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## Minnesota Association of Conservation District Employees State Director's Meeting – April 9, 2008 Held at the Stearns County USDA Service Center

### MEETING ATTENDEES:

Area 1 – Tanya Hanson, Red Lake SWCD  
Area 2 – Craig Lingen, Wilkin SWCD  
Area 3 – Casey Thiel, Chisago SWCD  
Area 4 – Felicia Brockoff, Carver SWCD  
Area 5 – Shelly Lewis, Murray SWCD  
Area 6 – Rick Reimer, Kandiyohi SWCD  
Area 7 – None  
Area 8 – None  
BWSR – Steve Woods, Assistant Director  
BWSR - Don Buckhout, Performance Review & Assistance  
MASWCD – Sheila Vanney, Assistant Director

Call to order – The meeting was called to order by President, Rick Reimer at 10:10 AM.

Agenda Approval – Motion was made by Craig Lingen, seconded by Tanya Hanson to approve the April 9, 2008 Agenda as printed. Motion carried unanimously.

Secretary's Report – Motion was made by Tanya Hanson, seconded by Shelly Lewis to approve the February 19, 2008 meeting Minutes as printed. Motion carried unanimously.

Treasurer's Report – Anne previously emailed the Treasurer's Report as of April 8, 2008, as she was unable to attend the meeting today. The current balance of MACDE funds is \$17,725.78. Motion was made by Craig Lingen, seconded by Shelly Lewis to approve MACDE Treasurer's Report as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

MACDE Scholarship to NACD Legislative Conference – Rick reported that two employees have expressed an interest in attending the Legislative Conference under the \$2,000 Scholarship that is being offered. Matt Solemsaas from Stevens SWCD, and Karen Carlsrud from Clay SWCD. Felicia will send out another email to all the MACDE members, to see if anyone else is interested before the May 1 deadline.

Rick also reported that he has received about 6 applications for the Extraordinary Contribution Award. This will also be included in Felicia's email to MACDE members.

Summer Conference – Rick reported that he has toured Breezy Point and feels the facility will work great. The costs for Breezy Point will be \$250 per person for double occupancy, and \$375 per person for single occupancy. This total includes all the meals and breaks, as well as the lodging. Breezy Point also is offering to do a cookout and campfire on Monday and Tuesday evenings, which staff can bring their families to as well. It was decided that a \$25 fee to MACDE will also be collected, to cover costs associated with speakers.

The Board chose the following mini-sessions: State cost-share closeouts to be held on Monday afternoon, Forestry, Grant writing for Clean Water Legacy monies, TMDL's, RIM/CRP. Don Buckhout will also give a presentation on Wednesday morning on the Performance Review and Assistance program. Speakers will be contacted.

Agency Reports – Steve Woods reported that the Governor has signed the bonding bill, which includes significant appropriations for RIM funding to help in south-eastern Minnesota with flood damage. He also reported that Jim Lemmerman will be retiring May 2, and that Greg Larson may retire in November. He reported that Winona State University has developed soils maps with many different layers for British Petroleum (BP), and that a partnership is being sought for BWSR to also use those maps, which would be a valuable resource. John Jaschke has done an excellent job with the last legislative session, there are many new programs coming with very fast turn around times.

Sheila Vanney reported that the MASWCD resolutions packet will be sent out shortly. She also stated that Ken Peterson may be giving the MASWCD report at the MACDE summer session in June.

Other –Rick asked other areas what their plan was for the NRCS computer situation. He stated that Area 6 has been frustrated with the leadership from the Supervisors on the issue.

The Summer Session agenda should be finalized yet this month, so it can be sent out to the MACDE members before their May Board meetings.

Meeting was adjourned at 12:15 PM in a motion made by Shelly Lewis, seconded by Tanya Hanson. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Felicia Brockoff". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Felicia Brockoff, MACDE Secretary  
MACDE Area IV Representative