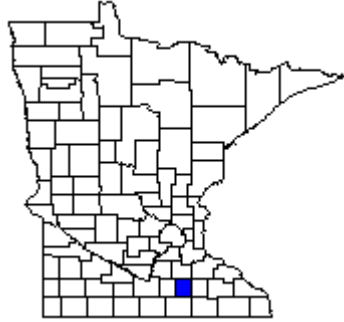


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**MINNESOTA
 SOIL and WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICTS**

The regular monthly meeting of the Steele County Soil and Water Conservation District Board of Supervisors was called to order by Chairman Kyle Wolfe at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, April 10, 2013 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>
Kyle Wolfe, Chrnm.	Dan Arndt	Bruce Kubicek, Commissioner	
Dave Melby, Vice-Chrnm	Sue Condon		
Mark Ihlenfeld, Secretary	Eric Gulbransen		
James Klecker, Treasurer			
Dan Hansen, Reporter			

The April agenda was reviewed. No adjustment to be made.

The March minutes were mailed to the Supervisors to be reviewed. Motion was made by Hansen, seconded by Melby to approve the minutes as written. Motion was carried by voice vote.

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

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

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Cover Crop Meeting, March 22nd: Arndt, Gulbransen, Smith and Melby attended the meeting held at the Community Center. Dave Robinson was the speaker. He was from Indiana and he spoke on the benefits of cover crops. We will put on the e-links on our web page to the pages for cover crops: <http://plantcovercrops.com/> and <http://mcccddev.anr.msu.edu/VertIndex.php> which is a tool to help determine what type of cover you need and when to plant it.
2. RC & D: Ihlenfeld and Commissioner Kubicek attended by meeting on March 25th. They reviewed on-going projects. They also reviewed the Certainty Program and the process to come certified.
3. Easement Owners Workshop, March 26th: Gulbransen reported that this meeting was held at the Ellendale Community Center with about 25 people in attendance. Chad Billat, Ducks Unlimited; Shawn Fischer, DNR; and Gulbransen spoke on programs for invasive species and setting up plans for burning on easements.
4. Other: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Tree Distribution, April 26th: Discussion. Moved by Melby, seconded by Klecker to hire part-time help for the week. Condon will see if we can get volunteers again to check in customers.
2. Student Tree Planting Day, May 9th: Discussion. Any Supervisors that can help with the student would be appreciated. The planting will be done on the R. Krell farm near Blooming Prairie. There will be approximately 50 students from Blooming Prairie.
3. 2013 Fair Booth Lease Agreement, \$115: Motion made by Klecker, seconded by Hansen to approve paying this bill. Carried by voice vote.
4. SE MASWCD Spring Meeting: there will not be one this year.
5. Other: Commissioner Kubicek reported that the MN Congress are working on a bill where government agencies would not have to pay sales tax on items purchased. Kubicek acknowledged the letter on the soil ordinance received from the District.

Agency Reports: None.

Staff Reports: Arndt reported on the Giesha Model being done by the DNR on Maple Creek. Arndt stated that the RIM Buffer Grant would now include buffers on creeks that are located on existing CRP contracts. Farmers would receive money after RIM Buffer is recorded. District received an OK from BWSR to use cost-share money for projects or technical time.

Gulbransen reported that he is busy with trees, projects and reviewing resumes for the Conservation Corp intern for the summer.

Condon reported that the SE Envirothon is on May 8th. We have 2 teams from Medford High School and 1 team from the Owatonna High School. Vern Wilker and Condon will be judges at the competition. Arndt will be an alternative.

Motion was made by Klecker, seconded by Melby to adjourn at 7:55 p.m. the meeting. Motion carried.

Submitted by Sue Condon, District Admin. Sec.