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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, August 18, 2010.

Meeting called to order by the Chairman, Daniel Christianson, at 7:14 a.m.

Members Present:

Daniel Christianson, Chair
Conrad Schardin, Secretary
John Boulton, PR&I
Joe Weber, Treasurer

Members Absent:

Glen Sorensen

District Staff Present:

Pauline VanOverbeke, District Manager
Randy Kraus, Farm Bill Assistant

NRCS Present:

Dennis Johnson, Dist. Cons. @ 8:43 a.m.

Others Present:

Curt Blumeyer, Co. Commissioner
Alan Roelofs, Landowner, 7:45 - 8:19 a.m.
Bruce Nielsen, Landowner, 7:45 - 8:19 a.m.
Jeremy Rupp, Landowner, 7:45 - 8:19 a.m.
Kari Rupp, Landowner, 7:45 - 8:19 a.m.

AGENDA: An updated agenda was distributed.

MINUTES: The minutes from the July 21, 2010 meeting stand approved as mailed.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Motion by Schardin, seconded by Weber to approve the Treasurer's Report for July, 2010. Passed 4-0

BILLS: Motion by Weber, seconded by Schardin to approve the payment of the bills for \$21,532.82 (see attachment). Passed 4-0.

TRANSFER OF FUNDS: Motion by Boulton, seconded by Schardin to approve the transfer of \$50,000 from the Checking Account to the Money Market Savings Account. Passed 4-0.

ACTUAL AND BUDGETED INCOME AND EXPENDITURE STATEMENT: VanOverbeke handed out the July 2010 yearly actual and budgeted income and expenditure statement for review.

WLI-PAYMENTS: The following WLI payments were made in July: Donna Johnson #3035-FY2010-04&05 for \$48,531.30; Lyle Sik #3034-FY2010-03 for \$23,008.44. The following WLI payments were made in August: JC Farm Partnership, Agreement #FY2010-07 for \$20,963.55 and Great River Trust #5 for RIM Easement #41-03-08-03 for Conservation Practices.

STATE COST-SHARE PAYMENTS: Motion by Weber, seconded by Boulton to approve the State C-S payments for tree projects for William Otto, Jr., FY10-03 for \$1,967.00 and James Thomas FY10-05 for \$914.00. Sterzinger was the technician for both projects. Passed 4-0.

WLI AGREEMENT: Motion by Schardin, seconded by Boulton to approve the WLI Agreement for Audrey Hindbjorgen #FY2010-06, Section 31 of Hansonville Township for 11.6 acres for \$5,602.80. Passed 4-0.

Roelofs, Nielsen, and Rupp's present at this time.

LANDOWNERS IN CONCERNING RIM PERPETUAL EASEMENT: Alan Roelofs, Bruce Nielsen, Jeremy and Kari Rupp were present to discuss a RIM Perpetual Easement, located in Section 12 of Lake Benton Township. Bruce Nielsen has power of attorney for his father who currently owns the property. Roelofs presented a letter with concerns why he feels the land should be released from a perpetual easement. A copy of the Conservation Easement Alteration Requests and Board Policy (BWSR) was presented to the landowners. Discussion. It was suggested that before anything could be done, Nielsen could submit a letter to the Lincoln SWCD Board justifying the change and identifying how the public interest and general welfare will be better served by releasing the conservation easement. The board thanked the landowners for attending. Roelofs letter on file in SWCD office. Landowners left the meeting at this time.

CWF-YELLOW MEDICINE PROJECT APPROVALS: Motion by Boulton, seconded by Schardin to approve the following CWF-YMP contracts: Robert L. Carr, CWF-YMP-10-10 for 5-alternative intakes, C-S not to exceed \$1,500; Paula Sterzinger, CWF-YMP-11-10 for 5-alternative intakes for C-S not to exceed \$1,500. Passed 4-0.

AREA V MEETING: The Area V Meeting is on Wednesday, September 1, 2010 at the Redwood Falls Community Center starting at 9:00 a.m.

BWSR TRAINING ACADEMY: Motion by Boulton, seconded by Schardin to allow the staff to attend the BWSR training academy and to approve payment. Passed 4-0.

IRREVOCABLE STANDBY LETTER OF CREDIT-FIRST SECURITY BANK: The Irrevocable Standby letter of credit issued to the Lincoln SWCD on behalf of First Security Bank of Hendricks was reviewed.

APPROVE MASWCD AWARDS Motion by Schardin, seconded by Boulton to approve and sign the Community Conservationist Award and the Living Snow fence Award being submitted to the MASWCD.

REPORTS:

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

- '09 Audit is complete.
- Rd projects; Hwys 7, 12 and 16.
- September 7 public hearing on Ditch 28 with landowners and other interested partners.
- Dental rate down approximately \$7.
- PERA rates going up in 2011.
- Working on budgets; \$400,000 short; wind/production tax; the state will be taking an extra \$200,000.
- Tax capacity has gone up.

Johnson present at this time.

DISTRICT MANAGER'S REPORT: Pauline VanOverbeke, District Manager, report is attached. Madsen has been busy with engineering and surveying and Sterzinger busy with WCA issues. Rich Papasso, USFWS, asked if the Board would mind if they moved the SWCD sign away from their property as they would like to install a large entrance sign where our sign is located. They would move the sign for us. The board thought that this would be fine as long as they move our sign. It was suggested to have VanOverbeke check with Go Fast Graphics to look into some type of overlay product to go over the SWCD signs currently up throughout the county.

FARM BILL ASSISTANT'S REPORT: Randy Kraus, Farm Bill Assistant, reported that the CRP rates went up and the CRP general signup goes through August 27th. Discussed the drill.

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

- CSP-contracts written; 4 out of 8 in so far.
- 1026 requests.
- Nutrient and pest management practices are getting paid out.
- EQIP-LWG meeting is scheduled for August 24th; ranking and scoring.

RENKEN CRP/TREE PROJECT: Motion by Weber, seconded by Boulton to write a letter of support recommending the FSA County Committee reconsider the Renken project going into CRP. The board feels it was in good faith they thought their land was signed up for CRP. Passed 4-0.

YMRWD ADVISORY MEETING: Motion by Boulton, seconded by Schardin to send Weber to the YMRWD Advisory meeting on August 19th, as Sorensen is unable to attend. Passed 4-0.

The meeting declared adjourned by the Chairman, Christianson, at 9:43 a.m.

APPROVED: _____
DATE SIGNATURE

DISTRICT MANAGER'S REPORT
PAULINE VANOVERBEKE
AUGUST 18, 2010

2011 COUNTYBUDGET REQUESTS: Completed the 2011 budget request for the district. Waiting to get on the County Commissioners agenda in September.

CLEAN WATER FUND APPLICATIONS: Working on a grant application for the Lac qui Parle Watershed area with Yellow Medicine and LqP SWCD's. Will also be working on a grant for the Verdi Well Field area. Have met with the Lincoln-Pipestone group along with state agencies on this project.

MASWCD AWARDS: Working on completing the Outstanding Conservationist Award; Community Award and the Living Snow Fence award with Dennis and Dale.

WATERSHED REQUESTS FOR CHARGING FOR SERVICES: The districts met with the Lac qui Parle Yellow Bank Watershed District and the Yellow Medicine River Watershed District. The Yellow Medicine Watershed Board approved it while we were present. The Lac qui Parle Watershed Board did not make a motion while we were present.

OTHER ITEMS:

- Audit: will drop off the items needed to complete the 2009 audit in Marshall on the 19th; if needed they will come over on the 24th to finish up the audit.
- Charges for Services WCA schedule from Lyon SWCD and tree survey-Handouts.
- MCIT-2010 Dividend-\$3,240; property/casualty is \$2,904 and workers comp-\$336.
- Yellow Medicine River Watershed District advisory meeting-August 19th @ 7:00 p.m.
- Copier contract: Davis sold the copier and printer sales to MARCO. Our new contract is now with Marco.
- Upcoming Meetings: August 19th-Insurance Pool Meeting; August 23rd-Verdi Well Field meeting; August 24th-EQIP-LWG meeting and auditor here; August 25th-RC&D meeting; August 30th-LqP CWF meeting; September 1st-Area V meeting w/legislators; September 2nd-Risk Management meeting.