

Morrison SWCD Board Meeting

Thursday, March 26th

8:00 a.m.

Present: Supervisors Dahmen, Brutscher, Anez, Stangl, and Holmgren.
Staff: McLennan, Ringwelski, Zapzalka, and Rasinski.

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

Treasurer's Report: MSC Stangl/Dahmen to approve as presented. Jenni presented and explained the year end report. The district honored her afterwards with a cake and flowers marking her 10 year anniversary with the district.

Staff Reports: Helen reported on the changes with the zoning office and the agreement with the county to accept the responsibility of the Local Water Plan update and events for 2009 with it to be reconsidered in 2010. She also had attended the Planning Commission meeting where several ordinance revisions were presented. Lance and Helen attended WCA training and there were some rules changes for ag exemptions and further sequencing required.

Alan shared that the Brian Sams project would require a variance and will be constructed right away in the spring. He is also working with Treve Sauer. Tree week will be April 20-25th.

Terry explained the Freedom of Information Act and what NRCS has directed towards sharing of information with the district as well as the public. He and Steve were also developing grazing plans.

Russ Jongewaard entered the meeting at this time.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Land Use Training: Helen and Claude explained some of the requirements and pitfalls of making good land use decisions and some court rulings around the state.
2. Lessard Heritage Council Recommendations: A newspaper article of what was being recommended to the state for funding in 2009 was passed around and the Crane Meadows nor ACUB applications made the cut.
3. Cancellation of Gary Backowski: MSC by Stangl/Dahmen to cancel for the second time #15-08. This practice will not be eligible again since the landowner has not shown good faith in following through.
4. Area 2 Report: The area passed unanimously the recommendation that the Joint Powers staff will become Stearns SWCD employees. There will be a final meeting of the present board in June to dissolve. The next meeting will be June 4th. In Glenwood.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. WCA application denial: Due to the lack of sequencing and not providing a replacement plan, MSC by Holmgren/Dahmen to deny the application.
2. Cost Share Application: MSC by Brutscher/Stangl to approve #33-08 Don Traut for a 380 practice \$389.53.
3. Spring workload was shared and Helen shared that she probably would agree to pick up the extra days for Bethany Fischer.
4. Feedlot Water Quality application: MSC by Dahmen/Brutscher to apply for the maximum funding levels for Bob Kummert and Treve Sauer.
5. Personnel Committee: The committee will meet on April 14th at 9:00 a.m. to conduct the Manager's evaluation.

Meeting adjourned at 9:40 a.m.

Claude Dahmen, Secretary