



**Minnesota Association of Conservation District Employees  
State Director's Meeting  
September 17, 2007  
Stearns County, USDA Service Center**

**Attendance:**

Tanya Hanson, Red Lake SWCD (Area I)  
Craig Lingen, Wilken SWCD (Area II)  
Mary Kay Anderson, Pine SWCD (Area 3)  
Felicia Brockoff, Carver SWCD (Area 4)  
Rick Reimer, Kandiyohi SWCD (Area 6)  
Anne Spanbauer, Filmore SWCD (Area 7)  
Karen Anderson, Clearwater SWCD (Area 8)

President Rick Reimer called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

**Agenda Approval:**

The agenda was reviewed and approved as presented.

**Secretary's Report:**

The June 20, 2007 meeting minutes were provided. No changes were provided. **Motion by Tanya Hanson, second by Mary Kay Anderson to approve the June 20, 2007 minutes as presented. All in favor, motion carried.**

**Treasurer's Report:**

Anne Spanbauer provided the current Treasurer's Report with a balance of \$13,122.16.00 as of September 13, 2007. Board discussed fees for the website service provided by Dakota SWCD and the summer conference expenses and membership numbers. **Motion by Felicia Brockoff, second by Karen TeHennepe to approve the September 13, 2007 Treasurer's report. All in favor, motion carried.**

**Summer Conference Recap:**

Expenses for the summer conference were reviewed as well as feedback received from attendees provided through evaluations and MACDE Directors. Evaluations will be posted on the website.

**2008 Summer Conference:**

Location ideas for the summer conference were discussed. Potential sites in Area III and Area VIII were identified. A decision will need to be made by the MASWCD conference at the latest in order to secure a site.

**Leadership Scholarships:**

There is still one person that has not submitted for the scholarship for attending the MASWCD Leadership Program. Felicia will send a notification to that employee. The amount set aside for scholarships in the 2008 MACDE budget was discussed and tabled.

**MASWCD Convention & Trade Show:**

Following discussion the Board agreed to pursue obtaining a booth at the MASWCD Convention trade show for the amount of \$450.00. **A motion was made by Tanya Hanson, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mary Kay Anderson to purchase booth space at the MASWCD Convention Trade Show. Motion carried.**

**MACDE Raffle:**

The ticket sales will end at 12:00 p.m. on Tuesday and the drawing will be held after the Outstanding Conservationist Luncheon. Anne will place the order (3,000 the same as last year) and send out the raffle tickets to SWCD's. Tickets will be asked to be returned to Area Directors or Anne by November 23<sup>rd</sup>. Felicia will make extra signs to be posted stating the new information regarding sales and time of drawing. MACDE 2008 dues must be received by Anne on or before November 23<sup>rd</sup> in order for members to be eligible for the early bird membership drawing.

**NCDEA Update:**

Rick Reimer will no longer be serving on the Forestry Committee. Recipes are being collected for the NACDE cookbook which will be sold at the national convention in Reno. Discussion regarding the new farm bill talks and information to address with legislators regarding workload for NRCS and FSA.

**Other:**

The functionality and usefulness of the current MACDE website and potential updates were discussed. Felicia, Craig and Karen volunteered to work on updates and additional information that would be useful on the site.

Concerns regarding "The Statement of Economic Interest" as expressed by Supervisors were discussed.

The next meeting date will be held during the MASWCD convention on Monday afternoon at 4:30.

**Agency Reports:**

No response from MASWCD and NRCS.

Steve Woods, BWSR has asked for support and input regarding the group that is meeting concerning water accountability & management.

**Adjourn:**

**A motion was made to adjourn by Craig Lingen, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tanya Hanson. All in favor, motion carried.**