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LINCOLN SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Minutes of the Lincoln Soil and Water Conservation District, Regular Meeting, USDA Building, Ivanhoe, MN, July 15, 2009.

Meeting called to order by the Chairman, Daniel Christianson, at 7:51 a.m.

Members Present:

Daniel Christianson, Chair  
Joe Weber, Treasurer  
Conrad Schardin, Secretary

District Staff Present:

Pauline VanOverbeke, Dist. Manager  
Terry Dybsetter, Education Coord.  
Ron Madsen, Engineering Tech.

NRCS Present:

Dennis Johnson, Dist; left-9:30 am  
Randy Sheik, Soil Con.Tech@ 8:00 am  
Nathan Blankers, Soil Con. @ 7:58 am

Members Absent:

Glen Sorensen, Vice Chair  
John Boulton, PR&I

Dale Sterzinger, Cons.Tech; left-9:30

Randy Kraus, Farm Bill Assistant

Others Present:

Curt Blumeyer, County Commissioner  
left-10:54 am

AGENDA: Motion by Weber, seconded by Schardin to add the following items to the agenda: TAA for Ecological Services for Kraus and Sterzinger; fill out District Capacity Award Program Score Sheet and to change the August board meeting date. Affirmative: Christianson, Schardin and Weber. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

MINUTES: The minutes from the June 17, 2009 meeting were approved as mailed.

TREASURER’S REPORT: Motion by Weber, seconded by Schardin to approve the Treasurer’s Report for June, 2009. Affirmative: Christianson, Schardin and Weber. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

BILLS: Motion by Weber, seconded by Schardin to approve the payment of the bills for \$36,555.50 (see attachment). Affirmative: Christianson, Schardin and Weber. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

WLI PAYOUTS: Motion by Weber, seconded by Schardin to approve the payment made to Michael Veith, FY09-07 for WLI market adjustment payment. Affirmative: Christianson, Schardin and Weber. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

STATE COST-SHARE PAYMENTS: Motion by Schardin, seconded by Weber to approve the following State C-S payments. Affirmative: Christianson, Schardin and Weber. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

| Contract # | Name              | Practice      | C-S Amount | Technician |
|------------|-------------------|---------------|------------|------------|
| FY09-05    | Larry Sterzinger  | Tree Planting | \$ 945.00  | Sterzinger |
| FY09-03    | Tyler Rod and Gun | Tree Planting | \$1,616.00 | Sterzinger |
| FY08-09    | John Drietz       | Tree Planting | \$1,586.00 | Sterzinger |
| FY09-04    | David Sterzinger  | Tree Planting | \$2,304.00 | Sterzinger |

TRANSFER OF FUNDS: Motion by Schardin, seconded by Weber to approve the transfer of \$15,000 from the Checking Account to the MMS Account. Affirmative: Christianson, Schardin and Weber. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

ACTUAL AND BUDGETED INCOME AND EXPENDITURE STATEMENT: VanOverbeke handed out the June, 2009 actual and budgeted income and expenditure statement for review.

Blankers and Sheik present at this time.

VEHICLE PURCHASE AND CARS PROGRAM: Motion by Weber, seconded by Schardin to approve the District Staff to purchase an extended cab pickup assuring that the CARS Program is available and that the price of the pickup not exceed \$26,000 with the staff signing the check. Affirmative: Christianson, Schardin and Weber. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

CONSERVATION FARMER AWARD WINNER: Suggestions: Nate Buntrock or Buffalo Ridge Ranch-Keith and Judy Neidham. Motion by Weber, seconded by Christianson to select Nate Buntrock as the Conservation Farmer Award winner for 2009. Affirmative: Christianson and Weber. Opposed: None. Abstain: Schardin. Motion Carried.

RCRCA JOINT POWERS MEETING: Sorensen will not be attending the next RCRCA meeting. Weber will attend if possible.

OPEN HOUSE: Motion by Weber, seconded by Schardin to go with the pizza cutters as handouts and 3-plantskydd products for door prizes. Also to go with some kind of lunch. Affirmative: Christianson, Schardin and Weber. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

YMRWD: Discussion on the Yellow Medicine River Watershed District water permits and the South Branch of the Yellow Medicine River. We will be helping out with the South Branch of the Yellow Medicine River on trying to get the dollars spent in that watershed.

ANNUAL PLAN REVIEW: VanOverbeke reviewed with the Board the Annual Plan of Work.

TAA-ECOLOGICAL SERVICES: Motion by Schardin, seconded by Weber to approve the TAA-Ecological Services for Kraus and Sterzinger. Affirmative: Christianson, Schardin and Weber. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

#### REPORTS:

COUNTY COMMISSIONER'S REPORT: Curt Blumeyer, County Commissioner's report follows:

- Budget; hold to zero increase for each department if possible.
- Air conditioners still not installed.
- Federal Stimulus Dollars; first dollars to be spent in the state are on our overlay project with bus project to follow.

CONSERVATION TECHNICIAN'S REPORT: Dale Sterzinger, Conservation Technician's report follows:

- Trees; accounts receivable-\$65,000; working on cost-share.
- Lake Shaokatan Sportsmen Club Projects: Jack Weber Dam Project.
- WCA:
  - Rule change training-July 21<sup>st</sup>;
  - Violation Extension moved to September 1<sup>st</sup> on Lozinski Project, will be fined if not done by then;
  - Kantz Violation, working on a restoration order with him;
  - Danabod Village cleanup;
  - Aaron Peterson wind project by Verdi; see if wetlands exist;
  - Area II plans on Christensen project determination needs to be done; review restoration;
  - Norwegian Creek Park Ordinary High water table;
  - Road replacement on County Road 103;
  - Gylling Project;
  - Out on a lot of WCA requests.

DISTRICT CONSERVATIONIST'S REPORT: Dennis Johnson, District Conservationist report follows:

- Blankers is detailed to Redwood as Acting District Conservationist;
- Building lease out in August; will then be a month to month lease;
- Cost-Share; EQIP-all projects funded; WHIP-one project funded;
- Grazing Reserve Program (GRP) going on now through July 24<sup>th</sup>; \$16.50/acre.

Johnson and Sterzinger left the meeting at this time.

DISTRICT MANAGER’S REPORT: Pauline VanOverbeke, District Manager’s report is attached. Sheik present at this time.

EDUCATION COORDINATOR’S REPORT: Terry Dybsetter, Education Coordinator, reported that she is working on library program, news releases and newsletter.

ENGINEERING TECHNICIAN’S REPORT: Ron Madsen, Engineering Technician reported that he is working on conservation requests; surveys; the NTD’s both need new cylinders. Christianson will check on this.

FARM BILL ASSISTANT’S REPORT: Randy Kraus, Farm Bill Assistant reported on the RIM Spotchecks; Barber easement is at BWSR; and WLI contracts. Motion by Weber, seconded by Schardin to have the staff make payments to the WLI contracts when the dollars come to into the district account and for the staff to sign the checks. Affirmative: Christianson, Schardin and Weber. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

AUGUST BOARD MEETING DATE: Due to an insurance pool meeting on August 19<sup>th</sup>, the regular scheduled board meeting date has been changed to Tuesday, August 18<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 a.m.

Blumeyer left the meeting at this time.

The district board and staff reviewed and filled out the District Capacity Award Program Score Sheet at this time.

The meeting declared adjourned by the Chairman, Christianson, at 10:12 a.m.

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_  
DATE SIGNATURE

**DISTRICT MANAGER'S REPORT**  
**PAULINE VANOVERBEKE**  
**JULY 15, 2009**

Water Plan Update: I will meet with the BWSR subcommittee on Thursday, September 3 to review our Water Management Plan Revision.

Performance Review and Assistance Program (PRAP): Sent letters to Supervisors and Task Force Members of the Heads Up meeting of PRAP; August 6, 2009, at 7:00 p.m. at the Courthouse Assembly Room in Ivanhoe. Email from Don Buckhout stating the summary of the PRAP process in the heads-up notice was excellent and that he is looking forward to meeting with our Board and Task Force committee.

County Budget: Put in a preliminary budget request from the county of \$110,000.

FY2010 Base Grants: The 2010 SWCD Base Grants for the Lincoln SWCD include: Cost-share of \$14,883; General Services of \$23,550; and Easement Services of \$6,678. 2009 Base Grant was as follows: C-S 427,062; General Services-\$24,275; Easement Services-\$6,744.

South Branch Yellow Medicine River Project and Lake Shaokatan Project: Met with the Yellow Medicine River Watershed District Board concerning the South Branch of the Yellow Medicine River Project. Volunteered the districts assistance with the project; send notices; meet w/landowners and work with them on cost-share assistance. Also, may need to help set-up and take down monitoring sites. Attended the Lake Shaokatan Project meeting at Picnic Point on July 2<sup>nd</sup>. Soybean and corn growers both present at the meeting; Kelly from MPCA handled the meeting quite well.

Other items:

- Native and Non-invasive Plants reminder from MASWCD;
- Sales/use tax spreadsheets for trees;
- MCIT meeting very informative-will use recommendations for evaluations, etc.;
- Working on getting ready for our 65-year anniversary: ordered banner, signs, flyers, etc;
- Working w/Redwood and Yellow Medicine on by-laws and other programs.
- Have been working on the Women's Day Program; gearing up for the event.

319 Projects: Will be applying for 319 funds for the entire Yellow Medicine River with Lyon and Yellow Medicine SWCDs.

Upcoming meetings: Data Privacy/By-Laws-July 16<sup>th</sup>; MN River Basin Mtg-July 27<sup>th</sup>; Employment Law Update-July 29<sup>th</sup>; Farm Fest-August 4<sup>th</sup>; PRAP meeting-August 6<sup>th</sup>; Redwood/Cottonwood RFP for Clean Water Funds-August 10<sup>th</sup>.

Will be taking Annual Leave July 20-21.