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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, October 20, 2010.

Meeting called to order by the Chairman, Daniel Christianson, at 7:11 a.m.

Members Present:

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

Members Absent:

Joe Weber, Treasurer  
Conrad Schardin, Secretary

District Staff:

Pauline VanOverbeke, District Manager  
Ron Madsen, Eng. Tech @ 7:47 a.m.  
Dale Sterzinger, Dist Tech. @ 7:51 a.m.  
Randy Kraus, Easement Tech. @ 7:47 a.m.  
Dennis Johnson, NRCS, District Cons @ 8:30 a.m.

Others Present:

Curt Blumeyer, County Commissioner

AGENDA: An agenda was distributed.

MINUTES: The minutes from the September 15, 2010 meeting stand approved as mailed.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Motion by Boulton, seconded by Sorensen to approve the Treasurer's Report for September, 2010. Passed 3-0

BILLS: Motion by Boulton, seconded by Sorensen to approve the payment of the bills for \$26,913.66 (see attachment). Passed 3-0.

WLI-PAYMENTS: Motion by Sorensen, seconded by Boulton to approve the WLI cost-share practice payment to Thomas Barber #41-01-08-03 for \$7,589 for seeding his practice. Passed 3-0.

STATE COST-SHARE PAYMENT: Motion by Boulton, seconded by Sorensen to approve the State C-S payment for Steve Citterman FY10-04 for a tree project for \$720.00. Sterzinger was the technician for the project. Passed 3-0.

TRANSFER OF FUNDS: Motion by Sorensen, seconded by Boulton to approve the transfer of \$20,000 from the checking account to Money Market Savings. Passed 3-0.

STATE COST-SHARE APPROVAL: Motion by Boulton, seconded by Sorensen to approve the State C-S Contract for Tami Haris FY10-06 for a tree project of which \$888 is FY2010 dollars and \$1,365 is FY2011 dollars for a total of \$2,253.00. Sterzinger is the technician for the project. Passed: 3-0.

CWF-YELLOW MEDICINE PROJECT APPROVALS: Motion by Boulton, seconded by Sorensen to approve the following CWF-YMP contracts: Passed 3-0.

Henrik Weverka      CWF-YMP-16-10      3-Alternative Intakes      \$900      Lincoln Co.

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

REVIEW 2010 ANNUAL PLAN: The FY2010 Annual Report was reviewed.

2010 REVISED BUDGET: Motion by Sorensen, seconded by Boulton to approve the 2010 revised budget. Passed: 3-0.

CONSERVATION PLANS/CONTRIBUTION AGREEMENTS: VanOverbeke explained that she spoke with Gary Watson, NRCS, Marshall Area Office concerning possible contribution agreements to write CRP plans for the approved general sign-up contracts at a rate of \$500-\$600/contract and that we would be interested in writing the plans for Lincoln, Chippewa, Pipestone and Swift counties. Motion by Sorensen, seconded by Boulton to approve the district to enter into a contribution agreement (when it arrives) for writing CRP general sign-up plans the four counties at \$500-\$600 per contract and to have VanOverbeke sign the agreement. Passed 3-0.

MASWCD CONVENTION: The state convention will be held December 5-7 at Crowne Plaza in St. Paul. Conservation Farmer Award: Motion by Boulton, seconded by Sorensen to pay for the Conservation Farmer Award winners one-nights hotel, mileage and the conservation luncheon tickets. Passed: 3-0. Resolution form was signed and convention materials discussed. Need to know who will be attending at the deadline for registering is November 5<sup>th</sup>.

AREA V MEETING: The Area V Meeting will be held on Thursday, November 18<sup>th</sup> in Marshall. Need to know numbers attending by November 12<sup>th</sup>.

NACD ANNUAL MEETING: The NACD annual meeting will be held in Nashville, TN January 30-February 2, 2011.

Madsen and Kraus present at this time.

#### REPORTS:

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

- Treasurer's office has hired Jody Otto to fill the vacant position.
- FEMA Disaster 25% state; 75% federal; county has 38-road projects and 5-bridges; townships have additional road/bridge projects.
- Construction: final mowing on roadsides; 124 miles of 6" edging; Marshfield bridge being put in; Hendricks project is almost complete.
- Lake Benton SHIP trail.
- Landfill; putting a lien on @ the landfill; roof over plant.
- Courthouse: skylight in courthouse and working on carpet; air conditioner in server room.
- Budgets; 9.98%; rest take out of reserves; Soil and Water Conservation District same as 2010; wind energy tax-state took back \$200,000; and \$235,000 off LGA.

Sterzinger present at this time.

DISTRICT MANAGER'S REPORT: Pauline VanOverbeke, District Manager, report is attached and reported on an upcoming meeting concerning the possibility of a Walk-on program through DNR.

AATRIX UNLIMITED E-FILING: Motion by Boulton, seconded by Sorensen to purchase the Aatrix unlimited e-filing package for the payroll package for \$99.00. Passed: 3-0.

ENGINEERING TECHNICIAN'S REPORT: Ron Madsen, Engineering Technician report follows:

- Working with landowners on conservation practices.
- Worked at the environmental fair.
- Engineering spot check was preformed. No major concerns, just some additions in the files.
- Working on eLink cleanup.
- Completed the Hauschild dam survey with SWPTSA.
- Rain gauge report: 14+ inches of rain in September.

DISTRICT TECHNICIAN'S REPORT: Dale Sterzinger, District Technician report follows:

- Trees: AR \$17,426.26. Picked up a few farmsteads, windbreaks, wildlife plot from the news release and news letter that went out.

- WCA had the following activity this past month:
  - Has been doing all the tile requests since Johnson has been doing his ABC report;
  - Restored wetland exemption;
  - Wildlife exemption;
  - Technical panel meeting;
  - Royal Township flood permits;
  - County Highway Department permits.

Johnson present at this time.

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

- CRP contracts: approved were 20-CCRP contracts and 11-General Contracts.
- Has been taking time off.

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

- Will be closing on the two WRP-RIM contracts.
- Have been working on the accounting system (ABC reporting) approximately 60 hours.
- CSP ranking system end of this month.
- EQIP ranking system not sure when it will be.

ANNUAL LEAVE: The annual leave carryover hours were discussed. Motion by Boulton, seconded by Sorensen to approve the change of annual leave carryover hours from 200 to 240 hours to be carried over into the new year. Passed: 3-0.

The next meeting will be Wednesday, November 17, at 10:00 a.m.

The meeting declared adjourned by the Chairman, Christianson, at 9:00 a.m.

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

DATE

SIGNATURE