

**Isanti Conservation District
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**REGULAR SUPERVISORS MEETING
ISANTI CONSERVATION DISTRICT OFFICE
CAMBRIDGE, MN 55008**

**06-16-09
8:00 A. M.**

The regular supervisor's meeting was called to order by Chairman, Wayne Calander.

ATTENDANCE:

Present: Wayne Calander, Ray Marsh, Ryan Carpenter, Brian Devries and Al Koczur

Staff Present: Mark DeMuth, Annette Swanson and Josh Bork

Others Present: Kevin Daw, Larry Southerland and Jason Weinerman

SECRETARIES REPORT:

Minutes of the regular board meeting held May 19, 2009 were reviewed. M/S Koczur, Marsh to approve the minutes as sent out.

Affirmative: Devries, Calander, Koczur, Carpenter and Marsh

Opposed: None

Motion Carried.

TREASURER'S REPORTS:

The monthly treasurer's report was presented for the Board's review. M/S Carpenter, Devries to approve the treasurer's report and pay all bills due and payable.

Affirmative: Devries, Calander, Koczur, Carpenter and Marsh

Opposed: None

Motion Carried.

STAFF REPORT:

The MASWCD Finance Committee and Board of Directors both reviewed the Districts financial information and granted the Isanti Conservation District a designation of "hardship" and accepted \$1,375 as a 2008/2009 dues payment, which is one half the original dues.

M/S Koczur, Devries to accept the Agreement for Ground Water Level Monitoring Program. The District shall measure the water level in a total of 5 non-irrigation observation wells at an interval of once monthly. Monitoring results shall be submitted to MN DNR-Division of Waters. Agreement shall be in effect July 1, 2009 thru June 30, 2010.

Affirmative: Devries, Calander, Koczur, Carpenter and Marsh

Opposed: None

Motion Carried

M/S Koczur, Carpenter to approve the 2009 State of Minnesota Erosion, Sediment Control, or Water Quality Improvements Native Buffer Grant Agreement for Isanti County Parks FY-2009-01. Assistance to establish and/or maintain restored native prairie and restored prairie using seeds of local ecotype not to exceed \$44,156.00 or 75%.

Affirmative: Devries, Calander, Koczur, Carpenter and Marsh
Opposed: None
Motion Carried

A resolution passed at last December's MASWCD convention called for realignment of Area Boundaries and acknowledged a process that reduced the number of Non-Point Engineering Assistance Program (NPEAP) Technical Service Areas (TSAs) from 11 to 8; and called for the TSA boundaries to be aligned with the Area boundaries. The result of this action calls for the need to amend the existing Joint Powers Agreement of the Association of the Metropolitan Soil and Water Conservation Districts (AMSWCD) to include four additional Soil and Water Conservations Districts (Chisago, Isanti, Sherburne, and Wright SWCD's).

M/S Devries, Marsh to join into the AMSWCD Joint Powers Board through the amended Joint Powers Agreement.

Affirmative: Devries, Calander, Koczur, Carpenter and Marsh
Opposed: None
Motion Carried

The District received on half of year 2009 County Appropriation. The second half of the appropriation is uncertain at this time. The County is awaiting an unallotment announcement from the State of Minnesota. This unallotment will quite likely affect future appropriation amounts.

M/S Koczur, Devries to approve the application received by the board to replace a failed septic system thru the AgBMP (Best management loan Program) thru Agstar in Isanti Twp. Sec. 5. These loans provide for projects that reduce existing water quality problems caused by agricultural activities or failing septic system. The application will be sent on to Kanabec County for further approval.

Affirmative: Devries, Calander, Marsh, Carpenter and Koczur
Opposed: None
Motion Carried

JASON WEINERMAN, BOARD CONSERVATIONIST, BWSR:

Weinerman was in attendance to discuss the financial condition of the District. With the recent financial challenges in the District including the delay of the county transfer and the loss of revenue from tree sales, BWSR would like to offer the district the opportunity to participate in a District Assessment.

M/S Koczur, Devries to table the decision to participate in the Assessment until the next District Board Meeting.

Affirmative: Devries, Calander, Marsh, Carpenter and Koczur
Opposed: None
Motion Carried

KEVIN DAW, AREA CONSERVATIONIST:

Daw gave the District an update on all programs including the Conservation Stewardship program having an expected fall sign-up. He also answered some question regarding leasing for the Board.

DISTRICT CONSERVATIONIST:

Josh Bork, District Conservationist

See attached report.

RC&D Report:

See attached report.

June 25 meeting will be held in Chisago County.

2009 Annual Summer Conference will be held July 29 thru July 30 at the Cloquet Forestry Center.

IMPACT 6 Report:

See attached report.

Appoint someone to represent Isanti Conservation District at meetings.

ADJOURN:

M/S Koczur, Carpenter to adjourn the meeting at 9:30 A.M.

Affirmative: Devries, Calander, Marsh, Carpenter and Koczur

Opposed: None

Motion carried.

Ray Marsh

Board Secretary