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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, July 16, 2008.

Meeting called to order by the Chairman, Daniel Christianson, at 7:05 a.m.

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| <u>Members Present:</u>    | <u>District Staff Present:</u>         | <u>NRCS Present:</u>                |
| Daniel Christianson, Chair | Pauline VanOverbeke, District Manager  | Dennis Johnson, DC @ 8:30am         |
| Joe Weber, Treasurer       | Terry Dybsetter, Education Coord.      | Randy Sheik, SCT @ 7:45am           |
| John Boulton, PR&I         | Ron Madsen, Engineering Tech.          | <u>County Commissioner Present:</u> |
| <u>Members Absent:</u>     | Dale Sterzinger, Cons. Tech., @ 7:20am | Curt Blumeyer                       |
| Glen Sorensen, Vice Chair  | Randy Kraus, Farm Bill Assistant       |                                     |
| Conrad Schardin, Secretary |                                        |                                     |

AGENDA: An updated agenda was distributed.

MINUTES: The minutes from the June 18, 2008 meeting, were approved as mailed.

TREASURER’S REPORT: Motion by Weber, seconded by Boulton to approve the Treasurer’s Report for June, 2008. Affirmative: Christianson, Weber, Boulton. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

BILLS: Motion by Boulton, seconded by Weber to approve the payment of the bills for \$46,410.11 (see attachment). Affirmative: Christianson, Weber, Boulton. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

TRANSFER OF FUNDS: Motion by Boulton, seconded by Weber to approve the transfer of \$9,500 from the Money Market Savings Account to the checking account. Affirmative: Christianson, Weber, Boulton. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

ACTUAL AND BUDGETED INCOME AND EXPENDITURE STATEMENT: VanOverbeke handed out the monthly and yearly actual and budgeted income and expenditure statement for June, 2008.

Sterzinger present at this time.

STATE COST-SHARE PAYOUTS: Motion by Weber, seconded by Boulton to approve the State Cost-Share payments of the following State C-S contracts. Affirmative: Christianson, Weber, Boulton. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

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| • Jeff Jerzak  | Contract #FY07-11 | Tree Practice | C-S of \$2,758 |
| • Larry Olsen  | Contract #FY07-10 | Tree Practice | C-S of \$3,207 |
| • Wesley Boeve | Contract #FY07-12 | Tree Practice | C-S of \$1,348 |
| • Wesley Boeve | Contract #FY08-01 | Tree Practice | C-S of \$2,544 |

STATE COST-SHARE CONTRACT APPROVAL: Motion by Weber, seconded by Boulton to approve the State Cost-Share Contract for Tom Barber, Contract #FY08-04 of WSCB for cost-share of \$4,500 or 75% of total eligible cost with Ron Madsen being the Technician for the project. Affirmative: Christianson, Weber, Boulton. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

FY07-STATE COST-SHARE CLOSEOUT: Motion by Weber, seconded by Boulton to approve the FY07 State C-S closeout (forms Final Financial Report/Record of Payments to Land Occupiers). Affirmative: Christianson, Weber, Boulton. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

RCRCA COST-SHARE RECOMMENDATION: Motion by Boulton, seconded by Weber to recommend approval of the following C-S contract recommendations to RCRCA: Darrell Thomsen for WSCB's in Section 16 of Marshfield Township; and Kiar Nielsen for cleanout of a pond in Section 22 of Marshfield Township. Affirmative: Christianson, Weber, Boulton. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

WORKING LANDS INITIATIVE-EASEMENT-CONSERVATION PRACTICES PAYOUTS: Motion by Weber, seconded by Boulton to pay the following WLI Easements for Conservation Practice following payments. Affirmative: Christianson, Weber, Boulton. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

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| • Jean Ray Easement        | Conservation Practice/Site Prep. | \$5,059.25 |
| • Jean Ray Easement        | Site Prep.                       | \$ 715.36  |
| • Paul Sterzinger Easement | Conservation Practice/Site Prep. | \$ 617.28  |

COMPUTER PURCHASE: The district will need to purchase a new computer for Terry Dybsetter as she will not be connected to the USDA/NRCS system. VanOverbeke will get recommendations for computer.

FARM BILL ASSISTANT GRANT APPROVED: The Farm Bill Assistant Grant was approved through BWSR; if there are WLI projects in Lyon County, they will be facilitated by Kraus, the Lincoln County Farm Bill Assistant position.

CLARIFICATION CONCERNING NUTRIENT MANAGEMENT PROGRAM THROUGH THE REDWOOD SWCD CWL FUNDS: As per email from Marilyn Bernhardson, Redwood SWCD, "BWSR has determined that for this grant period landowners who began to work on developing nutrient plans and implementing plans after February 1, 200, but before the May Redwood SWCD board meeting are eligible for incentive payments in the year 2008. Bottom line being anyone who applied fertilizer this spring can have a 2008, 009 and 2010 contract. If they fall applied then the contract has to be 2009, 2010 and 2011."

MILEAGE RATE INCREASE: Mileage rate increase as of July 1, 2008 is \$.585 through December 31, 2008. Motion by Weber, seconded by Boulton to use the mileage rate increases/decreases as determined and set by the IRS. Affirmative: Christianson, Weber, Boulton. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

2008 CONTRIBUTION AGREEMENT-EQIP: Motion by Weber, seconded by Boulton to approve the 2008 Contribution Agreement for EQIP practices for \$1,018.50. Affirmative: Christianson, Weber, Boulton. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

#### REPORTS:

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

- Bonding set at \$750,000 for window replacement (90) and air conditioning unit; \$8.23 on \$50,000 worth of property.
- Garbage Grant for a year of \$13,800.
- Purchased land by Norwegian Creek from Weber Farms for land acquisition to expand Norwegian Creek Park.
- Working on Road overlay projects.
- Acting Assessor as of July 1<sup>st</sup> is the County Auditor until Nielsen gets his license.

Sheik present at this time.

DISTRICT MANAGER'S REPORT: Pauline VanOverbeke, District Manager's reported as follows:

- Met with Bruce Casey, MCIT, Loss Control Consultant. If we expose our employees to weather (sun, heat), we must protect them (i.e.: water, bug spray, sunscreen). Need to purchase fire extinguishers for our buildings and district vehicles. Training needed: proper lifting, bending, and ergonomics for Area V.
- Past Area V Meeting; Heritage Bill on upcoming ballot-supervisors/staff cannot promote a yes/no campaign through the SWCD; can only inform them of the bill; two resolutions were passed at the Area

V meeting: EQIP Cost-Share Rate and Conditional Haying/Grazing on CRP Restored Wetland Upland Acres.

- Web Page: Have been updating Web Page into the new Expression Web Program.
- SWCD employees will be working at the Farm Fest on Tuesday, August 5<sup>th</sup> from 8-11 a.m.
- Free Grant Writing workshop in Fargo, ND on August 19/20. Check on interest from others in area to share rides/room.
- Upcoming meetings: LqP Tech meeting-August 4<sup>th</sup>; Convention Planning-August 11<sup>th</sup>, Fair-July 31-August 3.
- Would like to see in place a credit card policy before getting a credit card for district staff to use. Will contact/ask our auditor for advice.

EDUCATION COORDINATOR’S REPORT: Terry Dybsetter, Education Coordinator, reported as follows:

- Sending out Women’s Day Program Flyer.
- Conservation Farmer Award Winner-Joel and Kathleen Koster were selected to represent Lincoln Co.
- Working on Library Programs.

CONSERVATION TECHNICIAN’S REPORT: Dale Sterzinger, Conservation Technician, reported as follows:

- Accounts Receivable-\$68,123.63; 03 accounts receivable still on books.
- Tree matting will be delivered end of July.
- Working on C-S paperwork; working up farmstead shelterbelts for next year.
- Having Tom Przymus put a new bumper on the tree van.
- WCA: 1026’s; one-exemption; will be attending wetland/soils (WCA) training in Mankato.
- Summer employee training; reviewed the Emerald Ash Borer training.

Johnson present at this time.

EASEMENT TECHNCIAN’S REPORT: Randy Kraus, Farm Bill Assistant, reported as follows:

- Native Buffer Cost-Share Contract; see below.
- RIM/WRP-wetland restoration signup going on right now.

NATIVE BUFFER COST-SHARE CONTRACT: Motion by Weber, seconded by Boulton to approve the Native Buffer Cost-Share Contract for Kenneth Fischer, FY08-01NB for 32 acres in Section 6 of Lake Stay Township for \$4,059.00 or 75% cost-share. Kraus is the Technical Representative on this project. Affirmative: Christianson, Weber, Boulton. Opposed: None. Motion Carried.

DISTRICT CONSERVATIONIST’S REPORT: Dennis Johnson, District Conservationist, reported as follows:

- Programs: EQIP-extra dollars available; \$110,000 in applications; waiting on funding. EQIP/WRP in new farm bill. RIM/WRP; two interested landowners; wetland restoration; permanent program.
- Working on 1026’s.
- Visited the Hutterite Colony located by Graceville last week.

Other items: distributed the MASWCD Candidate Prospectus/call for nominations President/Vice President.

The next meeting of the Lincoln SWCD will be on Wednesday, August 20, 2008, at 7:00 a.m.

The meeting declared adjourned by the Chairman, Christianson, at 8:53 a.m.

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_  
DATE SIGNATURE