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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, September 15, 2010.

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

Members Present:

Daniel Christianson, Chair
Conrad Schardin, Secretary @ 7:26 a.m.
John Boulton, PR&I
Joe Weber, Treasurer

District Staff:

Pauline VanOverbeke, District Manager
Ron Madsen, Eng. Tech @ 7:42 a.m.
Dale Sterzinger, Dist Tech. @ 7:42 a.m.
Randy Kraus, Easement Tech. @ 7:42 a.m.

Members Absent:

Glen Sorensen

Others Present:

Dick Holmberg, Auditor, 7:42 a.m. - 8:07 a.m.
Terry Renken, Landowner, @ 8:50 a.m.

AGENDA: An updated agenda was distributed.

MINUTES: The minutes from the August 18, 2010 meeting stand approved as mailed.

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

BILLS: Motion by Weber, seconded by Boulton to approve the payment of the bills for \$21,306 (see attachment). Passed 3-0.

STATE COST-SHARE PAYMENTS: Motion by Boulton, seconded by Weber to approve the State C-S payments for tree projects for Nathan Nelson FY10-02 for \$3,659 and Brock Citterman FY09-11 for a total of \$1,109 of which FY11 \$'s-\$305 and \$FY10 \$'s-\$804. Sterzinger was the technician for both projects. Passed 3-0.

FY2009 C-S CLOSE-OUT: Motion by Weber, seconded by Boulton to approve and sign the Final Financial Report for the FY2009 C-S close out. Passed 3-0.

WLI-PAYMENTS: Motion by Boulton, seconded by Weber to approve the WLI payment to Audrey Hindbjorgen for 11.6 acres for \$5,602.80. Passed 3-0.

TRANSFER OF FUNDS: Motion by Weber, seconded by Boulton to approve the transfer of \$10,000 and \$19,000 for payroll from Money Market Savings to the Checking Account. Passed 3-0.

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

Schardin present at this time.

CWF-YELLOW MEDICINE PROJECT APPROVALS: Motion by Boulton, seconded by Schardin to approve the following CWF-YMP contracts: Passed 4-0.

Table with 5 columns: Name, Contract ID, Description, Amount, and County. Rows include Frank Remerowski, Jonathan K. Olson, DuWayne Coover, and Bernard Claeys.

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.

HEALTH INSURANCE PREMIUMS: The health insurance premiums for 2011 remained the same as 2010.

Madsen, Sterzinger, Kraus and Holmberg present at this time.

2009 AUDIT Holmberg reviewed the 2009 Audit. Discussion concerning unreserved-designated funds versus reserved funds. In the future specific funding for specific projects will need to be established under reserved funds. The audit looked good. Motion by Weber, seconded by Schardin to accept the 2009 audit subject to change concerning the reserved funds not designated funds. Passed 4-0.

Holmberg left the meeting at this time.

REPORTS:

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

- Budgets; preliminary 9.98% increase-short revenue from the state; production tax from the wind turbines; Tax base increased by \$440,000.
- Three bridges in Marshfield Township to be replaced; lowest bid was \$275,414.
- Posting is out for a Deputy Treasurer.
- Platform for AMC meeting on Thursday.

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

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

- Preparing for spot checks.
- FY09 Cost-Share Close-out.
- Survey/design on projects; worked with JPTSA on feedlots.
- Possible downsizing project; bridge washed out Lake Stay Township, Section 20. Suggested to refer this project to Area II.

DISTRICT TECHNICIAN’S PEPORT: Dale Sterzinger, District Technician report follows:

- Trees: AR \$24,516.17; working on farmsteads and wildlife plantings for next spring; sent off a news release on trees; and finishing up c-s papers.
- WCA had the following activity this past month:
 - Held a Technical Panel meeting for four WCA projects.
 - Restored wetland exemption.
 - No-loss Determination.
 - Denied 2-drainage applications.
 - Working w/DNR on a restoration project.
- Blind intake project on Lake Shaokatan.

Renken present at this time.

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

- General CRP sign-up is done; 15 applications with 11 being approved.
- WLI; submitted a request for \$84,640 for 7-landowners.
- Sent out bid sheets for two WLI contracts.

RENKEN CRP/TREE PROJECT: Renken discussed his tree project with the board.

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

APPROVED:

DATE

SIGNATURE

DISTRICT MANAGER'S REPORT
PAULINE VANOVERBEKE
SEPTEMBER 15, 2010

LqP WATERSHED-CLEAN WATER FUND APPLICATION: Working on a grant application for the Lac qui Parle Watershed area with Yellow Medicine and LqP SWCD's, completed and was sent out on Monday requesting \$129,316 of which \$108,500 is FOR BMP's, \$14,350 for technical/engineering assistance and \$6,466 administration of grant. Yellow Medicine SWCD will be the administering district.

VERDI WELL FIELD-CLEAN WATER FUND APPLICATION: Have been working on the Verdi Well Field CWF Grant Application. Randy Kraus and Joe Weber have been helping me with the grant and have made contacts to the landowners in the Verdi area. Also working with Lincoln-Pipestone Rural Water on different portions of the grant. Grant request of \$184,211 of which incentive money for the following practices: \$60,000 Nutrient Mgmt Planning; \$10,000 Variable Rate Technology; \$60,000 Nitrogen stabilizers/nitrogen efficiency products; and \$45,000 filter strips and admin for \$9,211. LPRW has agreed to \$32,500 of cash match which will come to the district. Landowner in-kind share for the filter strip incentive portion. Have received a few letters of support for the project.

OTHER ITEMS:

- Environmental Fair; Staff to work Wednesday, September 22. Schools in Lincoln County attending on the 22nd as well. Contacted Norm Vanoverbeke, VFW to pay for busing for Lincoln HI, school will bill VFW direct.
- Area V meeting with legislators went well. Boulton, Weber, Madsen, Kraus and myself attended.
- Health Insurance will remain the same as 2010. No increase.
- Upcoming Meetings: September 22-Environmental Fair; September 28-Yellow Medicine River Technical Meeting; October 6-Future CWF-YMP-Preliminary; October 7-Julie Blackburn and David Sill, BWSR will be in Lincoln to discuss projects, etc; October 26-28-BWSR Academy.