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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 December 30, 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
Jerry Nelson
NRCS DC – Cheryl Heard

III. Business

Motion by Menno Fokken, seconded by Norris Peterson to adopt the agenda with the following additions: Swearing in ceremony on January 6th and request from BWSR for 10 projects that need funding. Affirmative: Menno Fokken, Norris Peterson, Burton Kuehn, Steve Hubbard and Dennis Kruger. Opposed: none. Motion carried.

Motion by Menno Fokken, seconded by Burton Kuehn to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of November 25, 2008. Affirmative: Menno Fokken, Burton Kuehn, Steve Hubbard, Norris Peterson, and Dennis Kruger. Opposed: none. Motion carried.

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

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

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

WCA REPORT: Reviewed the monthly Wetland Conservation Act Report at this time.

BLIND INTAKE PROGRAM: Motion by Menno Fokken, seconded by Burton Kuehn, to approve the following Blind Intake Contract Payments:

#08-02	Gerald Armitage	Blind Intake	1 intake	Florida Section 1	SWCD	\$100.00
#08-03	Nancy Jelen	Blind Intake	1 intake	Florida Section 2	SWCD	\$100.00

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

Motion by Burton Kuehn, seconded by Norris Peterson to cancel the following Blind Intake Contracts due to the fact that the landowner did not install them in the time allotted:

#01-06	David Pederson	Blind Intake	2 intakes
#03-06	Robert Arndt	Blind Intake	5 intakes
#14-06	Ron Citrowske	Blind Intake	5 intakes
#03-07	Jerome Pridal	Blind Intake	5 intakes
#05-07	James Matthys	Blind Intake	2 intakes

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

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PRAIRIE COUNTRY RC&D: Motion by Menno Fokken, seconded by Steve Hubbard to appoint Norris Peterson as the 2009 Prairie County RC&D Representative for the Yellow Medicine SWCD. Affirmative: Menno Fokken, Burton Kuehn, Steve Hubbard, Norris Peterson, and Dennis Kruger. Opposed: none. Motion carried.

Motion by Burton Kuehn, seconded by Norris Peterson to authorize the supervisors to attend the RC&D Annual Meeting on January 14th, 2009. Affirmative: Menno Fokken, Burton Kuehn, Steve Hubbard, Norris Peterson, and Dennis Kruger. Opposed: none. Motion carried.

2009 WAGE INCREASES: Motion by Steve Hubbard, seconded by Norris Peterson to approve the following hourly rate increases for 2009:

Education Coordinator	\$.31/hour
Administrative Assistant	\$1.25/hour
Farm Bill Assistant	\$1.00/hour
SWCD Technician	\$1.00/hour
District Manager	\$1.25/hour

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

SUMMER ASSISTANT: Motion by Menno Fokken, seconded by Burton Kuehn to set the hourly rate at \$10.00/hour for a summer assistant. It has not been determined yet if a summer assistant will be hired. Affirmative: Menno Fokken, Burton Kuehn, Steve Hubbard, Norris Peterson, and Dennis Kruger. Opposed: none. Motion carried.

MASWCD COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS: No supervisor was interested in applying for another of these positions at this time.

MASWCD LEGISLATIVE BRIEFING: Informed the supervisors that the MASWCD Legislative Briefing is scheduled for February 23rd and 24th. Tabled until the January board meeting.

ROCK OUTCROP GRANT: Received a notice that the Rock Outcrop Grant Proposal submitted to the Legislative Citizen Commission on Minnesota Resources (LCCMR) was funded \$1,500,000. Chippewa, Redwood, Lac qui Parle and Yellow Medicine SWCDs will meet on January 7th to develop the program guidelines, etc.

BWSR STAFFING: Maps were given to supervisors showing Board of Water and Soil Resources Staffing throughout the State of Minnesota.

CLEAN WATER LEGACY APPLICATION FOR YELLOW MEDICINE WATERSHED: Lyon SWCD received a notice that the Clean Water Legacy Application submitted on behalf of Lincoln, Lyon and Yellow Medicine SWCDs for the Yellow Medicine Watershed was funded in the amount of \$120,000.00.

SWEARING IN CEREMONY FOR ELECTED OFFICIALS: Elected supervisors are invited to attend the swearing in ceremony to take their oath of office on January 6th, 2009 at the Yellow Medicine County Courthouse.

Each supervisor received a copy of the 2008 MASWCD resolution tally sheet.

ANNUAL PLAN AND BUDGET: Motion by Norris Peterson, seconded by Steve Hubbard to approve the 2009 Annual Plan and Budget with changes as recommended by the board. Affirmative: Menno Fokken, Burton Kuehn, Steve Hubbard, Norris Peterson, and Dennis Kruger. Opposed: none. Motion carried.

DRILL PROGRAM: During the discussion on the annual plan goals and objectives it was decided to sell the native grass drill.

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A SWCD retreat between supervisors and staff will be held on January 22, 2009 at 1:00 at the Ag Service Center.

The next meeting date will be on January 22, 2009 at 2:30 p.m. following the SWCD Retreat.

Motion by Steve Hubbard, seconded by Menno Fokken to adjourn. Meeting adjourned.

Yellow Medicine SWCD Supervisor

Date

