

**MINUTES  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
October 04, 2011**

CALLED TO ORDER by Critch Judd, Chairman, at 6:34 p.m. at the SWCD/NRCS Office

**MCSWCD DIRECTORS PRESENT**

Critch Judd  
Gregory Ibeling  
Kenneth Fiske  
Mark Phipps

**MCSWCD STAFF PRESENT**

Ed Weskerna, District Manager/RC  
Tom Mattingly, UEC Specialist

**Directors Absent**

Orrin Bangert

**NRCS STAFF PRESENT**

Erika Turner, DC

**ASSOCIATES PRESENT**

None

**GUESTS PRESENT**

None

**CHANGES (ADDITIONS) TO AGENDA**

IDNR-CSP Program to New Business

**MINUTES: PREVIOUS BOARD MEETING**

The Minutes of the September 06, 2011 Board Meeting were reviewed. Critch Judd moved to approve the minutes as reviewed. Mark Phipps seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**BUDGET ANALYSIS**

Ed Weskerna Reported:

- We currently are at 25% with income and at 28% with expenses.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

The Treasurer's Report was reviewed by Critch Judd. Kenneth Fiske moved to accept the Treasurer's report. Gregory Ibeling seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**STAFF REPORTS/TIME SHEET APPROVAL**

Mark Phipps moved that the staff reports be accepted. Kenneth Fiske seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

IASWCD Conservation Catchall and its reference to District consolidation.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

None

**NATURAL RESOURCE INFORMATION REPORTS**

None

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**Consolidation Update**

Critch Judd stated that the application for Certificate of Organization has been signed by both he and Don Lloyd. Don Lloyd requested to wait to submit the application, "so the Lake county SWCD can tie up any remaining loose ends". Critch Judd stated that he did not wish to wait too long, for it may take some time for the Secretary of State's official declaration. The current law making it easier for Districts to consolidate without referendum will sunset after 12/31/11.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Insurance Policies and Procedures**

Ed Weskerna reported that the employee association is currently seeking the best coverage by soliciting for bids.

Kenneth Fiske moved to approve signing the insurance policies. Mark Phipps seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**IDNR-CSP Program**

Ed Weskerna reported on the new IDNR - Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP) which offers possible tax relief for conservation stewardship on parcels with a minimum of 5 contiguous acres or more of vacant, non-agricultural land with an approved plan.

Critch Judd suggested that we pursue the program and assist with creating conservation stewardship plans for interested citizens who may qualify for the program and to put a link to the IDNR's website on the District's website.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Mark Phipps moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 p.m. Gregory Ibeling seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kenneth Fiske, Secretary