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YELLOW MEDICINE SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

MINUTES OF THE YELLOW MEDICINE SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
Ag Service Building, Clarkfield, Minnesota August 21, 2008

I. The regular meeting was called to order by Chairperson Dennis Kruger at 7:00 P.M.

II. Those present:

Chairperson – Dennis Kruger

Vice Chairperson – Norris Peterson

Secretary – Burton Kuehn

P. R. & I. – Menno Fokken

District Manager - Lou Ann Nagel

NRCS AC – Gary Watson

NRCS DC – Cheryl Isder

III. Business

Motion by Norris Peterson, seconded by Burton Kuehn to adopt the agenda with the addition of appointment to LQP Watershed District Advisory Board; purchase software and/or computers; and supervisors reports.

Affirmative: Norris Peterson, Burton Kuehn, Menno Fokken, and Dennis Kruger. Opposed: none. Motion carried.

Motion by Menno Fokken, seconded by Norris Peterson to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of July 24, 2008. Affirmative: Norris Peterson, Burton Kuehn, Menno Fokken, and Dennis Kruger. Opposed: none. Motion carried.

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

Motion by Burton Kuehn, seconded by Menno Fokken to pay all bills and payroll for the month of August. Affirmative: Norris Peterson, Burton Kuehn, Menno Fokken, and Dennis Kruger. Opposed: none. Motion carried.

NRCS: Gary Watson, the Area V Natural Resources Conservation Services Assistant State Conservationist, introduced himself to the board.

LAN/WAN/VOICE AGREEMENT WITH NRCS: Motion by Norris Peterson, seconded by Menno Fokken to sign and approve the LAN/WAN/VOICE Agreement with the Natural Resources Conservation Service for \$962.00. Affirmative: Norris Peterson, Burton Kuehn, Menno Fokken, and Dennis Kruger. Opposed: none. Motion carried.

DC REPORT: Cheryl Heard gave the DC report at this time. She also informed the board of an increase in the Conservation Reserve Program rental rates.

COUNTY BUDGET REQUEST: The District Manager reviewed the changes to the 2009 County Budget request. The county informed us of a change in the decrease for health insurance from 25% to 5%. The budget was also reduced to reflect the MCIT dividend of \$2,868.00. The total county budget request for 2009 is \$104,025.16.

AREA V MEETING SCHEDULED: Motion by Norris Peterson, seconded by Menno Fokken to authorize supervisors and/or staff to attend the Area V meeting in Redwood Falls on September 10th, 2008. Affirmative: Norris Peterson, Burton Kuehn, Menno Fokken, and Dennis Kruger. Opposed: none. Motion carried.

MASWCD TIDBITS: The MASWCD Tidbits were given to supervisors for their review.

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

WCA POLICY: Motion by Menno Fokken, seconded by Burton Kuehn to change the Wetland Conservation Act (WCA) Policy under the Delegates Authority Section, fourth paragraph. Take out the word “initial”. It should read as follows: The Yellow Medicine Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) Board of Supervisors delegates the Yellow Medicine SWCD Engineer Technician the decision making authority, as well as that for exemption determinations, no-loss determinations, wetland boundaries and type determinations and sequencing decisions. Affirmative: Norris Peterson, Burton Kuehn, Menno Fokken, and Dennis Kruger. Opposed: none. Motion carried.

APPOINTMENT TO LQP WATERSHED ADVISORY BOARD: Motion by Burton Kuehn, seconded by Norris Peterson to appoint Menno Fokken and Norris Peterson as alternate to the Lac qui Parle Watershed District Advisory Board. Affirmative: Norris Peterson, Burton Kuehn, Menno Fokken, and Dennis Kruger. Opposed: none. Motion carried.

PURCHASE COMPUTERS AND/OR SOFTWARE: Motion by Menno Fokken, seconded by Norris Peterson to authorize the District Manager to purchase two computers and/or software. District Manager will be checking with the Yellow Medicine County IT Coordinator regarding purchasing these computers and software. Affirmative: Norris Peterson, Burton Kuehn, Menno Fokken, and Dennis Kruger. Opposed: none. Motion carried.

STATE COST SHARE PROGRAM: Motion by Norris Peterson, seconded by Burton Kuehn to approve payment in the amount of \$1,070.00 to State Cost Share Contract #08-14 with Loren Haas for the installation of a 78 acre farmstead windbreak in Florida Township, Section 16. Affirmative: Norris Peterson, Burton Kuehn, Menno Fokken, and Dennis Kruger. Opposed: none. Motion carried.

Reviewed the State Cost Share Policies at this time. Motion by Menno Fokken, seconded by Norris Peterson to agree to have the Natural Resource Conservation Service provide technical services for engineering practices for the State Cost Share Program unless otherwise specified. Also authorize the SWCD Technician, Kurt Johnson or NRCS staff as the technical representative for all ecological practices for the State Cost Share Program. Affirmative: Norris Peterson, Burton Kuehn, Menno Fokken, and Dennis Kruger. Opposed: none. Motion carried.

Motion by Norris Peterson, seconded by Menno Fokken to utilize 20% of the FY09 State Cost Share Project Grant for technical and administrative purposes. Affirmative: Norris Peterson, Burton Kuehn, Menno Fokken, and Dennis Kruger. Opposed: none. Motion carried.

Motion by Burton Kuehn, seconded by Menno Fokken to approve the following contracts:

#09-01	David Hacker	Terrace	3700 ft	Florida - Section 13	75% FED/STATE	\$10,731.00
#09-02	Prairie Lane Farms/ Kent Goplen	Grassed WW	.9 acre	Hammer - Section 5	75% FED/STATE	\$ 1,424.00
#09-03	Gary Fokken	Diversion	330 feet	Florida - Section 27	75% FED/STATE	\$ 713.00
#09-04	Delon Clarksean	Grassed WW	2.4 ac	Florida - Section 8	75% FED/STATE	\$ 2,876.00
#09-05	Delon Clarksean	Terrace	400 ft	Florida - Section 8	75% FED/STATE	\$ 288.00
#09-06	Sheila Hegg	Terrace	980 ft	Florida - Section 3	75% FED/STATE	\$ 5,381.00

Affirmative: Norris Peterson, Burton Kuehn, Menno Fokken, and Dennis Kruger. Opposed: none. Motion carried.

Motion by Menno Fokken, seconded by Burton Kuehn to add up to another \$10,000.00 to FY09 State Cost Share Program to be used for tree projects. Affirmative: Norris Peterson, Burton Kuehn, Menno Fokken, and Dennis Kruger. Opposed: none. Motion carried.

Reviewed FY07 State Cost Share Audit which indicated that the records were complete and correct as submitted.

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

SUPERVISOR REPORTS: RCRCA Report was given by Burton Kuehn. Menno Fokken gave a report on the MASWCD Convention Committee Meeting which was held in August. Norris Peterson gave an RC&D Report.

Next meeting date is scheduled for September 25, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. Motion by Burton Kuehn, seconded by Menno Fokken to adjourn. Meeting adjourned.

SWCD Supervisor Signature

Date

