

Natural Resources Conservation & Development Board
Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, June 16, 2010 at 9:00 a.m.

This meeting was held by teleconference.

Board members in attendance:

George Woodbury
Cheryl Thompson
Carol Kenley

Others in attendance:

Shana Joy, Executive Director, NRCDB
Franci Havemeister, Director Div. of Ag.
Gary Morrison, Alaska SWCD
Ryan Stencil, Alaska SWCD

Bryce Wrigley, Salcha Delta SWCD
Ken Marsh, AACD
Joni Scharfenberg, Fairbanks SWCD
Joan Hope, AACD
Daniel Proulx, Div of Ag.

Call to Order – Determination of Quorum

- It was determined that a quorum was present and the meeting was called to order by George Woodbury at 9:10 a.m.

Approval of Agenda

- Carol moved to approve the agenda. Cheryl seconded. The motion carried.

Approval of March 9, 2010 Meeting Minutes

- Carol moved to approve the minutes as presented. Cheryl seconded. The motion carried.

Executive Director Report

- Shana Joy provided a summary of the projects she has been working on. A printed report was provided to the board.
- Cheryl Thompson expressed her willingness to continue serving on the board and has contacted Dan Saddler to express that. The SW Alaska/Kenai Peninsula board seat is still in recruitment.

Board Member Reports

- None were offered.

AACD Report

- Ken Marsh provided an update from AACD. He thanked Representative Neuman for his support in funding the AACD in FY11. Each district should receive approximately \$21,250 from the state appropriation. Ken and Steve Hicks met with Shana Joy regarding the FY12 budget preparations which went well. NRCS 09 funds are not yet available because the NRCS 08 funds must be finished up by Sept. 30th. Ken

encouraged each district to work with NRCS to make that happen. The next AACD meeting will occur once some more concrete budget information is available and is tentative for early July.

- George Woodbury proposed that the NRCDB send a letter of thanks to Rep. Neuman for his support. Carol and Cheryl approve.

□ Soil and Water Conservation District Annual Work Plans for FY11

- Three districts have work plans are outstanding but they are in progress and should be submitted soon: Fairbanks, Kodiak, Upper Susitna.
- The rest of the districts work plans have been reviewed and are recommended for approval by the board.
- Carol moved to approve the district work plans as presented to the board. Cheryl seconded. The motion carried.

□ Fairbanks and Salcha Delta boundary expansion requests

- Maps and board resolutions were presented to the board members. Both districts are aiming to encompass an entire watershed(s) within their boundaries. Shana Joy has reviewed the expansion proposals and recommends the board approve the proposals. The Alaska soil and water conservation district needs to vote on the proposals as well; the NRCDB can approve the proposals pending approval by the Alaska SWCD.
- Cheryl moved to approve the new boundaries. Carol seconded. The motion carried.

□ Nenana Totchaket Agricultural Land Sale

- Joni Scharfenberg made a statement regarding the proposed ag land sale and requested support from the board in the form of a letter to DNR, specifically for the Div of Agriculture to be supported in its efforts to move the project forward.
- The Fairbanks SWCD is drafting a letter of support and will forward a copy to the NRCDB when it is finished.
- Some board questions were discussed. It is Doyon who has done drilling previously in the area but their future plans are unknown at this time. Approximately 3.5 miles of road is in place from that effort. Still need an additional 7 miles of road to reach the near edge of the land sale area.
- Each parcel will have agricultural covenants when they are sold. Dan Proulx is working with the Mayor to identify access routes and trails in use now.
- A bridge across the Nenana River is not required but would be beneficial. The Mayor of Nenana is actively working on that and other access issues.
- Carol moved to send a letter of support for the project from the NRCDB. Cheryl seconded. The motion carried.
- Soil survey information will be needed to facilitate layout of the parcels. There is potential for the Fairbanks SWCD to work with the Div of Ag to perform that work, might be able to utilize NRCS funds.

- A coordinated trip including all stakeholders to the area might occur this summer but helicopter transportation will likely be needed.
- No specific criteria exists for the quality of the access road to the land sale area. It could be a pioneer type road because the area is not within a borough. Fairbanks SWCD will consider another expansion to enclose the entire area within their boundaries.

□ Board Comments

- None were offered.

□ Public Comments

- Ken Marsh said that the Upper Susitna district is working with NRCS to perform soil survey work for agriculture and Fairbanks might want to contact the Upper Susitna for more information on their work arrangement.

Next Meeting Date and Location

- In conjunction with the AACD Fall meeting, sometime in early-mid October.

Adjournment

- Meeting adjourned at 9:45 a.m.

Minutes taken by:

Minutes approved by:

Shana Joy, Executive Director
NRCDB

George Woodbury, Chair
NRCDB

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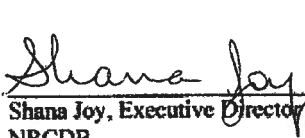
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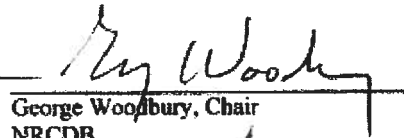
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