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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 June 25, 2009

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

II. Those present:

Chairperson – Norris Peterson
Vice Chairperson – Burton Kuehn
Treasurer – Menno Fokken
P. R. & I. – Jerry Nelson

District Manager - Lou Ann Nagel
Co. Commissioner – Gary Johnson
NRCS DC – Cheryl Heard

III. Business

Motion by Menno Fokken, seconded by Jerry Nelson to adopt the agenda with the following additions: DC Report, WCA Report, Kvam Wetland Restoration, and Supervisors coffee sessions. Affirmative: Burton Kuehn, Menno Fokken, Jerry Nelson, and Norris Peterson. Negative: none. Motion carried.

Motion by Menno Fokken, seconded by Burton Kuehn to approve the minutes of the regular board meeting of May 28th, 2009. Affirmative: Burton Kuehn, Menno Fokken, Jerry Nelson, and Norris Peterson. Negative: none. Motion carried.

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

Motion by Burton Kuehn, seconded by Jerry Nelson to pay all bills and payroll for the month of June. Affirmative: Burton Kuehn, Menno Fokken, Jerry Nelson, and Norris Peterson. Negative: none. Motion carried.

DC REPORT: Cheryl Heard gave the DC Report at this time.

GROUNDWATER LEVEL (OBSERVATION WELL) MONITORING AGREEMENT: Motion by Menno Fokken, seconded by Jerry Nelson to sign and approve the Groundwater Level Monitoring Agreement for 2010 in the amount of \$510.00. Affirmative: Burton Kuehn, Menno Fokken, Jerry Nelson, and Norris Peterson. Negative: none. Motion carried.

CONSERVATION FARMER AWARD: Supervisors went through the Conservation Capacity Award Worksheet at this time. Tabled selection of Conservation Farmer until the July board meeting.

MASWCD AWARD PROGRAM: Reviewed MASWCD Award Program.

YELLOW MEDICINE WATERSHED DISTRICT MEETING: The District Manager and District Technician are invited to a Yellow Medicine Watershed District meeting to discuss their permitting process. They will report back to the SWCD board at the July board meeting as to what was discussed.

FARM BILL ASSISTANT GRANT: The District Manager took part in a teleconference on this year's Farm Bill Assistant Grant Process. This grant is funded through LCCMR. Therefore, the funding for this grant will be on a reimbursable basis. This could mean that the SWCD would need to pay 100% of the wages for the Farm Bill Assistant for up to 6 months, than receive reimbursement from BWSR for their 70% portion of those wages. The SWCD has not heard back from BWSR as to if we will receive funding for this position. Position opening will be advertised when we receive word that we will receive this grant.

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STATE COST SHARE PROGRAM: Motion by Menno Fokken, seconded by Jerry Nelson to make it a policy stating that if State Cost Share Dollars are piggybacked with Federal Cost Share Dollars to pay up to 75% cost share, the State Cost Share Dollar amount must be a minimum of \$300.00. Affirmative: Burton Kuehn, Menno Fokken, Jerry Nelson, and Norris Peterson. Negative: none. Motion carried.

Motion by Burton Kuehn, seconded by Jerry Nelson to approve the following State Cost Share Payments:

08-21	Travis Wahl	Farmstead WB	1.2 acres	Norman - Section 20	75%	\$1,095.00
08-22	Robert Nemitz	Farmstead WB	1.7 acres	Fortier - Section 13	75%	\$1,831.00
09-10	Kevin Skorczewski	Farmstead WB	1.0 acre	Fortier - Section 20	75%	818.00
09-11	Kurt Thorstad	Farmstead WB	.8 acres	MN Falls - Section 16	75%	\$1,191.00
09-12	Tom Wolner	Farmstead WB	.8 acres	Hazel Run - Section 13	75%	\$795.00
09-18	Paul Kvistad	Farmstead WB	.9 acre	Sioux Agency-Sec 20	75%	\$1,925.00
09-22	Rich Fiene	Farmstead WB	1.35 ac	Posen Section 13	75%	\$998.00
09-23	Del Bressen	Farmstead WB	1.1 ac	Sandnes Section 2	75%	\$1,029.00

Affirmative: Burton Kuehn, Menno Fokken, Jerry Nelson, and Norris Peterson. Negative: none. Motion carried.

NATIVE BUFFER COST SHARE PROGRAM: Motion by Menno Fokken, seconded by Burton Kuehn to approve payment to Native Buffer Cost Share Contract #NB08-02 for Ken Fischer for re-seeding 11.1 acres of native grasses into his CREP Easement in Wergeland, Section 23. The partial payment was approved in the amount of \$1,839.00. Affirmative: Burton Kuehn, Menno Fokken, Jerry Nelson, and Norris Peterson. Negative: none. Motion carried.

SUPERVISORS' REPORTS: RCRCA Report was given by Burton Kuehn. Menno Fokken gave a report on Southwest Prairie Technical Service Area. Norris Peterson gave a report on RC&D meeting and Yellow Medicine Watershed District Advisory Meeting.

AREA V MEETING: Jerry Nelson and Burton Kuehn reported on Area V Meeting which was held on June 18th in Pipestone.

2010 COUNTY BUDGET PROPOSAL: Motion by Jerry Nelson, seconded by Menno Fokken to approve and submit the SWCD's 2010 County Budget Request for \$95,792.80 to the County. Affirmative: Burton Kuehn, Menno Fokken, Jerry Nelson, and Norris Peterson. Negative: none. Motion carried.

2009 SWCD BUDGET REVISIONS: Motion by Menno Fokken, seconded by Burton Kuehn to approve revisions to the 2009 Budget as follows:

Expenses

Employee Salary	\$130,259.00
Employer FICA	\$ 8,318.00
Employer PERA	\$ 8,792.48
Health, Dental, Life Insurance	\$ 39,614.56
Employer Medicare	\$ 1,964.00
Workman's Compensation	\$ 782.00
Building Maintenance	\$ 400.00
Tree Expenses	\$ 14,500.00
Tree Mat Expenses	\$ 11,600.00

Revenues

Lyon SWCD share Education Coordinator Hours	\$ 3,384.95
Federal Grant	\$ 2,126.00
Planting Charges	\$ 6,934.00
Tree Mat Sales	\$ 29,500.00
Interest Earnings	\$ 4,000.00

Affirmative: Burton Kuehn, Menno Fokken, Jerry Nelson, and Norris Peterson. Negative: none. Motion carried.

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SUPERVISOR COFFEE SESSIONS: Discussion followed on holding coffee sessions at supervisor’s home. It was decided that these sessions could be held in November.

WETLAND CONSERVATION ACT (WCA) REPORT: Reviewed the monthly WCA Report at this time.

KVAM CREP #87-03-02-01 WETLAND RESTORATION PROJECT: Gary Johnson, on behalf of his mother Gloria Johnson, brought a complaint to the SWCD Board regarding the Kvam CREP Wetland Restoration Project. Gary along with his brother, Brad feel that after the wetland restoration was completed, a wet area showed up on their Mother’s property. The wet area seems to be getting bigger each year. This complaint was brought to the attention of the Board of Water & Soil Resources. A meeting was set up to view the site. Individuals present at this meeting were: Landowners; Gary & Brad Johnson; SWCD Manager Lou Ann Nagel; BWSR Engineer Al Kean, BWSR Technician Scott Santjer and NRCS Soil Technician Steve Schemel. The NRCS Technician was requested by BWSR to be at the site because of a terrace system that was installed in the area. After a site investigation the BWSR Engineer met with the Johnsons and informed them that he could not determine that there was a cause and effect on the site. However, the Engineer requested that the SWCD send him rainfall data and a copy of the county ditch profile to look at so he can continue to investigate the matter. The complaint is still under consideration and a final decision will be made at a later date.

The following items were distributed to the board of supervisors:

1. MASWCD/BWSR Legislative Summaries
2. MASWCD Bits of Tidbits dated May/June 2009

Next meeting date is scheduled for Wednesday, July 22, 2009 at 7:00 P.M. The meeting was changed from the fourth Thursday to the fourth Wednesday due to the fact that the Yellow Medicine County Fair starts on Thursday, July 23rd.

Motion by Menno Fokken, seconded by Jerry Nelson to adjourn.

Meeting Adjourned.

Signature

Date

YELLOW MEDICINE SWCD MONTHLY TREASURER'S REPORT

May 29th, 2009 through June 25th, 2009

Use of Cash	Beginning Balance	Receipts	Disbursements	Ending Balance
Tree Checking	\$2,267.13	\$19,288.23	\$2,968.69	\$18,586.67
District Checking	\$3,662.22	\$28,424.09	\$28,851.24	\$3,235.07
Savings Accounts	\$67,441.30	\$10,458.24	\$28,000.00	\$49,899.54
Investments	\$221,340.08	\$351.21	\$10,000.00	\$211,691.29
TOTALS	\$294,710.73	\$58,521.77	\$69,819.93	\$283,412.57

Receipts District Account

Interest-NOW Acct.	\$1.16
SWJPO	\$422.93
Transfer from Savings	\$28,000.00

Receipts Tree Account

Trees, planting, tax & tree mat	\$19,063.60
Interest from Tree CD #355	224.63

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

CHECK NUMBER PAYABLE TO

FOR

AMOUNT

Tree Checking

#3476 Postmaster	Mail 212 Grazing Wksp Brochures	\$73.66
#3477 Oriental Trading	Inv. #631852113-01 Beads	\$57.70
#3478 Miller Equipment	Repair tree planter & tree cooler	\$95.00
#3479 Lincoln SWCD	120 Trees	\$1,661.40
#3480 Consumers Coop Oil Co.	Gasoline	\$391.97
#3481 Nancy Dyr Dahl	2nd Qtr. Expenses	\$12.59
#3482 Jim Muchlinski	2nd Qtr. Expenses	\$10.68
#3483 Reserve Account	Postage for meter machine	\$300.00
#3484 MASWCD	Registration-Supervisor Orientation	\$80.00
#3485 Water Bill Board	Inv. #A177 Water bottles	\$185.80
#3486 Lou Ann Nagel	2nd Qtr. Expenses	\$40.77
#3487 Runnings	Shovel, nuts & bolts	\$13.05
#3488 Xcel Energy	Electricity for storage facility	\$16.07
#3489 Burton Kuehn	Registration-Area V Mtg.	\$30.00

District Checking

#9567 Yellow Medicine County	Family coverage BCBS/Child Life	\$1,247.05
#9568 MN State Auditor	Audit charges	\$90.00
#9569 MCIT	Worker's Comp.-Add'l charges	\$92.00
#9570 Kurt Thorstad	Payment SCS Contract #09-11	\$1,191.00
#9571 Menno Fokken	Expenses for 2nd Qtr. 2009	\$203.50
#9572 Burton Kuehn	Expenses for 2nd Qtr. 2009	\$228.80
#9573 Norris Peterson	Expenses for 2nd Qtr. 2009	\$190.85
#9574 Tom Wolner	Payment SCS Contract #09-12	\$795.00
#9575 Travis Wahl	Payment SCS Contract #08-21	\$1,095.00
#9576 Kevin Skorczewski	Payment SCS Contract #09-10	\$818.00
#9577 Jerry Nelson	Expenses for 2nd Qtr. 2009	\$157.85
#9578 Paul Kvistad	Payment SCS Contract #09-18	\$1,925.00
#9579 Del Bressen	Payment SCS Contract #09-23	\$1,029.00
#9580 Rich Fiene	Payment SCS Contract #09-22	\$998.00
#9581 Robert Nemitz	Payment SCS Contract #08-22	\$1,831.00
#9582-9598	Wages & deductions for June 2009	\$13,873.14
#9599 Ken Fischer	Partial pymt NB08-02	\$1,839.00
#9600 Yellow Medicine County	BCBS Family Coverage/Child Life	\$1,247.05

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