

MINUTES OF THE YELLOW MEDICINE SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Ag Service Building, Clarkfield, Minnesota

April 24, 2008

I. The regular meeting was called to order by Chairperson Dennis Kruger.

II. Those present:

Chairperson – Dennis Kruger

District Manager - Lou Ann Nagel

Vice Chairperson – Norris Peterson

Co. Commissioner – Gary Johnson

Secretary – Burton Kuehn

Treasurer – Steve Hubbard

P. R. & I. – Menno Fokken

III. Business

Motion by Menno Fokken, seconded by Steve Hubbard to approve the minutes of the regular board meeting of March 27, 2008. Affirmative: Norris Peterson, Burton Kuehn, Steve Hubbard, Menno Fokken, and Dennis Kruger. Negative: none. Motion Carried.

The treasurer's report was received as read and filed for audit.

Motion by Norris Peterson, seconded by Burton Kuehn to pay all bills and payroll for the month of April. Affirmative: Norris Peterson, Burton Kuehn, Steve Hubbard, Menno Fokken, and Dennis Kruger. Negative: none. Motion Carried.

PAY EQUITY: Received a notice stating that the SWCD met the requirements of the Local Government Pay Equity Act.

DC REPORT: Cheryl Isder, NRCS DC, was unable to attend the meeting. The District Manager went over her report at this time.

WCA MONTHLY REPORT: Reviewed the Wetland Conservation Act (WCA) monthly report at this time.

MASWCD POSTER CONTEST: The Supervisors judged the posters and essays at this time. The winners were as follows:

Canby Murals:

1. Morgan Crowser and Leah Jessen (Send to Area for competition)
2. Rachael Stafke and Morgan Krug
3. Brittany Merritt and Haylee Smith

St. Peter's Mural:

1. Taylor Vandeputte and Kaitlin Varcoe (Send to Area for competition)
2. Michaela Johnson and Ricki Kallhoff (Send to Area for competition)
3. Danielle Kontz and Shelby Haight

Canby Essays

Morgan Merritt and Holly Hayden were both winners and received a t-shirt

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BLIND INTAKE PROGRAM: Motion by Norris Peterson, seconded by Menno Fokken to approve Blind Intake Contract #08-01 with Curtis Hoseck to install three (3) blind intakes in Norman Township, Section 30. Cost share will be \$300.00 not to exceed \$100.00/intake or 75% of the eligible cost. Affirmative: Norris Peterson, Burton Kuehn, Steve Hubbard, Menno Fokken, and Dennis Kruger. Negative: none. Motion Carried.

STATE COST SHARE PROGRAM: Motion by Burton Kuehn, seconded by Menno Fokken to add an additional \$1,412.00 to the FY08 State Cost Share Program. Affirmative: Norris Peterson, Burton Kuehn, Steve Hubbard, Menno Fokken, and Dennis Kruger. Negative: none. Motion Carried.

Motion by Steve Hubbard, seconded by Norris Peterson to approve funding for the following State Cost Share Contracts:

#08-19 Fred Callens - .44 acre Farmstead WB in Burton, Section 2 – Cost Share at 75% not to exceed \$754.00
#08-20 Barb Shemon - .9 acre Farmstead WB in Sandnes, Section 4 - Cost share at 75% not to exceed \$811.00
Affirmative: Norris Peterson, Burton Kuehn, Steve Hubbard, Menno Fokken, and Dennis Kruger. Negative: none. Motion Carried.

DEDICATED SALES TAX CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT: Reviewed the information from MASWCD regarding the Dedicated Sales Tax Constitutional Amendment and what role SWCD, its board and its employees, can take in promoting a particular outcome of this proposal.

SIGNATURES ON CRP CONSERVATION PLANS: Motion by Norris Peterson, seconded by Menno Fokken to authorize Jared Brouwer to sign the CRP Conservation Plans when the District Manager is not available to sign them. Affirmative: Norris Peterson, Burton Kuehn, Steve Hubbard, Menno Fokken, and Dennis Kruger. Negative: none. Motion Carried.

GRAZING WORKSHOP: Lyon County is hosting a grazing demonstration and workshop on June 11, 2008. They requested the surrounding SWCDs to co-sponsor and to pledge a contribution of \$100-200 towards the cost to hold this event. The contribution may be for in-kind or cash – they are not sure. Motion by Steve Hubbard, seconded by Menno Fokken to pledge \$100.00 towards the Grazing Workshop which will be held on June 11th in Lyon County. Affirmative: Norris Peterson, Burton Kuehn, Steve Hubbard, Menno Fokken, and Dennis Kruger. Negative: none. Motion Carried.

MASWCD CALL FOR RESOLUTIONS: Distributed the MASWCD Policy Positions for 2008 Handbook to each supervisor for their review. Discussion followed on possible resolutions. The District Manager will work with NRCS/SWCD staff to draft up resolutions and report back in May.

MASWCD BITS OF TIDBITS: Distributed the April 2008 issue of the MASWCD Bits of Tidbits to the supervisor for their review.

SOUTHWEST PRAIRIE JPO EVALUATIONS: Motion by Menno Fokken, seconded by Burton Kuehn to sign the evaluation form for Mike Skogland, Southwest Prairie Technician. No comments were made this year because Mike Skogland did not work in Yellow Medicine County. Affirmative: Norris Peterson, Burton Kuehn, Steve Hubbard, Menno Fokken, and Dennis Kruger. Negative: none. Motion Carried.

DAILY DIARIES: Supervisors reviewed the daily diaries at this time.

SEED PROGRAM: Discussion followed on the SWCD's grass seed program. The price per pound for native seed will be reduced due to the fact that the seed was purchased in 2006.

STATE GENERAL FUND: Gave each supervisor a copy of the correspondence from MASWCD regarding the State General Fund.

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RCRCA REPORT: Burton Kuehn gave a report on the Redwood Cottonwood Rivers Control Area (RCRCA).

SOUTHWEST PRAIRIE JOINT POWERS BOARD: Menno Fokken gave a report on the Southwest Prairie Joint Powers Board meeting that was held in April.

Next meeting date is scheduled for May 22, 2008 at 7:00 p.m.

Motion by Menno Fokken, seconded by Burton Kuehn to adjourn. Meeting adjourned.

Yellow Medicine SWCD Secretary

Date

YELLOW MEDICINE SWCD MONTHLY TREASURER'S REPORT

March 27, 2008 through April 24, 2008

Use of Cash	Beginning Balance	Receipts	Disbursements	Ending Balance
Tree Checking	\$3,598.52		\$560.75	\$3,037.77
District Checking	\$9,180.21	\$70,607.77	\$61,539.10	\$18,248.88
Savings Accounts	\$33,460.51	\$30,057.55	\$20,000.00	\$43,518.06
Investments	\$228,190.63	\$25,601.03		\$253,791.66
TOTALS	\$274,429.87	\$126,266.35	\$82,099.85	\$318,596.37

RECEIPTS

District Checking	
Interest	\$4.66
2nd qtr County allotment	\$24,067.25
Native Buffer Grant	\$25,000.00
Reimbursement for Ed Coordinator Hours	\$1,535.86
Transfer from Savings	\$20,000.00

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

CHECK NUMBER PAYABLE TO

FOR

AMOUNT

Tree Checking

#3344 - Xcel Energy	Electricity for storage facility	\$8.52
#3345 - K&K Tiling	Snow Removal	\$230.00
#3346 - City of Clarkfield	Water Bill for 1st qtr in 2008	\$22.31
#3347 - Consumers Coop	Gasoline	\$196.94
#3348 - Runnings	Flagging tape	\$12.72
#3349 - Lou Ann Nagel	Meals & mileage for meetings	\$60.26
#3350 - Jared Brouwer	Reimbursement for washing vehicles	\$10.00
#3351 - Taylor VanDeputte	1st Place Mural Winner-St. Peters	\$5.00
#3352 - Kaitlin Varcoe	1st Place Mural Winner-St. Peters	\$5.00
#3353 - Morgan Crowser	1st Place Mural Winner-Canby	\$5.00
#3354 - Leah Jessen	1st Place Mural Winner-Canby	\$5.00

District Checking

#9297 - Yellow Medicine County	Family Coverage Nagel & Johnson	\$1,200.30
#9298 - F & M State Bank	Made Native Buffer Cost Share	
#9299 - F & M State Bank	CD	\$25,000.00
#9300 - YM County	Transfer to District Savings	\$30,000.00
#9301 - Kurt Johnson	2nd qtr health, dental & life ins.	\$5,015.28
#9302 - Reserve Account	Expenses from WCA Training	\$123.52
Yellow Medicine SWCD Treasurer	Postage for meter machine	\$200.00

Date

