

The Board of Supervisors of the Kandiyohi Soil and Water Conservation District held its monthly meeting on Tuesday, January 19, 2010 in the Ag Service Center.

Chairman Hanson called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

Present were: Kevin Clough, Doug Hanson, Sherman Mankell, Roger Rasmussen and Terry Schaefer. Also present were Mary Oslund, District Manager, Rick Reimer, Program Coordinator, Ryan Peterson, RIM Coordinator, Steve Smith, Soil Conservation Tech, and Representatives Paul Anderson and Al Juhnke.

Chairman Hanson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Vouchers were prepared.

Chairman Hanson welcomed Representatives Paul Anderson and Al Juhnke.

Summary of Activities for 2009 and the 2010 SWCD Guidebook updates were handed out.

Roger Rasmussen entered at 10:10 a.m.

Peterson gave a power point presentation showing a variety of projects including: rain gardens, shoreline stabilization, native prairie seedings, windbreaks, local filter fabric program, control of invasive species, wetland restorations, waterways, ag waste system and erosion control projects.

Hanson gave a brief overview of Soil and Water Conservation Districts (SWCD) including: Board members are elected officials, programs, grants, projects and funding.

Representative Juhnke reported on the following: 2010 is a bonding year, budget deficits, Grass Lake, invasive species programs, Legislative Days with SWCD's, banking issues, education, and unemployment.

Representative Anderson reported on the following: pilot project in Wisconsin for obtaining permits, Conservation Reserve Program (CRP), private vendors, and emerald ash borer.

Hanson thanked Representatives Anderson and Juhnke for attending our meeting.

Secretary's Report was presented. Motion by Rasmussen, second by Clough to approve the minutes of the regular meeting on December 15, 2009. Voting in the affirmative were Clough, Hanson, Mankell, Rasmussen and Schaefer. Motion carried.

Clough read through the bills for reviewal and payment and presented the Treasurer's Report. Motion by Mankell, second by Schaefer to accept the Treasurer's Report and pay the outstanding bills as listed in the agenda. Voting in the affirmative were Clough, Hanson, Mankell, Rasmussen and Schaefer. Motion carried.

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Reorganization of the Board was held. Motion by Schaefer, second by Mankell for all Board Officers to remain in their same Board positions for 2010. Discussion was held. Voting in the affirmative were Clough, Hanson, Mankell, Rasmussen and Schaefer. Motion carried.

Hanson appointed Rasmussen to serve on the Personnel Committee with him for 2010.

There were not any contracts and agreements to approve.

Discussion was held on the Annual Plan. Motion by Clough, second by Schaefer to approve the 2010 Annual Plan. Discussion was held. Voting in the affirmative were Clough, Hanson, Mankell, Rasmussen and Schaefer. Motion carried.

Oslund presented the NRCS Report including: Jessica Weis, Soil Conservationist has been detailed to Buffalo; Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP) update; Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) audit; EQIP Local Work Group Meeting was held 1/6/10; informational EQIP mailing; and there will be an EQIP sign up in February.

Oslund's District Report included: MASWCD handouts; MASWCD dues; Legislative Days are scheduled for 2/17-18/10; Prairie Country RC&D Annual Meeting is 2/10/10; Rural Preserves Property Tax Program; Area II Meeting is 3/18/10 in Alexandria; Area II Envirothon; banking; copier agreement; IRS mileage rate for 2010 is \$0.50/mile; W-2's; end of year financial reports; e-LINK reporting is completed; GSA wage scale cost of living increase is 1.5%; and 2010 is an election for Districts II and V.

Motion by Clough, second by Mankell to pay 2010 MASWCD dues in the amount of \$2,750. Discussion was held. Voting in the affirmative were Clough, Hanson, Mankell, Rasmussen and Schaefer. Motion carried.

Motion by Clough, second by Schaefer to donate \$150 to the Area II Envirothon fund. Discussion was held. Voting in the affirmative were Clough, Hanson, Mankell, Rasmussen and Schaefer. Motion carried.

Motion by Rasmussen, second by Clough to designate all banks in the county to be used for SWCD business and authorize the District Manager to conduct all transactions on behalf of the SWCD. Discussion was held. Voting in the affirmative were Clough, Hanson, Mankell, Rasmussen and Schaefer. Motion carried.

Motion by Schaefer, second by Clough to enter into a Copier Agreement with Ed Davis Business Machines in the amount of \$427.50. Discussion was held. Voting in the affirmative were Clough, Hanson, Mankell, Rasmussen and Schaefer. Motion carried.

Rasmussen asked Mankell to attend the Prairie Country RC&D Annual Meeting for him. He also reported the Hawk Creek Watershed Project Annual Meeting is 2/3/10 and the RC&D Annual State Meeting will be in St. Cloud.

Hanson's Chairman's Report included: EQIP Local Work Group Meeting; and legislative platform.

Clough gave an update on the rain garden display.

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The next regular meeting will be held February 16, 2010 at 10 a.m. in the Ag Service Center.

Motion by Rasmussen, second by Clough to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 11:41 a.m.

Sherman Mankell, Acting Secretary