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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, November 17, 2010.

Meeting called to order by the Chairman, Daniel Christianson, at 10:07 a.m.

Members Present:

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

Members Absent:

Joe Weber, Treasurer

District Staff:

Pauline VanOverbeke, District Manager  
Ron Madsen, Eng. Tech @ 10:45 a.m.  
Dale Sterzinger, Dist Tech. @ 10:10 – 10:30 a.m.  
Randy Kraus, Easement Tech. @ 10:45 a.m.  
Dennis Johnson, NRCS, District Cons @ 10:45 a.m.

Others Present:

Curt Blumeyer, County Commissioner

AGENDA: An agenda was distributed.

MINUTES: The minutes from the October 20, 2010 meeting stand approved as mailed.

TREASURER’S REPORT: Motion by Sorensen, seconded by Boulton to approve the Treasurer’s Report for October, 2010. Passed 4-0

BILLS: Motion by Boulton, seconded by Schardin to approve the payment of the bills for \$25,306.57 (see attachment). Passed 4-0.

Sterzinger present at this time.

REPORT: DISTRICT TECHNICIAN REPORT: Dale Sterzinger, Conservation Technician report follows:

- Trees: AR \$9,900.01. Have 19 plans to design. Practice incentive payments have been made.
- WCA had the following activity this past month:
  - Dealing with a lot of tile requests and complaints.
  - Dealing with issues on the Danebod Lake Project, State Hwy. 14; no easement but there is an agreement; landowners are upset due to the flood of September 22, 2010.
  - No-loss determination on Perch Lake; power company; DNR jurisdiction.
  - DNR Flood Permits.
  - Shaokatan Sportsmen Club; \$6,000 park improvement; Dedicated \$8,800 to USFWS for seeding; seed will go through the District; total acres-156; \$1,200-\$1,400 our share of dollars to the district.
  - Alan Roelofs; burnt off and is cleaning a the ditch for maintenance.

Sterzinger left the meeting at this time.

STATE COST-SHARE PAYMENT: Motion by Sorensen, seconded by Schardin to approve the State C-S payment for Tammi Harris FY10-06 for a tree project for \$2,253.00. Sterzinger was the technician for the project. Passed 4-0.

FY2010 CLOSE-OUT: Motion by Schardin, seconded by Sorensen to approve the FY2010 Close-out. Passed 4-0.

CWF-YELLOW MEDICINE PROJECT PAYMENT: Motion by Boulton, seconded by Schardin to approve the payment of the CWF-YMP contract for Jonathan Olson, CWF-YMP-13-10 for 2-Alternative Intakes for \$600.00. Laura DeBeer, Lyon SWCD was the technician for the project: Passed 4-0.

TRANSFER OF FUNDS: Motion by Schardin, seconded by Sorensen to approve the transfer of \$7,000 from the Money Market Savings to the checking account. 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 from the Federal Home Loan Band of Des Moines was reviewed.

CWF-YELLOW MEDICINE PROJECT CANCELLATION: Motion by Boulton, seconded by Sorensen to cancel the contract for Bernard Claeys CWF-YMP-15-10 for WSCB for \$4,275.00. Passed 4-0.

CWF-YELLOW MEDICINE PROJECT APPROVALS: Motion by Schardin, seconded by Boulton to approve the CWF Contracts as follows. Passed 4-0.

| <u>Name</u>         | <u>Contract #</u> | <u>For</u>     | <u>C-S</u> | <u>County</u> | <u>Technician</u> |
|---------------------|-------------------|----------------|------------|---------------|-------------------|
| Doug Maeyaert       | CWF-YMP-17-10     | WSCB           | \$ 3,084   | Lyon          | Michael Timmerman |
| Jim Verhelst        | CWF-YMP-18-10     | 4-Alt.Intakes  | \$ 1,200   | Lincoln       | Ron Madsen        |
| John Jerzak         | CWF-YMP-19-10     | 13-Alt.Intakes | \$ 3,900   | Lincoln       | Ron Madsen        |
| Pauline VanOverbeke | CWF-YMP-20-10     | WSCB's         | \$20,250   | Lincoln       | Ron Madsen        |
| Frank Remerowski    | CWF-YMP-21-20     | 4-Alt.Intakes  | \$ 1,200   | Lincoln       | Ron Madsen        |

WLI-AGREEMENT: Motion by Schardin, seconded by Boulton to approve the WLI agreement and for staff to pay when money is deposited in district account for James Zimmerman FY2010-08 for 35.7 acres in Section 6 of Island Lake Township, Lyon County for \$24,215.25. Passed: 4-0.

BWSR FY2011 FARM BILL ASSISTANCE GRANT: Motion by Sorensen, seconded by Boulton, to approve the BWSR FY2011 Farm Bill Assistance Grant for \$31,500 with the Soil and Water Conservation District match of \$13,500. Passed: 4-0.

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

Madsen, Kraus, and Johnson present at this time.

STATE C-S FLOOD POLICY: Motion by Boulton, seconded by Schardin to approve the following State C-S Flood Policy Rules for the September 22, 2010 flood: Minimum of \$500 total project cost for any one project; 100% c-s on cost-shared conservation practices with project life still on the practice; new or over life of a project is 75% c-s; with all projects having eligible, reasonable cost-of the practice; debris removal, fencing, etc. owners/operators will be directed to submit to MDA first and will also be included on the list through MN Recovers if they submit proper bills, cost-estimates, and will be requested at 100% funding. etc. Passed 4-0.

WALK IN ACCESS PROGRAM: Discussion on the Walk in Access Program. Motion by Sorensen, seconded by Boulton to take part in the Walk in Access Program that will start in February, 2011. Passed 4-0.

PERFORMANCE REVIEWS/DECEMBER MEETING/CHRISTMAS GATHERING: The Performance Reviews will be done at 11:00 a.m. with board meeting to follow at 1:00 p.m. and Christmas gathering to start at approximately 3-3:30 p.m.

REPORTS:

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

- Senator Amy Klobuchar was at the commissioners meeting and presented two American Flags to the County.
- Did a road tour of county road projects; safety chevron on curves.
- FEMA; County \$430,000.
- Co 13 is completed.
- Area II; December 11<sup>th</sup> Legislative Breakfast.
- Met with county departments on the Armer Radio grant and planning.
- Public Health and Human Services are swapping offices.
- Budget at 9.11% of budget; trying to get to 5-6%. Need \$125,000; possibly use reserves.

DISTRICT MANAGER’S REPORT: Pauline VanOverbeke, District Manager, report is attached and reported that she attended the RCRCA Technical meeting. VanOverbeke appointed Madsen to serve on the Technical Committee with meetings to start January 2011.

ENGINEERING TECHNICIAN’S PEPORT: Ron Madsen, Engineering Technician report follows:

- Gear up for tiling projects; no tile available until; December 23 is the earliest anyone can get a load.
- Photos for flood recovery projects.

FARM BILL ASSISTANT’S REPORT: Randy Kraus, Farm Bill Assistant, report follows:

- RIM; floodplain areas.
- Have 4-fall seed sales.

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

- WRP/RIM; closed on one and will close on another one shortly.
- CSP; can start making payments; ranking period ended at the end of October.
- EQIP; ranking period; no date has been set yet.

RCRCA: Sorensen explained that the RCRCA JPA needs to be renewed. The new Agreement is for January 2011 to June 30, 2013. Motion by Schardin, seconded by Boulton to approve Sorensen to sign the Join Powers Agreement at the RCRCA December meeting. Passed 4-0.

RC&D: Blumeyer explained that the dues for the RC&D are \$300; \$2,925 left for mini grants.

The next meeting will be Wednesday, December 15, 2010.

The meeting declared adjourned by the Chairman, Christianson, at 12:05 p.m.

APPROVED:

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**District Manager's Report**  
**Pauline VanOverbeke**  
**November 17, 2010**

Coteau des Prairies RC&D dollars available: Coteau des Prairies was awarded \$15,000 grant from NRCS to assist with implementation of local projects. The grant runs through September 30, 2011 or until all funds are encumbered. Proposals can be submitted to Randy Nelson. All projects are to have at least a 1:1 match (cash and/or in-kind).

Past Month: Attended the BWSR Academy, once again excellent training. Starting preparations for the Women's Day Program and the Environmental Fair for 2011. Madsen, Kraus and myself attended the flood recovery meeting in Mankato. Now talking names and info from those affected by the September 22<sup>nd</sup> flood. Working with the Clean Water Funds applications, water plan well sealing, etc.

Other Items:

- NRCS is only entering into Contribution Agreements to write CRP plans with those districts that had 14 and over contracts to write.
- 2011 Legislative Briefing/Day at the Capitol will be February 28 – March 1, 2011.
- Email from Steve Woods sharing info on our CWF grant application for the Verdi Well Field Project with Amy Fredregill, MN Division of Cooperative Network.
- No RC&D Meeting for Nov or Dec. Next meeting will be January 19, 2011 annual meeting.
- Upcoming Meetings: Nov. 18<sup>th</sup>-Area V Meeting; Nov. 19<sup>th</sup>-Lac qui Parle TMDL meeting; Nov. 30<sup>th</sup>-Environmental Fair Meeting; Dec 5-8<sup>th</sup>-State Convention.