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MINNESOTA SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICTS

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Minutes of the Lincoln Soil and Water Conservation District, Regular Meeting, USDA Building, Ivanhoe, MN, June 18, 2008.

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

Members Present: Daniel Christianson, Chairman
Glen Sorensen, Vice Chairman
Conrad Schardin, Secretary
Joe Weber, Treasurer
John Boulton, PR&I

Others Present: Pauline VanOverbeke, District Manager
Ron Madsen, Engineering Technician
Dale Sterzinger, Conservation Technician, present @ 7:25 a.m.
Randy Kraus, Farm Bill Assistant, left @ 8:35 a.m.
Dennis Johnson, NRCS, District Conservationist, @ 7:55 a.m.; left @ 8:45 a.m.
Randy, Sheik, NRCS, Soil Conservation Technician, @ 7:55 a.m.; left @ 8:45 a.m.

MINUTES: The minutes from the May 21, 2008 meeting, were approved as mailed.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Motion by Weber, seconded by Schardin to approve the Treasurer's Report for May, 2008.

Affirmative: Christianson, Sorensen, Schardin, Weber, and Boulton.

Opposed: None

Motion Carried.

BILLS: Motion by Schardin, seconded by Boulton to approve the payment of the bills for \$42,836.20 (see attachment).

Affirmative: Christianson, Sorensen, Schardin, Weber, and Boulton.

Opposed: None

Motion Carried.

TRANSFER OF FUNDS: Motion by Boulton, seconded by Sorensen to approve the transfer of \$6,500 from the Money Market Savings Account to the checking account.

Affirmative: Christianson, Sorensen, Schardin, Weber, and 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 May, 2008.

Sterzinger present at this time.

WORKING LANDS INITIATIVE-CONSERVATION EASEMENT APPLICATION: Motion by Boulton, seconded by Sorensen to approve and sign the Conservation Easement Application for Great River Trust #5, Easement #41-03-08-03 for 33.1 Acres in Lake Stay Township; Easement Payment of \$53,633.14 and Practice Payment of #3,910.

Affirmative: Christianson, Sorensen, Schardin, Weber, and Boulton.

Opposed: None

Motion Carried.

STATE COST-SHARE CONTRACT APPROVAL: Motion by Schardin, seconded by Sorensen to approve the State Cost-Share Contract for Morris Fehl, Contract #08-03 for three WSCB's, for a total estimate of \$16,000 for cost-share of 75% not to exceed \$4,000 in conjunction with an EQIP practice.

Affirmative: Christianson, Sorensen, Schardin, Weber, and Boulton.

Opposed: None

Motion Carried.

Johnson and Sheik present at this time.

CONSERVATION FARMER AWARD WINNER: Names for the Conservation Farmer Award are Conrad Schardin, Mike Fier, Joel Koster, and Bob Worth. The staff is to decide on a winner for this year.

GROUND WATER LEVEL MONITORING WELL AGREEMENTS: Motion by Boulton, seconded by Weber to approve and sign the Ground Water Level Monitoring Well Agreements with DNR.

Affirmative: Christianson, Sorensen, Schardin, Weber, and Boulton.

Opposed: None

Motion Carried.

LEADERSHIP TRAINING: The deadline to sign up for the Leadership Training is July 11th.

REPORTS:

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

- Web Page: Currently have everything on the web site that is required; will be working on/setting up Expression Web for our new web site.
- Reviewed the proposed 09 SWCD allocations with the board along with the NRBG allocations; new for the NRBG program is that BWSR is not requiring an application on Elink this year to receive the dollars.
- Elections: File between July 1-15; up for re-election this year are Weber and Boulton.
- Native Buffer C-S Program update.
- TSP Contribution Agreements; Johnson and I put some numbers together quickly as we only had a few days to respond; we will be requesting a total of \$1,018.50 for EQIP 3-638 design, installation and check out; and 95 CRP plans to be written for a total of \$15,200.00.
- Emailed Representative Aaron Peterson a thank you for his support of Soil and Water Conservation and wishing him well as he is not going to seek re-election this fall.
- Life Insurance is changing from MII Life to US Able Life.
- Reviewed the State Convention update/next meeting August 11th in St. Paul.
- Drill discussion; a bigger possibly 10 foot drill is needed; Madsen is looking into getting a bigger drill from the DNR Roadside Program.

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

EASEMENT TECHNICIAN'S REPORT: Randy Kraus, Farm Bill Assistant, reported as follows:

- Two Buffer Initiatives/interest in the Native Buffers Program; estimates for state c-s are \$4,059.04 for 32 acres and \$6,900.00 for 30 acres.
- Two WLI-CRP Incentive Contracts: Motion by Weber, seconded by Schardin to approve staff to make payment on the two 15-year WLI-CRP Incentive Contracts when the money comes in from the

DNR: Ronald Madsen for 25.8 acres in Section 20 of Lake Stay Township, total cost of \$32,287.41; and, Harvey Noble for 40 acres in Section 30 of Lake Stay Township; total cost of \$30,060.00.

Affirmative: Christianson, Sorensen, Schardin, Weber, and Boulton.

Opposed: None

Motion Carried.

- WLI areas: It was agreed to add a portion of Marble Township to the WLI area.

Kraus left the meeting at this time.

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

- The Farm Bill was passed; added dollars to EQIP; signup continued on through June; have 10-12 applications in.
- Gary Watson, the new Assistant State Conservationist from the Marshall Office will be attending a future Board Meeting.
- Haying/grazing on CRP; can use 50% nationwide only on certain practices.

Johnson and Sheik left the meeting at this time.

ENGINEERING TECHNICIAN’S REPORT: Ron Madsen, Engineering Technician, reported as follows:

- Working with five feedlots in County and normal construction practices. Discussion on feedlots.

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

- Tree planting season was a long process; drug out this year due to the wet weather.
- Matting delay; had to order from another Company.
- WCA; Royal Township replacing culvert and County WCA’s; 1026’s.

VEHICLE FUEL-BP CARD VS COUNTY: Motion by Weber, seconded by Boulton to go with the County fuel (providing the County allows) and authorize VanOverbeke to get one BP Card with allowance of the five district staff to sign card.

Affirmative: Christianson, Sorensen, Schardin, Weber, and Boulton.

Opposed: None

Motion Carried.

Other items of business: RCRCA-Sorensen reported that they offered the position to Doug Goodrich and the Lake Redwood Project per the Public Facilities Authority cannot do the dredging project until everything is under one-bid.

The next meeting of the Lincoln SWCD will be on Wednesday, July 16, 2008, at 7:00 a.m.

The meeting declared adjourned by the Chairman, Christianson, at 9:24 a.m.

APPROVED: _____

DATE

SIGNATURE