

Morrison SWCD Board Meeting
Thursday, June 25th, 2009
9:00 a.m.

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

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

Treasurer's Minutes: MSC by Holmgren/Stangl to approve as presented.

Staff Reports: Alan reported that Gene Retka's terraces and sediment basins were complete. Jerry Kapsner waterway was also complete. Alan, Helen and Terry had attended the Vern Scherping open house at his farm where they toured the sand separator system. The fruit tree order for 2010 has been submitted to Bailey's already to ensure availability. The road signs have been put up by sentence to serve to replace the old ones. Numerous WCA calls and requests for shoreline erosion projects have been made.

Terry reported that the EQIP signup totaled \$2.6 million in requests for Morrison County and that only \$400,000 was awarded – this amounted to about 7-6 contracts being funded. The projects funded were an ag waste, a few rotational grazing systems, some no-till and nutrient management. They are hoping to obligate all their funds quickly so they can hopefully qualify for additional funding. They are also working on the one WHIP contract that has been funded. The Meehl ag waste system that started last fall has finally been completed. Bethany Fischer will also be helping them again this summer.

Jenni reported that the office has not slowed down yet and the workload is still as busy as ever. The cost shared tree plantings were all checked and she will be entering the contracts into eLINK. The scoping document for the Water Plan has been sent out for final approval before submitting it to BWSR by June 30, 2009.

County Commissioner Report: Don shared that they have hired Mark Anderson to fill the Planning and Zoning Administrator position. They feel he will be a good addition to the staff. Don also shared that they have already cut \$634,000 from the county budget and that they are still expecting cuts to be made to the Social Services department. He also reminded the board of the public meeting next Monday evening at 7:00 pm that deals with the county proposal to merge the Auditors and Treasurer's Office.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. RC and D Report – Claude Dahmen reported that on Saturday, July 11 the Leader Lions will once again be holding their grazing tour and that RC&D had allocated grant dollars to help the Leader Lions.

2. Area II Meeting – It was decided that the Area II will be meeting 3 times per year with a rotational schedule in regards to the meeting place. It was also determined that the JPB will be meeting before the Area II meetings, which will tie our hands in regards to joining Area II or not.
3. Cost Share Payment Approvals – MSC by Dahmen/Stangl to approve payments for:

a. #19-08	Dan Deering	FWB	\$517.21
b. #20-08	Kathy Nelson	FWB	\$217.25
c. #28-08	Wes Winscher	WB/SB	\$324.61
d. #34-08	Ron Woltjer	FWB	\$1296.75
e. #36-08	Gerald Kapsner	Waterway	\$781.71
f. #40-08	Larry Sassen	FSB	\$389.53
g. #41-08	Dale Doucette	Well Sealing	\$212.50

NEW BUSINESS:

1. State Cost Share Applications: MSC by Holmgren/Stangl to table the following until the next meeting until more information is made available.
 - a. David Stumpf – well decommissioning
2. Area II Membership – MSC Stangl/Holmgren to only join Area II if we are not required to join the state association.
3. Central MN SWCD Joint Powers Board – Marvin shared that the old JPB has been dissolved and that under the new JPB Stearns will be handling the financials. Helen had shared how much money will be transferred over to the new entity. Since the district used the JPB engineers regularly the resolution was signed by both Anez and Dahmen to join the new entity. Anez appointed Stangl to serve on the new JPB.
4. Ob Well Agreement – MSC by Dahmen/Stangl to sign the agreement.
5. Water Plan Update – Jenni shared that the scoping document had been emailed/mailed to all the taskforce members for review before the June 30th deadline. The next meeting is set for Wednesday, July 8th to start working on the water plan rewrite.
6. Vern Scherping Tour – Alan shared that it was very well attended tour. He also shared that this system is nothing like the Hennen system that was visited on the conservation tour. About every 30 seconds sand will be spilled out where it will dry or can be used right away again.

Meeting adjourned at 10:23 a.m.

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