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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, June 17, 2009.

Meeting called to order by the Chairman, Daniel Christianson, at 7:06 a.m.

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| <u>Members Present:</u>    | <u>District Staff Present:</u>       | <u>NRCS Present:</u>                 |
| Daniel Christianson, Chair | Pauline VanOverbeke, Dist. Manager   | Dennis Johnson, Dist. @ 8:36am       |
| Joe Weber, Treasurer       | Terry Dybsetter, Education Coord.    | Randy Sheik, Soil Con. Tech @ 7:59am |
| Conrad Schardin, Secretary | Ron Madsen, Engineering Tech.        | <u>Others Present:</u>               |
| John Boulton, PR&I         | Dale Sterzinger, Cons. Tech @ 7:29am | Curt Blumeyer, Co. Commissioner      |
| <u>Members Absent:</u>     | Randy Kraus, Farm Bill Assistant     | left @ 9:00 am                       |
| Glen Sorensen, Vice Chair  |                                      |                                      |

AGENDA: An updated agenda was distributed.

MINUTES: The minutes from the May 20, 2009 meeting were approved as mailed.

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

BILLS: Motion by Weber, seconded by Schardin to approve the payment of the bills for \$59,604.57 (see attachment). Affirmative: Christianson, Schardin, Weber and Boulton. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

STATE COST-SHARE PAYMENT: Motion by Schardin, seconded by Boulton to approve the State C-S payment for Laura Willert, FY09-07 for shelterbelt project for \$1,252.00. Sterzinger was the technician for the project. Affirmative: Christianson, Schardin, Weber and Boulton. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

WORKING LANDS INITIATIVE PAYMENTS: Motion by Boulton, seconded by Schardin to approve the following payments for Working Lands Initiative. Affirmative: Christianson, Schardin, Weber and Boulton. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

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| Omev J. Olson  | FY09-08 | \$21,098.70 | Agreement |
| David B. Olson | FY09-10 | \$42,108.00 | Agreement |
| Darrel Johnson | FY09-04 | \$ 7,935.22 | Agreement |
| Donna Johnson  | FY09-04 | \$ 7,935.23 | Agreement |

WORKING LANDS INITIATIVE PAYMENT-APPROVALS: Motion by Weber, seconded by Boulton to approve the staff to make the following WLI payments to the landowner when the money is received from DNR with the exception of the Barber payment which will be sent to BWSR due to the contract being an easement. Affirmative: Christianson, Schardin, Weber and Boulton. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

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| Michael Veith | FY09-07     | \$19,970.10 | Agreement |
| Thomas Barber | 41-01-08-03 | \$96,265.22 | Easement  |

TRANSFER OF FUNDS: Motion by Schardin, seconded by Weber to approve the transfers from the MMS to the Checking Account: for payroll-\$7,000; and \$47,000. Affirmative: Christianson, Schardin, Weber and Boulton. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

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

RCRCA JOINT POWERS AGREEMENT/ADDENDUM: Motion by Boulton, seconded by Weber to approve Sorensen to sign the Addendum at the RCRCA meeting. Affirmative: Christianson, Schardin, Weber and Boulton. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

Sterzinger present at this time.

DNR GROUND WATER LEVEL MONITORING WELL AGREEMENT: Motion by Boulton, seconded by Schardin to approve the DNR ground water level monitoring well agreement. Affirmative: Christianson, Schardin, Weber and Boulton. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

YELLOW MEDICINE RIVER WATERSHED PERMITS: The watershed permits were discussed. Whether or not the district would be interested in doing the Yellow Medicine River Watershed District permits. Wait and see what comes out of the YMRWD meeting.

OTHER BUSINESS:

- BWSR 2009 Legislative Session Summary; MASWCD area meetings.

REPORTS:

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

- Government cut \$300 million; Lincoln County cut \$57,000 in 2009; \$117,000 in 2010.
- Board of Equalization Tuesday evening.
- Road projects: Seal coating bid is \$256,000; County Road 12 project continuing; landowner signed; Received stimulus dollars for road project.
- Construction at courthouse.

DISTRICT MANAGER'S REPORT: Pauline VanOverbeke, District Manager's report attached. The date for the PRAP meeting with the SWCD Board and Water Management Task Force is set for August 6, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. at the Courthouse Assembly Room.

Sheik present at this time.

EDUCATION COORDINATOR'S REPORT: Terry Dybsetter, Education Coordinator, reported that she is working on the environmental fair, library programs. Need to select a conservation farmer for the Farmer Award; suggestion from board-Nate Buntrock. Employees will discuss before next meeting on additional suggestions.

ENGINEERING TECHNICIAN'S REPORT: Ron Madsen, Engineering Technician reported that he has been staking engineering projects; working on the NTD; planting trees, working with the wind turbines. He has his own cylinders on the NTD's because the ones that are with the drills do not work.

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

- Trees are completed; working on cost-share; EAB has hit St. Paul area.
- WCA: No-loss determination-Gislason lake; road replacement plan-short form county Rd 103; County 12 application completed and sent; letter sent-Prairie Winds Power; Violation was sent-restoration order; restoration project due June 1<sup>st</sup>-will issue an extension to August; Swan Lake-old lakebed south of Tyler; County park expansion-beach area and launch area at Norwegian Creek; 51 tile permits-22 left to go out on; applicant in application process.
- 6 more intakes installed on Lake Shaokatan area.

Johnson present at this time.

FARM BILL ASSISTANT’S REPORT: Randy Kraus, Farm Bill Assistant reported on the Redwood Nutrient Management Cost-Share; had 16 customers for seed sales; CRP-CP23A 27&28 reopened.

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

- Obligated EQIP funds of \$155,000; four more in line for funding; one WHIP wildlife incentive payment; WRP contracts.

Blumeyer left the meeting at this time.

Christianson closed the meeting at 9:00 a.m.; Statute Chapter 13D.05; subdivision 2b. Discussion; no disciplinary action taken because procedure was followed. Christianson opened the meeting back up at 9:41 a.m.

The next meeting of the Lincoln SWCD will be on Wednesday, July 15, 2009 at 7:00 a.m.

The meeting declared adjourned by the Chairman, Christianson, at 9:42 a.m.

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE

SIGNATURE

**DISTRICT MANAGER'S REPORT**  
**PAULINE VANOVERBEKE**  
**JUNE 17, 2009**

Water Plan Update: The water plan update went through the Public Hearing phase June 4<sup>th</sup>. The Water Management Task Force approved its submission to the BWSR Board for their approval. Jeff Nielsen has contacted me about getting the amendment approved by the BWSR Board sub-committee hopefully in August. Nielsen will not have the BWSR meeting in Marshall until the Lac qui Parle-Yellow Bank Watershed Plan has been completed for that review at the same time as our Amendment. Jeff suggested trying to have our 65<sup>th</sup> around when the BWSR board sub-committee will be in Marshall and invite them to attend our anniversary/open house. The Water Management Plan is now on the County Website.

Performance Review and Assistance Program (PRAP): Have been in contact with David Sill and Don Buckhout, BWSR staff concerning the PRAP. Don indicated that the work I have done on the Water Plan Amendment; Preface will work for Part 1 of the PRAP. The SWCD Board needs to set a date for review of the questions for PRAP for sometime in August. Present for the review will need to be myself, along with Robert Olson, Environmental Office; SWCD Board and Water Management Task Force. Set date.

County Budget: I will be working on the County Budget request as the Commissioners need an amount now for their budgeting purposes.

Phase IX Farm Bill Assistant Grant: The funding for the FBA positions has been approved through the LCCMR for two years (2010-2011). With this round of funding the districts will not get the money up front. The FBA staff will need to work first and then we will need to submit a contract for services/invoice for reimbursement. This reimbursement may be quarterly or every 6-months. BWSR will let us know. Reporting will be done monthly and will be directly tied to the invoicing (accountability).

2008 Audit: I have signed the paper from Richard Holmberg, to complete the 2008 audit. I will be contacting his office to see when we can fit the audit in. Will be dropping off the records for 2008 today at the Marshall office so they can get started on the audit.

Other items: Upcoming meetings: MCIT Meeting-St Cloud-June 18<sup>th</sup>; Women's Day meeting-June 29<sup>th</sup>; Yellow Medicine Tech meeting-July 1<sup>st</sup>.