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## Minutes of the MACDE 2008 Annual Meeting Held at the Breezy Point Resort, Breezy Point, MN June 23, 2008

### Welcome and Announcements

MACDE President, Rick Reimer, welcomed the attendees and introduced Dave Gravdahl, General Manager of Breezy Point Resort. Dave gave the MACDE meeting attendees a brief history of Breezy Point resort.

### MACDE BUSINESS MEETING

President Rick Reimer called the meeting to order at 1:45 PM. There was an introduction of the 2008 MACDE Board members.

Secretary's Report – The draft minutes from the 2007 annual meeting were provided for all attendees in their registration packets. A motion was made by Felicia Brockoff (Carver) and seconded by Brian Watson (Dakota) to approve the June 26, 2007 MACDE Annual Meeting Minutes as printed. Motion carried unanimously.

Treasurer's Report – The MACDE 2008 Budget and the Treasurer's Report were also provided for all attendees in their registration packet. The MACDE balance as of June 13, 2008 was \$20,081.40. As of the date of the Report, not all of the expenses for the Summer Conference had been submitted. A motion was made by Tanya Hanson (Red Lake SWCD) and seconded by Karen Carlsrud (Clay SWCD) to approve the Treasurer's report as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

### NEW BUSINESS

2007-2008 Highlights – President Rick Reimer reported that \$200 Scholarships would be provided to all MACDE members (those who were members as of June 23, 2008) who are enrolled in the current MASWCD 2008-2009 Leadership Session. Reimbursement requests can be found on the MACDE website ([www.macde.us](http://www.macde.us)) and should be submitted to Anne Spanbauer, MACDE Treasurer. The MACDE Board will continue to contribute \$300 per Area in training requests. A training funds request form is also available on the MACDE website.

The MACDE Board has agreed to fund a \$2,000 scholarship to an employee that was interested in attending the NACD Legislative Conference in July. Pam Tomevi from the Koochiching SWCD was selected as the recipient scholarship.

Reimer also reported that various job fairs have been held at colleges throughout the state, and SWCD's have had a presence at the job fairs. Job postings from SWCD's are also posted on the MACDE website. He stated that MACDE has been producing a newsletter since 1983, have been participating in the Envirothon since 1993, and that MACDE members sit on various committees of MACDE, BWSR, and other agencies.

The MACDE Board of Directors coordinated the 2008 Summer Session, and is asking an Area to step up for next year and host/plan the 2009 event.

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**Goals for 2008-2009** – President Rick Reimer stated that the Board would like to see the MACDE website used more, and have a variety of resources posted on the website for employees to go to. We will continue to work with our partners and keep up the relationships with them. Training and education, both administrative and technical, will continue to be a goal of MACDE. Reimer asked that when MACDE members attend meetings on behalf of MACDE, that an update be sent out to all MACDE members.

**Extraordinary Contribution Award** – Craig Lingen, Wilkin SWCD, was presented with the extraordinary contribution award for 2008. His accomplishments and dedication to the District, and his leadership service on district, county, and state levels, were just some of the reasons he was selected.

## AGENCY REPORTS

**NRCS Report** – No report.

**BWSR Report** – Julie Klocker, Assistant Director, gave the BWSR report. She reported that she previously was employed by the Middle Fork Crow River Watershed District, and the Sauk River Watershed District, and had worked closely with SWCD's in the past.

Julie commended the District's in the southeastern part of the state, for their flood response efforts, and stated that a lot more work will need to be done in the future. She also stated that there is \$25 million for RIM bonding, which is the largest amount that BWSR has seen. BWSR staff is also working on the 2010 open lot agreements, as well as Swampbuster/WCA issues. Trainings are being developed for the native buffers and vegetation cost-share items. Julie also reported that BWSR has identified ten areas that BWSR has identified as future challenges. The included administration, fiscal expertise, communication/education, WCA, engineering, conservation technician expertise, easements, land rights, human resources, and IT issues.

Julie also reported that Conor Donnelly and Michelle Lewis were next door demonstrating the new version of eLINK, and are offering a \$50 gift card for a new name for the system.

**MASWCD Report** – Ken Pedersen, MASWCD President, thanked MACDE for the good partnership between MACDE and MASWCD. He reported on the upcoming NACD legislative conference, and feels that NACD does a good job representing us. Minnesota is number 4 for paying their dues to NACD. Ken is also the chair of the NACD north central region, which covers 8 mid-western states.

Ken was also happy to announce that MASWCD will again be hosting a Leadership Institute. The MASWCD Board will be meeting tomorrow at Breezy Point, to show their support of the MACDE. He felt that District's are doing a good job keeping their websites up to date, and getting into compliance with website issues. He reported briefly on the SWCD election process, and stated that it is possible to have 278 new Supervisors in Minnesota on January 1, 2009. He stated that it is important to get the election information out, and that District's seem to have a hard time bragging about the work we do, which makes us our own worst enemy.

LeAnn Buck, Executive Director, thanked the MACDE Board for the training session they are putting on. She stated that she just wanted to cover two things – what is the function of an SWCD; and what is your goal as an SWCD staff member? She followed with a short power point presentation, and thanked the District's for their work.

The MACDE business meeting was adjourned.

Minutes respectfully submitted by:



MACDE Secretary & Area 4 Representative