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October 19, 2010
Regular Board Meeting Minutes

The Board meeting of the Isanti Conservation District was held in the District office on October 19, 2010. Chairman Calander called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

ATTENDANCE:

Board Members Present: Ryan Carpenter, Wayne Calander, Ray Marsh and Al Koczur
Staff Present: Mark DeMuth, Annette Swanson and Josh Bork
Absent: Brian Devries

SECRETARIES REPORT:

Minutes of the regular board meeting held September 21, 2010 were reviewed. Motion/Seconded Koczur, Carpenter to approve the minutes as sent out.

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

TREASURER'S REPORTS:

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

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

STAFF REPORT:

DeMuth discussed the purchase of a new John Deere Drill with board members. Price of a new drill would be approx. \$30,000. Trade in value for district drill at \$16,000 or have John Deere sell district drill for us at \$20,000. Will check on availability and financing. Table any decision until November board meeting.

Supervisors were updated regarding the Rural Preserve Property Tax Program. The County Assessor's office did a mailing to property owners regarding the changes in the Green Acres program.

The proposed 2010 resolution process and balloting were discussed. Each year, the Minnesota Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts (MASWCD) membership utilizes the resolutions process as a means of voicing concerns or opinions to influence change with regard to natural resource conservation policy and funding issues.

Resolutions are initiated at the local, grassroots level and must pass at the local SWCD board level by a majority vote to move forward to the Area level and on to the State level.

Upon the MASWCD Board's review, the packet goes out to member districts for the statewide pre-balloting process. Each local SWCD supervisor who is a voting member of the association is eligible to vote once on each resolution to approve, disapprove or bring to the floor of the Annual Convention for discussion or amendment. Ballots are sent back to the MASWCD office to be tallied.

Those resolutions which move forward as a result of the pre-balloting process are addressed during the business meeting portion of the MASWCD Annual Convention. Resolutions voted on from the convention floor require a majority vote for passage.

When a resolution passes, either through the pre-balloting process or on the convention floor, it then becomes MASWCD policy to support that resolution.

Reminder: Today October 19-The District Supervisors will hold a special meeting at the Isanti County Government Center with the County Commissioners followed by a tour of District items of interest in the County.

District history was discussed—Original records documenting the origin of the District were copied and handed out to supervisors at meeting. The District became a legal subdivision of the State Government operating under a charter issued by the Secretary of State on July 12, 1963.

DISTRICT CONSERVATIONIST:

Josh Bork, District Conservationist
See attached report.

RC&D REPORT:

Next meeting, Thursday October 28th in Carlton County.

ADJOURN:

Motion/Seconded Koczur, Marsh to adjourn the meeting at 9:10 A.M.

Affirmative: Calander, Carpenter, Marsh and Koczur

Opposed: None

Motion carried.

Ray Marsh
Board Secretary