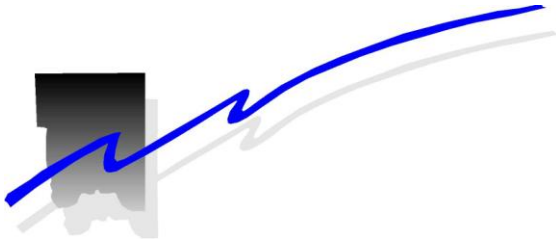


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Minutes of the Board of Supervisors Regular Meeting held March 9, 2009.

I. Meeting called to order by Chair Eckman at 10:02 a.m.

A. Roll of Attendance

Supervisors present:

Karen Eckman

Margaret Behrens

Mara Humphrey

Nick Quade

Carrie Wasley

Others present:

Tom Petersen, RCD Staff

Ann Heyer, RCD Staff

Michelle Wohlers, NRCS

Tim Wilson, NRCS

Marylyn Deneen, CRWD Board

Ryan Johnson, RCD Staff

B. Swearing in of new district Supervisor Carrie Wasley

C. Review of Agenda: **Resolution 09-03-03.** Supervisor Wasley moved and Supervisor Humphrey seconded. **Resolved the Board approves the revised agenda.**

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

Voting against: none

Abstaining: none

II. Approval of Standing Reports

A. Minutes of Regular Board Meeting February 9, 2009: **Resolution 09-03-04.** Supervisor Humphrey moved and Supervisor Behrens seconded. **Resolved the Board approves the Minutes of February 9, 2009.**

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

Voting against: none

Abstaining: none

Minutes of Special Board Meeting February 17, 2009: **Resolution 09-03-05.** Supervisor Behrens moved and Supervisor Quade seconded. **Resolved the Board approves the Minutes of February 17, 2009.**

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

Voting against: none

Abstaining: none

Treasurer's Report: **Resolution 09-03-06.** Supervisor Humphrey moved and Supervisor Quade seconded. **Resolved the Board approves the Treasurer's Report for the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter of 2008.**

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

Voting against: none

Abstaining: none

III. Standing Committee Reports

- A. Association of Metro SWCDs – Eckman/Humphrey
- B. Rice Creek Advisory Committee – Quade
- C. Watershed Advisory Commission (RWMWD Advisory Committee) – Humphrey/Behrens
- D. Capitol Region Watershed District Citizen Advisory Committee – Vacant
- E. Legislative Committee – Quade
- F. RCLLG – Behrens/Eckman
- G. WMO-WD Reports – Supervisors

A. Association of Metro SWCDs – **Action Step: Supervisor Eckman will attend the next meeting on March 25, 2009.**

B. Rice Creek Advisory Committee – Supervisor Quade updated the Board on the last Rice Creek Board Meeting that he attended.

D. Capitol Region Watershed District Citizen Advisory Committee – The Supervisors discussed their committee assignments and reorganized who would be attending the meetings. **Action Step:** Supervisor Wasley will be RCD representation on the R-WMWD Watershed Advisory Commission, Mara Humphrey will now be serving on the Capitol Region Watershed District Citizens Advisory Committee and Nick Quade will be the alternate to this committee.

E. Legislative Committee – Supervisor Quade discussed the latest budget projection for the 2010-2011 and 2012-2013. Manager Petersen explained a recent conversation he had with BWSR deputy director, Steve Woods, and the possibilities of obtaining funding for the RCD Groundwater Program.

F. RCLLG – The next RCLLG will be March 12<sup>th</sup>. **Action Step: Supervisor Behrens will be attending the meeting.** By consensus the Board declares March 12, 2009 as a Special Meeting in order to attend the RCLLG Meeting at the Shoreview City Hall. RCD Staff will be presenting the 2009 Ramsey County Groundwater Plan Update.

G. WMO-WD – Supervisor Eckman gave an update on the progress of the lake quality study by Barr Engineering for Owasso Lake.

IV. Natural Resource Conservation Service Report: Michelle Wohlers and Tim Wilson from the NRCS were present to introduce themselves to the new Supervisors of the RCD. Ms. Wohlers is the District Conservationist for Dakota, Ramsey, and Washington Counties. She read the NRCS Mission Statement and explained that the majority of the federal programs were for rural constituents. Supervisor Eckman asked if the Wildlife Habitat Incentives Program (WHIP) could be used for homeowner associations and Ms. Wohlers said that if the site meets the five acre requirement, then WHIP may fit. Mr. Wilson, Area IV NRCS Conservationist, added an overview of programs and gave the web site address out for more information: [www.mn.nrcs.usda.gov](http://www.mn.nrcs.usda.gov). He also gave an overview of the structure of the NRCS and explained to the Board the assistance given by the NRCS to support the two landscape restoration specialists for use by the Association of Metro SWCDs (AMSWCD). The NRCS pays half of the costs for the two positions and the other half is paid by the AMSWCD. Mr. Wilson suggested that it might be helpful to have one of the specialist speak at a Board Meeting and explain their function. Manager Petersen introduced a plan in development to have urban community gardens established in Ramsey County and targeting “underserved clients”. Supervisor Behrens explained that the city of Maplewood is already having that discussion. **Action Step: Manager Petersen will set up a meeting for Mr. Wilson, Ms. Wohlers, Ramsey County**

**Commissioner Carter, and Seitu Jones to discuss the community garden concept. Action Step: Supervisor Behrens will request that the Maplewood Mayor contact Manager Petersen about the task force set up in Maplewood for community gardens.**

V. Staff Reports: The Board was mailed a report detailing the major activities of the staff, prior to the meeting. RCD staff member Ryan Johnson gave a presentation on his activities as Native Vegetation BMP Specialist. Included in the presentation were pictures of shoreline restoration work completed – before and after pictures were shown.

VI. Unfinished Business

A. March 12<sup>th</sup> RCLLG Meeting/Groundwater Plan Update: The Ramsey County Groundwater Plan Update is going out for 60 day review, beginning March 11, 2009.

B. Review of March 2<sup>nd</sup> Workshop Meeting: No report given.

C. Future RCD Board Meeting Dates: The following dates were established as RCD Regular Board Meeting dates for 2009 – April 13, May 11<sup>th</sup>, June 8<sup>th</sup>, July 13<sup>th</sup>, August 10<sup>th</sup>, and September 14<sup>th</sup>.

D. Living Green & Phalen Waterfest Sign-up: The Supervisors filled out their availability for working at the upcoming events.

VII. New Business

A. Area IV Meeting (March 12): **Action Step: Supervisor Eckman will attend the meeting on March 12 at Cabela's in Rogers, MN.**

B. Discussion of RCD Marketing Strategies: **Action Step: Manager Petersen will complete "Talking Points" about the RCD to assist the Supervisors in discussion with State and County officials by April 6, 2009. Resolution 09-03-07.** Supervisor Behrens moved and Supervisor Quade seconded. **Resolved the Board designates April 6, 2009 at 10:00am, as a Special Meeting to discuss RCD marketing strategies.**

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

Voting against: none

Abstaining: none

C. RCD Secretary/Treasurer Amendment: **Resolution 09-03-08.** Supervisor Behrens moved and Supervisor Quade seconded. **Resolved the Board appoints Supervisor Wasley as Secretary for the RCD for 2009 and appoints Supervisor Humphrey as Treasurer for the RCD for 2009.**

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

Voting against: none

Abstaining: none

VIII. Next Meeting Date – Monday, April 6, 2009 for a Special Meeting.

IX. Adjournment: **Resolution 09-03-09.** Supervisor Humphrey moved and Supervisor Behrens seconded. **Resolved the Board adjourns the meeting at 12:00p.m.**

These minutes are respectfully submitted by

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