



**Minnesota Association of Conservation District Employees
State Director's Meeting
April 19, 2006
Stearns County USDA Service Center**

Attendance:

Tanya Hanson, Red Lake SWCD (Area 1)
Craig Lingen, Wilkin SWCD (Area 2)
Susan Shaw, Mille Lacs SWCD (Area 3)
Brian Watson, Dakota SWCD (Area 4)
Marlene Molden, Swift SWCD (Area 5)
Rick Reimer, Kandiyohi SWCD (Area 6)
Anne Spanbauer, Filmore SWCD (Area 7)

1. Call to Order:

President Brian Watson called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

2. Agenda Approval:

Motion by Anne Spanbauer, second by Craig Lingen to approve the agenda as presented. All in favor, motion carried.

3. Secretary's Report:

The February 15, 2006 meeting minutes were provided. **Motion by Tanya Hansen, second by Anne Spanbauer to approve the February 15, 2006 minutes as presented. All in favor, motion carried.**

4. Treasurer's Report:

Anne Spanbauer provided the Financial Report. This included transfer of funds from past Treasurer to new account with Anne being now holding the office of Treasurer. Membership revenues for the year were close to \$4,000 which was our annual projection. Limited expenses have been incurred to date but will occur as we prepare for annual meeting and conference. The balance as of April 17, 2006 was \$12,744.76. **Motion by Rick Reimer, second by Susan Shaw to approve the April 17, 2006 Financial Report. All in favor, motion carried.**

5. Annual Meeting and Summer Training Event:

The draft agenda for the 2006 MACDE Annual Meeting and Summer Conference. The business meeting will include Secretaries Report and Treasurer's Report. Both of these items will be included in the attendee's packet and reported on by appropriate Director. The bylaws and dues were discussed with no recommendation to make any changes.

The Extraordinary Contribution Award for 2006 was discussed. For the past two years this award has been given to a MACDE member(s) who has fostered and enhanced the

awareness and capacity of Conservation Districts statewide. Nominations were requested and discussed. **Motion by Craig Lingen, second by Tanya Hanson to present Don Bajumpaa, Wilken SWCD with the 2006 Extraordinary Contribution Award. All in favor, motion carried.**

Brian Watson indicated that he would be contacting the MASWCD, NRCS and BWSR requesting their agency provide updates at our annual meeting.

Marlene Molden provided information regarding the draft conference agenda include lodging, bus transportation and other logistics. It was discussed that meeting and conference information should be sent to District Offices the last week in April.

6. Agency Reports:

There were no representatives from BWSR, NRCS or MASWCD in attendance. Brian Watson stated that Paul Flynn, NRCS representative to MACDE has been detailed to Washington D.C. He also indicated that he will be meeting with Doug Thomas BWSR representative next week to discuss professional development opportunities.

Other:

The next MACDE State Directors meeting was scheduled for 10:00 a.m. on June 27 at Prairie's Edge Casino Resort, Granite Falls. The meeting will be held prior to the Annual Meeting and Conference.

A motion was made by Tanya Hanson, second by Rick Reimer to adjourn the meeting. All in favor, motion carried.