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State Director's Meeting – January 29, 2009 Held at the Stearns County USDA Service Center

MEETING ATTENDEES:

Area 1 – Tanya Hanson, Red Lake SWCD
Old Area 2 – Craig Lingen, Wilkin SWCD
New Area 2 – Matt Solemsaas, Stevens SWCD
Old Area 3 – Casey Thiel, Chisago SWCD
New Area 3 – Brad Matlack, Carlton SWCD
Area 4 – Felicia Brockoff, Carver SWCD
Area 5 – absent
Old Area 6 – Rick Reimer, Kandiyohi SWCD
Area 7 – Anne Kohila, Fillmore SWCD and Skip Langer, Olmsted SWCD
Area 8 – Anne Oldakowski, Wadena SWCD
BWSR – Brad Wozney
MASWCD – Sheila Vanney

Call to order - The meeting was called to order by President Rick Reimer at 10:00 A.M.

Agenda Approval – Rick added “Committee Appointments” under number 6, Elections of Officers. Motion was made by Craig Lingen, seconded by Felicia Brockoff to approve the agenda as amended. Motion carried unanimously.

Secretary's Report – Motion was made by Tanya Hanson, seconded by Anne Oldakowski to approve the September 30, 2008 minutes as printed. Motion carried unanimously.

Treasurer's Report – Anne Kohila reported the current balance of MACDE funds (as of January 27, 2009) is \$14,837.71. Anne also provided us with the 2008 Budget, Raffle Expense sheet, Raffle prize winners, Area Training Funds sheet, Early Bird winners, and the current Membership List. Motion was made by Craig Lingen, seconded by Tanya Hanson to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Introduction of Directors – Everyone introduced themselves and the area they represent.

Elections of Officers – Rick called for nominations:

- President – Craig Lingen moved, Tanya Hanson seconded to appoint Felicia Brockoff. Motion carried unanimously.
- Vice President – Felicia Brockoff moved, Anne Oldakowski seconded to appoint Tanya Hanson. Motion carried unanimously.
- Secretary – Felicia Brockoff moved, Tanya Hanson seconded to appoint Anne Oldakowski. Motion carried unanimously.
- Treasurer – Brad Matlack moved, Felicia Brockoff seconded to appoint Skip Langer. Motion carried unanimously.

Committee Appointments:

BWSR – Felicia
NRCS State Technical Committee – Brad
MASWCD – Felicia

Budget 2009 – Tabled until end of agenda.

Summer Session – Do we combine this training with BWSR? The BWSR staff had recently met and it sounded like they may have another “Academy of the North” this fall. It was noted that it would work better to have it in February as the last academy had conflicts with other trainings. We agreed to hold off on a summer session for now and look to partnering with BWSR for training events.

Area Realignment – We briefly discussed who is affected by the changes. Wilkin is now in Area 1 instead of 2, Kandiyohi is now in Area 2 instead of 6, and Chisago is now in Area 4 instead of 3. It is unknown right now who will represent Area 6. We were reminded to continue working with the NRCS Area Offices that we previously worked with.

Legislative Initiatives – Legislative Days will be held Feb. 23-24 in St. Paul. Sheila encouraged us to give input into the Lessard Outdoor Heritage Council and the Clean Water Council on how the new sales tax funds should be spent.

State Directory for NACD – Rick gave Felicia a letter from NCDEA asking for an updated digital state staff directory. By providing this information, we will receive \$200 for our employees association.

Web Charges – These have increased to \$714.14. Felicia will talk with Brian Watson (Dakota SWCD) about this. We plan to continue to keep our website as updated as possible and if you have any ideas on how to make it better, please contact Felicia.

Agency Reports – 1) MASWCD – Sheila asked if we wanted to continue providing the scholarship for the Summer NACD Legislative Conference. We unanimously agreed to offer this scholarship again, amount set at \$2,000. SWCD email address changes – let Sheila know if yours have changed. There will be a new supervisor orientation possibly in August. The Leadership Group will be heading to Washington D.C. in March for one of their sessions.
2) BWSR – Brad stated that they will be looking for more specifics in our annual plans and not just copying items from past years. The Leadership Group will be developing a white paper on sharing technical and administrative duties between SWCDs. In the future, districts may have to be willing to share staff.

Budget 2009 – The yearly budget was created, leaving most expense items the same. The major change was a decrease in expenses for the summer session as we will hold off on that this year.

Meeting was adjourned at 12:10 P.M. in a motion made by Tanya Hanson, seconded by Casey Thiel. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Anne Oldakowski, MACDE Secretary
MACDE Area 8 Representative