

## **Morrison SWCD Board Meeting**

**Thursday, March 25<sup>th</sup>, 2010**

**USDA County Offices**

**8:30 a.m.**

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

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

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

Staff Reports: Steve Lutes reported on the EQIP partial awards to date, and hoped that eventually Morrison would see approximately \$1,000,000 of contracts approved. He also presented the Contribution Agreement for Board signature for Treve Sauer and Richard Liffrig, totaling \$11,162.96. Terry Zapzalka has been hired as the Soil Conservationist and now his former tech. position would be posted. The DC position closed on the 24<sup>th</sup> and results should be known in the next few weeks. There is some talk of a general CRP sign up.

Terry said he may be covering Crow Wing County after Mary Jane Reetz's retirement until the position is filled. He explained more about the workload of EQIP.

Alan discussed the well location problems. The Kevin Doucette wetland bank is still in the designing phase resolving some problems with the county road. It should be constructed later this year. The Larry Oman wetland restoration RIM project has some damage and will need to be repaired. There was extensive damage to banks along the Mississippi River due to ice jams. There will be a heavy ag waste work load this summer since we receive news of the FWQ approval.

Helen shared that the hearing before the BWSR LWP Committee will be April 14<sup>th</sup> in Bemidji. Tree pick up days will be April 29-30. She will be serving as the only SWCD representative on the MN Water Sustainability Framework advisory committee, which has been assigned the task of developing a plan for dispersal of the amendment funds through the Clean Water Legacy. Mary Jane Reetz's Open House will be April 29<sup>th</sup> at their Baxter office. There has been a lot of confusion and interest in the Rural Preserve Program and it was creating a lot of traffic in the office.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. RC&D Report – Claude reported that Tastefully Simple had given RC&D a \$15,000 grant for projects in Pope or Douglas Counties. They will be hosting a tour of high tunnel green houses later this year.
2. ACUB Update – Helen stated that a request was made to the National Guard Bureau to expand the REPI so the Nokassippi Wildlife Management Area initiative can go forward. The funding target for this year didn't coincide with the priority list.
3. Area 2 Meeting Report: The district received a 50 year plaque from Colleen Oestrich (NRCS). The district volunteered to host the June 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting and hold a 50 year celebration open house during the afternoon.
4. WCTSA Report – Marvin shared the short discussion of the meeting. Elections were really the only item of business.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Cost Share Applications: MSC by Holmgren/Dahmen to approve the following:

a. #07-09	John Fussy	sediment basins	\$2,500.00
b. #08-09	Robbie Meyer	critical area stab.	\$2,340.00
c. #09-09	Don Koscilniak	380 – trees	\$ 345.01
d. #10-09	Treve Sauer	380 – trees	\$ 278.43
e. #11-09	Richard Weaver	SLR	\$2,500.00
f. #12-09	Larry Killeaney	380 – trees	\$ 488.22
g. #13-09	Ernie Oldakowski	SLR	\$2,500.00
h. #14-09	Ron Borash	380 – trees	\$ 301.87
i. #15-09	Jim Hilmerson, Jr.	380 – trees	\$1354.01
2. Personnel Policy Handbook update: Helen asked for direction to begin updating the District's employee policy handbook with a projection of finishing later this year. MSC by Anez/Brutscher to approve the effort.
3. 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration: The VFW has been reserved. Chicken and beef was selected as the Area 2 meal. A cake was ordered in the shape of Morrison County. A list of people were identified to receive a special invitation. Cake and ice cream will be the only refreshments and dairy princesses will be asked to serve the ice cream.

Meeting adjourned at 10:00 a.m.

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Robert Holmgren, Secretary