

MORRISON SWCD BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Thursday, January 28, 2010

1:00 p.m.

USDA County Offices

Present: Supervisors Stangl, Holmgren, Brutscher, Anez, and Dahmen. Staff: Ringwelski, McLennan, Zapzalka, and Lutes. Commissioner Don Meyer. NRCS Acting State Conservationist Jennifer Heglund, and Area Conservationist Colleen Oestrich.

REORGANIZATION MEETING

1. Official date and time of meetings: MSC by Holmgren/Dahmen to establish the board meetings on the fourth Thursday of each month at 9:00 a.m.
2. Per Diem & mileage: MSC by Anez/Brutscher to set the per diems at \$75 for full board meetings or meetings that exceed 2 hours, and \$27.50 committee meetings or payroll signing and mileage at the IRS rate.
3. Official Newspaper: MSC by Holmgren/Brutscher to name the Morrison County Record as the official newspaper for legal notices.
4. Official Depositories: MSC by Brutscher/Anez to have the checking account at Bank of the West, savings at Stifel/Nicolaus and/or any bank in Morrison County.
5. Committee Assignments: Chairman Stangl established the following committees:
 - A. Personnel Committee: Anez and Brutscher
 - B. Finance Committee: Stangl and Holmgren
 - C. R C and D: Dahmen
 - D. WCTSA: Stangl
 - E. Little Rock TMDL Committee - Marvin

This concluded the re-organizational portion of the meeting

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

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

Marvin thanked the NRCS representatives at this time and opened the discussion.

Guests: Colleen Oestrich acknowledged the letter sent to former State Conservationist regarding the DC position in Morrison County and turned the discussion over to Acting State Conservationist Jennifer Heglund. Jennifer gave her background and timeline for being in Minnesota and assured the board that whatever rumors had spread in the past, that NRCS is moving forward with posting the DC position. They recognized the workload of Morrison County and would also be hiring a CSP soil con position that is starting next week.

The Board thanked them for the update. Helen shared that while some of the former DC/SWCD staff relations were strained that the staff held Steve Lutes and Terry Zapzalka in very high regard and felt that the office morale was very good. Spacing would become an issue that

should be addressed at some time in the future with new permanent staff since the one room had been given up to FSA.

Steve Lutes, Colleen Oestrich, and Jennifer Heglund left the meeting at this time.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Water Plan Update: Helen shared that the draft plan had been distributed to the task force, county commissioners, and lake associations and the meeting on Feb 10th would hopefully get it successfully approved/amended to present at the public hearing later in February. Following the public hearing it will be sent to BWSR by March 1, 2010, on time.
2. Ag BMP Year End Report: The final report/application was ready to send and the county had approximately \$252,000 in new/roll over funding to work with and had applied for another \$100,000.
3. 319 Swan River Year End Report: The YE Report was submitted this week in time for the Feb. 1 deadline. Only one project is still remaining and the grant should be finalized by July 2010.
4. R C and D Report- Claude said they were still having a hard time getting signage permits because of burial grounds. Approximately 40 people attended the winter grazing.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. State Cost Share Application: MSC by Anez/Brutscher to approve:
 - a. Don Meyer #06-09 380 \$356.80
2. Rural Reserve Program – After some discussion, MSC by Brutscher/Anez to establish the fees at:
Up to 40 acres \$300
\$1 per acre after 40 acres
\$100/plan for review of other TSP plans
\$25 Board approval
3. Geologic Atlas update: The staff and zoning staff will receive training on Feb. 2 to begin establishing the well locations.
4. Area 2 Meeting – March 18, Alexandria Public Works Bldg

Meeting adjourned at 2:35 p.m.

Robert Holmgren