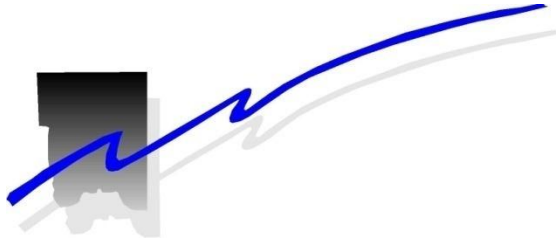


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Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Board of Supervisors held January 5, 2009.

I. Swearing in of New Supervisors: Nick Quade (District 2), Mara Humphrey (District 3), and Margaret Behrens (District 5) were sworn in as Supervisors for the Ramsey Conservation District by Supervisor Karen Eckman. Manager Petersen informed the Board that Supervisor Maryjane Reagan (District 4) had passed away on December 16, 2008.

A. Election of Chair Pro Tem: **Resolution 09-01-01.** Supervisor Eckman moved and Supervisor Humphrey seconded. **Resolved the Board elects Supervisor Eckman as Chair pro tem for the next two RCD meetings.**

Voting in favor of the resolution: Behrens, Eckman, Humphrey, and Quade

Voting against: none

Abstaining: none

B. Call to Order: Chair Eckman called the meeting to order at 10:10a.m.

C. Roll of attendance:

Supervisor's present:

Other's present:

Karen Eckman	Tom Petersen, RCD Staff	Melissa Lewis, BWSR Staff
Margaret Behrens	Ann Heyer, RCD Staff	Jim Haertel, BWSR Staff
Mara Humphrey	Paul Erdmann, RCD Staff	Steve Woods, BWSR Staff
Nick Quade	Mike Goodnature, RCD Staff	Marylyn Deneen, CRWD Board
	Anna Mae Estrada, Maplewood	Leni Zin, SCC-TV
	Ralph Sletten, Maplewood	Ellie Anderson, SCC-TV
	James Behrens, Maplewood	Rita Kochevan, New Brighton
	Danica Kellesvig, New Brighton	Michelle Quade, New Brighton
		Veronica Sletten, Maplewood

D. Review of Agenda: The agenda was reviewed and approved by consensus.

II. Approval of 4th Quarter 2008 Supervisor Expense Claims: **Resolution 09-01-02.** Supervisor Eckman moved and Supervisor Humphrey seconded. **Resolved the Board approves the 4th quarter 2008 Supervisor expense claims submitted by Supervisor Eckman, former Supervisors Fox, Waltz, and Wilkinson.**

Voting in favor of the resolution: Eckman
Voting against: none
Abstaining: Behrens, Humphrey, and Quade

- III. Introduction of RCD Supervisors and Staff: The RCD Staff and Supervisors briefly introduced themselves.
- IV. MN Board of Water & Soil Resources (BWSR) Presentation: Manager Petersen introduced the BWSR staff present. Steve Woods, Assistant Director for BWSR, gave some history on Soil & Water Conservation Districts nationally and statewide. There are currently 91 SWCDs in Minnesota and Ramsey was the last one established in Minnesota. Jim Haertel, Metro Region Supervisor for BWSR, gave a summary of the changes to BWSR, since its establishment in 1987. He later explained ethical standards, Open Meeting Law, and the Data Practices Act (DPA) to the Board. Melissa Lewis, Board Conservationist for BWSR, encouraged the Board to read through the RCD Comprehensive Plan, last approved June 17, 2008. Steve Woods fielded questions on the recently passed Constitutional Amendment and the allocation of funds for it.
- V. Opportunities to serve as an RCD Supervisor: Manager Petersen discussed the District Officers and committee assignments.
- VI. 2009 Monthly Meeting Calendar: The Board decided to hold Regular Board Meetings on the second Monday of the month and established January 12, February 9, and March 9, 2009 as Regular Board Meeting dates. They also established February 23, 2009 as a Special Meeting to hold a workshop.
- VII. RCD Board/Staff Protocol: Manager Petersen encouraged the Board to go through him, if they needed to communicate with RCD staff.
- VIII. The Future of the RCD: Manager Petersen discussed the protocol to find a replacement for deceased Supervisor Reagan. **Resolution 09-01-03.** Supervisor Quade moved and Supervisor Humphrey seconded. **Resolved the Board approves the staff proceeding with the recruitment process for the vacant Supervisor position in nomination district 4.**

Voting in favor of the resolution: Behrens, Eckman, Humphrey, and Quade
Voting against: none
Abstaining: none

- IX. Next Meeting Date – Monday, January 12, 2009 at 10:00 a.m.
- X. Adjournment: **Resolution 09-01-04.** Supervisor Humphrey moved and Supervisor Quade seconded. **Resolved the Board adjourns at 12:03p.m.**

Voting in favor of the resolution: Behrens, Eckman, Humphrey, and Quade
Voting against: none
Abstaining: none

These minutes are respectfully submitted by
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