

MORRISON SWCD BOARD MEETING

Thursday, May 27, 2010

9:00 a.m.

USDA County Offices, Little Falls

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

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

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

Staff Reports: Helen shared the Tech report. The Geo-atlas is well underway in the well identification. Planning and Zoning staff and our office are tackling the well logs. The Kevin Doucette bank survey, design, and plans are underway. The TEP has to approve the application before the construction can begin but some pipe work is underway across the road. The Larry Omann RIM wetland restoration design is nearly done and funds will be requested from BWSR for repair. The Kevin Poster sed basins and terraces will start this fall. The survey is done and WCTSA is doing the design. The Weaver shoreline restoration is a unique design of pounding oak stumps into the bottom of the bank. We will film that project and monitor it for success. The FWQ grant was received so now the ag waste work can begin. Alan assisted with the Envirothon. WCA calls are becoming fairly frequent. Tree certification had been completed but not all landowners had submitted their vouchers.

Terry stated that they were working with ag waste designs on Richard Liffrog and Harold Ley. WCTSA is designing those structures. They also finished the tillage checks so landowner can receive their payments. CSP is a continuous enrollment but current applications will be ranked on June 11th.

Steve stated that an additional \$500,000 had been received for EQIP making our county's total approximately 1.5 million dollars this year. Over 100 applications had been received for CSP so the workload would be considerable.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. RC & D – No report this month
2. Water Plan Update: Helen stated that the BWSR Board should have approved the LWP May 16th and when the final approval came back, the county board would need to take official action approving the implementation of the plan.
 - a. Lake and River Day was being planned for July 24th which will include presentations by the SWCD, DNR Waters, Fisheries, and Enforcement, TNC, MPCA, MDH, Anglers for Habitat. It will be held at the Scandia Valley Town Hall from 9:00 a.m. until 12:30 p.m.
3. Area 2 Meeting & 50th Anniversary update: Helen shared the details of the event and all board members will be there to host. It is being held at the VFW in Little Falls, following the Area 2 meeting. Hours are from 1:30 p.m. – 4 p.m. Invitations had been sent, an ad in the paper, and radio announcements.
4. Tree Program Summary: The tree program was successful in how it was handled, but down by over 50% from previous years in profit. Helen said she would pick the brains of

other counties to see if there's something they can improve upon. However, it appears to be a trend of the economy.

5. ACUB Report: Helen shared that a meeting will be held June 10 with BWSR and Camp Ripley to discuss the Lessard Heritage funds and a possible revision in riparian properties payment rates.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. BWSR Budget Reductions: Helen shared the letter from BWSR showing the reduction effects will all be felt this year, due to 2010 money already distributed.
2. State Cost Share Payment Approvals: MSC by Holmgren/ Anez to approve.
 - a. #05-09 Jeramie Mrozek \$312.46 FWB
 - b. #06-09 Don Meyer \$356.80 FSB
 - c. #10-09 Treve Sauer \$278.43 FSB
 - d. #12-09 Larry Killeaney \$474.17 FWB
 - e. #13-09 Ernie Oldakowski \$2250.00 Streambank Restoration
 - f. #15-09 Jim Hilmerson \$1276.04 FWB
 - g. #16-09 Alex Warzecha \$1249.87 FWB
 - h. #17-09 Crystal Wenner \$941.38 FSB
 - i. #20-09 Gerald Thoma \$793.23 FWB
3. Supervisor filings: Dahmen and Stangl had already filed.
4. Planning Commission Report: Don and Helen shared the controversy regarding the cell towers with guy-wire support and the problem it creates for birds. One tower by Lake Alexander had been postponed. Another commercial zoning property had also been denied.
5. WCA Report: Helen shared the problem with an access road request for a landowner in Pulaski Township. The office is assisting the selection of an access that minimizes the impact to wetlands.

Don Meyer stated that there were a lot of complaints about the Ron Rinkel mud run and its perceived impact to wetlands. Helen shared that the wetlands had been delineated and the mud run was actually in a created basin that was dug on upland.

Meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

Robert Holmgren, Secretary