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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, February 17, 2010.

Meeting called to order by the Chairman, Daniel Christianson, at 10:06 a.m.

Members Present:

Daniel Christianson, Chair
Glen Sorensen, Vice Chair
Conrad Schardin, Secretary
John Boulton, PR&I

Members Absent:

Joe Weber, Treasurer

District Staff Present:

Pauline VanOverbeke, Dist. Manager
Dale Sterzinger, Cons. Tech @ 10:32
Ron Madsen, Eng. Tech. @ 10:32
Terry Dybsetter, Ed. Coord. @ 10:32

Randy Kraus, Farm Bill Assist. @ 10:32

NRCS Staff Present:

Dennis Johnson, Dist.Cons. @ 10:32

Others Present

Curt Blumeyer, Co. Commissioner

AGENDA: An updated agenda was distributed.

MINUTES: The minutes from the January 20, 2010 meeting were approved as mailed.

TREASURER’S REPORT: Motion by Schardin, seconded by Sorensen to approve the Treasurer’s Report for January, 2010. Affirmative: Christianson, Sorensen, Schardin, and Boulton. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

BILLS: Motion by Sorensen, seconded by Boulton to approve the payment of the bills for \$28,965.73 (see attachment). Affirmative: Christianson, Sorensen, Schardin, and Boulton. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

WORKING LANDS INITIATIVE PAYMENT: Motion by Schardin, seconded by Boulton to approve the WLI Payments for Tom Barber #41-01-08-03 incentive payment for a total of \$36,765. Affirmative: Christianson, Sorensen, Schardin, and Boulton. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

TRANSFER OF FUNDS: Motion by Schardin, seconded by Sorensen to approve the following transfers from MMS to the checking account: \$6,500 for payroll and \$2,900. Affirmative: Christianson, Sorensen, Schardin, and Boulton. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

STATE COST-SHARE CONTRACT APPROVALS: Motion by Sorensen, seconded by Boulton to approve the following State Cost-Share Contracts which are all tree projects and Sterzinger being the Technical Representative for the projects: Ron Wiering FY10-01 for \$3,008; William Otto, Jr FY10-03 for \$1,967. Affirmative: Christianson, Sorensen, Schardin, and Boulton. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

2009 FINANCIAL REPORT: Motion by Boulton, seconded by Schardin to approve the 2009 Financial Report. Affirmative: Christianson, Sorensen, Schardin, and Boulton. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

2009 ANNUAL REPORT: Motion by Sorensen, seconded by Schardin to approve the 2009 Annual Report. Affirmative: Christianson, Sorensen, Schardin, and Boulton. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

2010 ANNUAL PLAN OF WORK: Motion by Schardin, seconded by Boulton to approve the 2010 Annual Plan of Work. Affirmative: Christianson, Sorensen, Schardin, and Boulton. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

LETTER OF CREDIT-FEDERAL HOME LOAN BANK OF DES MOINES: The letter of Credit from the Federal Home Loan Bank of Des Moines for securities at the First Security Bank of Hendricks is on file in the office.

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

MASWCD INFORMATION: The MASWCD and legislative information was handed out.

Madsen, Sterzinger, Kraus, Dybsetter and Johnson were present at this time.

REPORTS:

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

- \$109,000 on moving snow in January.
- Armor Radio System; meeting with Alpha Wireless tonight.
- Public Health and Human Services; doing a feasibility study to see if they can utilize one administrator.
- Lake Stay Dam is fine; high water ran over dam.

DISTRICT MANAGER’S REPORT: Pauline VanOverbeke, District Manager’s report is attached.

EDUCATION COORDINATOR’S REPORT: Terry Dybsetter, Education Coordinator’s report is attached.

CONSERVATION TECHNICIAN’S REPORT: Dale Sterzinger, Conservation Technician, reported on the following:

- Inventory of Highway 19; target areas for living snow fences; Sooks curves-USFWS property which MN DOT would pay for the cost to install a living snow fence project.
- Field Windbreaks; two landowners interested for almost 2-miles of windbreaks.
- Working on tree plans and cost-share.
- WCA: Stormwater treatment project in Hendricks.
- WCA: Norwegian Creek beech area; need to apply for a permit if the project will be done this year.

FARM BILL ASSISTANT’S REPORT: Randy Kraus, Farm Bill Assistant reported: WLI Grant-\$250,000 will only receive \$150,000 of the grant; will need to cut a few projects; State RIM Reserve Filter Strip Program-50-120’; payment based.

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

- Signups going on right now for: EQIP, Grazing Reserve Program (GRP) and Wildlife Habitat Incentive Program (WHIP).

DAY-OFF OPTION: Motion by Boulton, seconded by Sorensen to allow full time employees that work the 8 ½ or 9 hour days to switch days in the two-week period for their day off. Affirmative: Christianson, Sorensen, Schardin, and Boulton. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

The next meeting of the Lincoln SWCD will be on Wednesday, March 17 at 10:00 a.m.

The meeting declared adjourned by the Chairman, Christianson, at 11:52 a.m.

APPROVED: _____

DATE

SIGNATURE

**DISTRICT MANAGER'S REPORT
PAULINE VANOVERBEKE**

YEAR-END REPORTS: Have completed the year-end reports. Need to send letters to NRCS, County Commissioners, BWSR explaining that the reports are now on our web site. Have compared the requirements with the BWSR checklist.

2010 CLEAN WATER FUNDS-APPLICATION: Our 2010 Clean Water Fund Application for the Yellow Medicine River Watershed Project has been funded to the tune of \$90,125. We will need to get together with our partners who submitted grant to come up with a revised work plan. Waiting to hear from BWSR on the work plan and grant agreement.

OTHER ITEMS:

- Re-issued Nate Buntrock a check for convention expenses and put a cancel on his 1st check for a fee of \$25.00.
- Legislative Handout: will give them a copy of the Annual Report and a copy of the latest Guidebook page that was submitted to BWSR in December.
- Clean Water listening session; recommend everyone to go online and take the brief survey: www.wrc.umn.edu. After visiting with David Sill yesterday, I am planning on sending the Headwaters Committee a letter and a copy of our Annual Report to explain to them what a soil and water conservation district does and the dollars and programs that are actually brought in to the county in part due to our agencies assistance.
- Upcoming Meetings: This afternoon-Legislative Briefing/Day at the Capital; Area V Meeting has been changed to Thursday, March 18th; Administrative Training-March 30-31.
- Area V Envirothon has been cancelled this spring due to not enough interest.

**EDUCATION COORDINATOR'S REPORT
TERRY DYBSETTER**

JANUARY/FEBRUARY ACTIVITIES:

- RIM/CWF release
- "Conservation Corner" 2 and 3
- School programs – I continue my effort to plan a new classroom initiative in Lincoln County Schools to replace the poster contest. I sent a letter personally to all the 4-6th grade teachers regarding discontinuing the poster contest and my proposal to do a water cycle program using "The Journey of the BLOB".
- I would like to continue distributing the Soil Stewardship materials to the elementary schools with the intent of using this as the classroom program for the lower elementary grades. The cost of the materials would be approximately \$ 125.00 for K-3. As we no longer have the poster contest, there is approximately \$60.00 less education expense in the budget.
- I spoke with Jessica Sheik regarding Jr. Achievement. They are set for this year, but will place me on the list for next fall.
- I have sent an education newsletter to all the teachers in Lincoln HI, Lake Benton and RTR high school informing them of the resource program opportunities available from the SWCD.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- I have been called to jury duty in Yellow Medicine County beginning on March 1st.
- I am currently in the process of scheduling the water cycle program in March with the Lake Benton 4-6th grade.