anez, Holmgren, Stangl, Brutscher, and Dahmen.  
Commissioner Don Meyer. Staff: McLennan, Lutes, Zapzalka. NRCS Area  
Conservationist Colleen Oestreich.

Secretary's Report: MSC by Brutscher/Holmgren to approve as read.  
Treasurer's Report: MSC by Holmgren/Dahmen to approve as presented.  
Staff Reports: Helen shared Alan's technical report, having attended a wetland  
plant identification workshop. The Gerald Bauer buffer strip was under  
construction. Treve Sauer ag waste was starting today. The Sheldon Prozinski  
shoreline restoration project funded by WHIP, SCS, and Native Buffer programs  
was 95% completed. Pictures were shared. Alan and Terry attended a Robotic  
Milker tour at the Greg Blaine dairy. A few wetland determinations were made  
for developers inside Little Falls city limits. The trees had been ordered and the  
order form was at the printers.

Terry shared that \$37,000 of WHIP had been approved. He and Steve had  
attended a 2 day CSP training that will begin soon. He has been certifying  
grazing systems, working on prescribed grazing plans. Nine ag waste  
applications were submitted for EQIP and only 2-3 funded and since there has  
been 2 new applications.

Steve reported on the meetings scheduled to introduce the CSP (Conservation  
Stewardship Program) to the producers in the county. It's a new program and  
following the meetings, a sign up will be held in September. He answered  
several questions for the board.

Commissioner's Report: Don said they had held a trails meeting but didn't feel  
like people realized the tremendous costs of trails and that at the present  
economic situation, likely would be put on hold. He explained the loss of revenue  
with the recent legislative change in administrative tickets being written by  
officers. They are working with area legislators to hopefully reverse that bill. The  
nuisance ordinance may be a dead issue. They are not levying for additional  
revenue so staff and citizens will have to realize how this affects services and  
staff negotiations.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

1. Well Sealing Policy: Helen presented the policy recommendation. MSC  
by Holmgren/Stangl to approve.

2. RC & D Report: Claude shared the discussions about the solar powered water pumps and the grant received for a glacial rich trail signage.
3. ACUB update: Helen shared that \$1.5 million more had been allocated to BWSR. The two primary properties will be one in Morrison and one in Cass, with another possible contract with remaining dollars.
4. Computer news update (NRCS) Colleen Oestrich explained the problems with NRCS being able to figure out how to collect payments for computer use by districts. Since the money collected would be deposited in the general fund, it does nothing to help the NRCS budget, and therefore, for 2009 there would be no payment and news is out on 2010. She recommended doing nothing but perhaps think of a back up plan if it ever transpires.
5. Water Plan report: Helen shared the timeline that must be met with the water plan and the progress to date. The scoping document had been approved by the BWSR committee in Wadena.
6. WCA Report – Changes in rules and banking changes primarily affect ag exemptions. There was good news for bank holders who will now be able to sell their remaining PVC credits. That helps the district as well as the county to be able to facilitate small impacts.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

1. Water Festival review: A couple of new stations will be offered this year. MPCA is coming on board as well as NRCS. The festival will be held on Sept. 22 and 23. Camp and the County Bd. Will give the welcome to students.
2. Envirothon Contribution - \$150 MSC Stangl/Dahmen to approve.
3. State Cost Share Payment approval: MSC by Holmgren/Brutscher to approve:
  - a. #45-08 David Stumpf well seal \$97.50
  - b. #44-08 Sheldon Prozinski SLR \$2500.00
4. Lateral effect training: Helen explained how this training benefits decisions made in ditch maintenance requests. Steve, Terry, Alan and Helen will attend.
5. Labor standards training: Helen will attend this training on Sept. 17<sup>th</sup> in St. Cloud.
6. Area 2 meeting on Sept 3 – Cindy, Claude, Marvin, and Bob will attend Area 2.

Meeting adjourned at 10:35 a.m.

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Claude Dahmen, Secretary