

MINUTES OF THE YELLOW MEDICINE SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Ag Service Building, Clarkfield, Minnesota

March 27, 2008

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

II. Those present:

Chairperson – Dennis Kruger
Vice Chairperson – Norris Peterson
Secretary – Burton Kuehn
Treasurer – Steve Hubbard
P. R. & I. – Menno Fokken

District Manager - Lou Ann Nagel
Co. Commissioner – Gary Johnson
NRCS DC – Cheryl Isder
SWCD Farm Bill Assistant – Jared Brouwer

III. Business:

Motion by seconded by Burton Kuehn, seconded by Menno Fokken to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of February 28, 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 Menno Fokken, seconded by Norris Peterson to pay all bills and payroll for the month of March. Affirmative: Norris Peterson, Burton Kuehn, Steve Hubbard, Menno Fokken, and Dennis Kruger. Negative: none. Motion Carried.

NATIVE BUFFER STATE COST SHARE PROGRAM: Jared Brouwer, Yellow Medicine SWCD Farm Bill Assistant, gave a presentation on the new Native Buffer State Cost Share Program. Motion by Menno Fokken, seconded by Steve Hubbard to define a conservation buffer area for the Native Buffer State Cost Share Program as follows:

The Yellow Medicine SWCD considers land eligible for the Native Buffer State Cost Share Program when the land is within a reasonable and concerning distance of any of the following resources:

1. All water resources including lakes, wetlands, rivers, intermittent streams, drainage ditches and wellheads.
2. Within and around remnant native prairies.

There will not be any agricultural cropping between the buffer and the resource to be protected.

Eligible buffers are subject to the discretion of SWCD Technicians upon on-site inspections.

Affirmative: Norris Peterson, Burton Kuehn, Steve Hubbard, Menno Fokken, and Dennis Kruger. Negative: none. Motion Carried.

Motion by Norris Peterson, seconded by Burton Kuehn to approve signing the FY08 State of Minnesota Erosion, Sediment Control, or Water Quality Improvement Grant Agreement for the Native Buffer Cost Share Program. The grant agreement is in the amount of \$25,000.00. Affirmative: Norris Peterson, Burton Kuehn, Steve Hubbard, Menno Fokken, and Dennis Kruger. Negative: none. Motion Carried.

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DC REPORT: Cheryl Isder, NRCS District Conservationist, gave her DC Report at this time. Banker's Workshop was held this week. Still have WHIP dollars available. Farm Bill has still not been approved.

WCA MONTHLY REPORT: Distributed and reviewed the Wetland Conservation Act monthly report.

STATE COST SHARE PROGRAM: Motion by Menno Fokken, seconded by Steve Hubbard to approve State Cost Share Contract #08-18 with Cory Thompson for a 1.3 acre Farmstead Windbreak in Oshkosh Township, Section 31. Cost share was approved at \$1,323.00 or 75% of the total eligible cost, which ever is less. Affirmative: Norris Peterson, Burton Kuehn, Steve Hubbard, Menno Fokken, and Dennis Kruger. Negative: none. Motion Carried.

FARMFEST: Motion by Menno Fokken, seconded by Burton Kuehn to donate \$100.00 to Farmfest to be used for promotional items and for booth rental. Affirmative: Norris Peterson, Burton Kuehn, Steve Hubbard, Menno Fokken, and Dennis Kruger. Negative: none. Motion Carried.

MASWCD BITS OF TIDBITS: The Board of Supervisors reviewed the February/March 2008 issue of the MASWCD Bits of Tidbits.

PHEASANTS FOREVER BANQUET: Dennis Kruger will be presenting the 2007 Conservation Farmer Plaque to Jerry Nelson at the Pheasants Forever Banquet on April 5th, 2008.

LAC QUI PARLE WATERSHED PLAN UPDATE: Norris Peterson and Menno Fokken gave a report on the meeting they attended on the Lac qui Parle Watershed Management Plan Update. The District Manager gave a copy of her comments for the Lac qui Parle Watershed Management Plan Update and reviewed them with the board.

COUNTY COMMISSIONER MEETING: Motion by Burton Kuehn, seconded by Menno Fokken to authorize Norris Peterson and Menno Fokken to attend the County Commissioner Meeting to be held on April 8th, 2008. Affirmative: Norris Peterson, Burton Kuehn, Steve Hubbard, Menno Fokken, and Dennis Kruger. Negative: none. Motion Carried.

SOUTHWEST PRAIRIE JOINT POWERS MEETING: A Southwest Prairie Joint Powers Meeting is scheduled for April 2nd, 2008 in Marshall. One of the things that they will be discussing will be changing the Nonpoint Engineering Assistance (NPEA) Program service areas from eleven to eight. Both Menno Fokken and Lou Ann Nagel will be attending this meeting.

BLIND INTAKE PROGRAM: Motion by Burton Kuehn, seconded by Menno Fokken to approve payment in the amount of \$400.00 for Blind Intake Contract #16-06 with Ervin Gelhar for the installation of 4 blind intakes. Original contract was for the installation of 5 intakes. However, landowner canceled one intake. Affirmative: Norris Peterson, Burton Kuehn, Steve Hubbard, Menno Fokken, and Dennis Kruger. Negative: none. Motion Carried.

PURCHASE TABLE COVER: Looked at information on purchasing a table cover to be used for promotional events. No action was taken.

AGRICULTURAL WATERSHED RESTORATION PROJECT GRANT APPLICATION: The District Manager has contacted Mary Homan, the Lac qui Parle Watershed Clean Water Partnership Coordinator, about applying for an Agricultural Watershed Restoration Project Grant. They will be discussing this at the next TEAM meeting scheduled for Monday, March 30th, 2008. At that meeting it will be determined if we are eligible to pursue these funds, and if we have a project that will qualify.

Supervisors were given Soil Stewardship Material to be given to the churches that ordered them.

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RCRCA: Burton Kuehn gave a report at this time on the RCRCA meeting that was held in March.

Next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 24th, 2008 at 7:00 p.m.

Motion by Burton Kuehn, seconded by Steve Hubbard to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned.

Yellow Medicine SWCD Supervisor

Date

Yellow Medicine Soil and Water Conservation District

Date: March 27, 2008

	DISTRICT FUNDS	TREE FUNDS
Balance on hand as of last report	\$5,998.71	\$368.77
Total Receipts since last report	\$20,377.32	\$5,000.00
Total expenditures since last report	<u>\$17,195.82</u>	<u>\$1,770.25</u>
Balance on hand	\$9,180.21	\$3,598.52

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

<u>CHECK NO.</u>	<u>CHECK PAYABLE TO</u>	<u>FOR</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
<u>District Funds</u>			
9273	Yellow Medicine County	BCBS Family Coverage & Child Life	\$1,200.30
9274-9290	Wages & Deductions	For March	\$15,044.04
9291	Menno Fokken	Expenses for 1st quarter	\$81.82
9292	Dennis Kruger	Expenses for 1st quarter	\$12.12
9293	Burton Kuehn	Expenses for 1st quarter	\$210.08
9294	Norris Peterson	Expenses for 1st quarter	\$221.20
9295	Steve Hubbard	Expenses for 1st quarter	\$26.26
9296	Ervin Gelhar	Payment for Blind Intakes	\$400.00
<u>Tree Funds</u>			
3329	US Postage Service	Mail CREP Plan	\$4.60
3330	Postmaster	Send 2315 Newsletters Bulk Mail	\$305.08
3331	NACD	Soil Stewardship Material	\$83.00
3332	University of MN	Registration for Wetland Vegetation Training	\$75.00
3333	Consumers Coop Oil Co.	Gasoline	\$214.62
3334	SW West Central Service Coop.	Registration for Technician Conference	\$15.00
3335	Redwood SWCD	Donation for Farmfest	\$100.00
3336	SWMACDE	Employee Dues for 2008	\$25.00
3337	Khimaira WebHosting Solutions	Website Domain & Setup	\$202.59
3338	Lou Ann Nagel	Expenses	\$70.13
3339	Kurt Johnson	Expenses	\$54.33
3340	The Ink Spot	Print 2315 Newsletters	\$484.58
3341	Xcel Energy	Electricity for storage facility	\$8.52
3342	Jim Muchlinski	Mileage to Canby Potted Red Cedar	\$30.30
3343	Green Lake Nursery	Trees	\$97.50