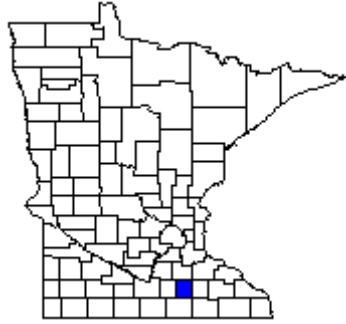


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 SOIL and WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICTS**

The regular monthly meeting of the Steele County Soil and Water Conservation District Board of Supervisors was called to order by Chairman Dan Hansen at 7:05 p.m. on Wednesday, October 19, 2011 at the Conservation Office located at 235 Cedardale Drive SE, Owatonna, MN.

<u>SWCD Supervisors Present:</u>	<u>SWCD Staff Present:</u>	<u>Others Present:</u>	<u>Absent:</u>
Dan Hansen, Chrnm.	Sue Condon		
Mark Ihlenfeld, Treasurer	Dan Arndt		
Dave Melby, Sec.	Eric Gulbransen		
Kyle Wolfe, Vice-Chrnm.			
James Klecker, Reporter			

The October agenda was reviewed and stays as it stands.

The September minutes were sent to the Supervisors prior to the meeting. Motion was made by Klecker, seconded by Melby to approve the minutes as written. Motion was carried by voice vote.

The September Treasurer’s Report (see attached) was read by Ihlenfeld. Motion was made by Melby, seconded by Wolfe to approve the September Treasurer’s Report. Motion was carried by voice vote.

Bills: (see attached.) Motion was made by Wolfe, seconded by Klecker to approve paying the bills as listed. Motion was carried by voice vote.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

1. Area 7 MASWCD Fall Meeting, Sept. 20<sup>th</sup>: Attending was Ihlenfeld, Gulbransen and Condon. They reported on what was discussed during the supervisor’s MASWCD meeting and the employees meeting, which was held in the afternoon. Discussion followed.
2. RIM 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration, Sept. 21<sup>st</sup>: Hansen, Ihlenfeld, Melby, and Wolfe attended as did staff. There were over 170 in attendance. Agency and elected officials spoke. It was held on the Jim Killen site in the Straight River Marsh project area. Arndt thanked the supervisors for attending and welcoming the visitors.
3. Clean Water Fund Grant Applications – with Cannon River Watershed Project Prioritization: Arndt reviewed the grant. All 10 Districts in SE MN applied (Freeborn was not eligible). Goodhue SWCD initiated the grant. This grant will focus on best management practices to prevent runoff.

Another grant was applied for by D. Waldschmidt, Farm Bill Technician for Steele and Rice SWCDs through the Clean Water Legacy Fund. The grant will be in the amount of \$42,000 and we should know by Dec. 1<sup>st</sup>. The grant will be used to identify where structures are needed throughout the counties.

4. Ihlenfeld attended a RC & D meeting, October 17<sup>th</sup> in Rochester: Nineteen people were in attendance. John Beckworth (past NRCS DC) was hired part-time to supervise RC & D projects that need to be completed. They reviewed projects in the area.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Arndt passed out the 2011 MASWCD Resolutions to the supervisors. Must be turned in to Condon by October 26<sup>th</sup>.
2. Arndt passed out the information on the 2011 MASWCD convention to the supervisors. Supervisors are to call Condon by October 31<sup>st</sup>, so she can complete the registration.
3. County Water Plan Public Hearing, October 25<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.: Arndt stated that there will be a meeting to review the amendment for the 10 year Water Plan for Steele County. Wolfe will plan to attend.
4. Other: none.

Staff: Condon reported that the 2012 calendar is coming along very nicely.

Gulbransen reported on his progress on monitoring WRP easements.

Arndt reported that the District has signed a contribution agreement with NRCS in the amount of \$19,000 for monitoring 34 WRP easements.

Arndt also handed out a compiled report on what other Districts in the area are receiving from their counties. Discussion followed.

Motion was made to adjourn by Wolfe, seconded by Klecker at 8:45 p.m. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned. The next board meeting will be November 9th.

Respectfully Submitted By:



Sue Condon, District Administrative Secretary