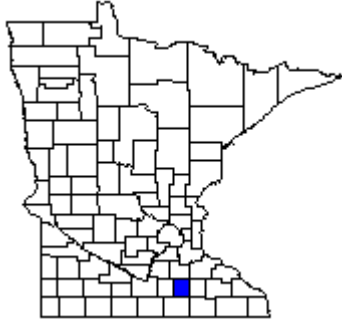


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 SOIL and WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICTS**

The regular monthly meeting of the Steele County Soil and Water Conservation District Board of Supervisors was called to order by Chairman Kyle Wolfe at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, July 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.		Bruce Kubicek, Commissioner	Dan Arndt
Dave Melby, Vice-Chrnm	Sue Condon	Jim Smith, NRCS	Noel Frank
Mark Ihlenfeld, Secretary	Eric Gulbransen	William (Willy) Storm	
James Klecker, Treasurer			
Dan Hansen, Reporter			

Wolfe welcomed and introduced our intern Willy Storm to supervisors.

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

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

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

Bills: (see attached.) sample of Outstanding Conservation Farmer sign was shown. Motion was made by Melby, seconded by Klecker to approve paying the bills as listed. Motion was carried by voice vote.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. SE MASWCD meeting, June 20th – Resolutions meeting: Arndt and Ihlenfeld attended. Ihlenfeld reviewed the eleven resolutions, of which 9 were approved and sent on the MASWCD. None were submitted by Steele Co. SWCD this year.
2. Wolfe reported attending the CRWP meeting on July 8th in Northfield. He stated that their fiscal financial status is in good shape. The CRWP is looking into the project of incorporating more shore land buffers along the Straight River. There are approximately 41 acres of potential upland shore land acres in Steele County only the Straight River. Discussion followed as to how that would be done.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. 2013 MASWCD Convention Plans: Convention will be December 1-3, 2013 at the Double Tree Hotel in Bloomington. Arndt and Ihlenfeld will be on the planning committee. An opportunity for area involvement list was passed around. Discussion followed on Steele Co. SWCD's donations to the silent and live auctions. Supervisors will be collecting donations during the next month. Contributors will be recognized in the calendar, newsletter, and web site, and at the auction. Supervisors were also asked for suggestions for the main speaker.
2. Gulbransen handed out the NRCS's Fact sheet on "Cover Crops to Improve Soil in Prevented Planting Fields." Discussion followed. This fact sheet is also on our web site.
3. 2013 Outstanding Conservationists: List was passed out to supervisors. Discussion followed. Motion was made by Hansen, seconded by Klecker to approve purchasing plaques for these winners:
Outstanding Conservation farmer for 2013 will be Mark Ditlevson- Blooming Prairie Twp.
Outstanding Windbreak Conservationist for 2013 will be Mark Hanson- Berlin Twp.
Outstanding Wildlife Conservationist for 2013 will be Doug Pichner- Owatonna Twp.

Motion was carried by voice vote.

These winners will be honored at the Livestock Hall of Fame on the Tuesday of the fair. Melby will follow up with fair staff as to the time.

4. Other: Condon reported that the next MASWCD employee and supervisor meeting will be held on Monday, September 16th at the Eagle Bluff Learning Center in Lanesboro, MN.

Agency Reports: Commissioner Kubicek reported on the County Ditch #21 viewers report. He also stated that there will be an overlay project starting July 15th on highway 35 from Hope to Faribault, closing the 26th St. and Clinton Falls ramps.

Smith reported on the CP39, Farmable Wetland, where tile is put in to make a wetland wetter. He also reported on the Certainty Program and stated that the CRP is underway.

Staff Reports: Gulbransen reported on the monitoring of 7 WRP easements and 20 RIM easements. He also stated that he and Storm just completed planting about 90 prairie plugs in pots and put in the ground in the office prairie. (This is in case of the probability of moving the office.)

Motion was made by Klecker, seconded by Hansen to adjourn at 8:40 p.m. the meeting. Motion carried.

Submitted by
Sue Condon, District Admin. Sec.