

MINUTES OF THE YELLOW MEDICINE SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Ag Service Building, Clarkfield, Minnesota

February 28, 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

Prairie Country RC&D – Randy Nelson

Secretary – Burton Kuehn

NRCS DC – Cheryl Isder

Treasurer – Steve Hubbard

III. Business

Motion by Burton Kuehn, seconded by Steve Hubbard to approve the minutes of the regular meeting for January 24, 2008. Affirmative: Steve Hubbard, Norris Peterson, Burton Kuehn, and Dennis Kruger. Negative: none. Motion carried.

The treasurer's report was received as read and filed for audit. Motion by Steve Hubbard, seconded by Norris Peterson to pay all bills and payroll for the month of February. Affirmative: Steve Hubbard, Norris Peterson, Burton Kuehn, and Dennis Kruger. Negative: none. Motion carried.

RC&D REPORT BY RANDY NELSON: Randy Nelson from Prairie Country RC&D went over RC&D's 2007 Project and Activities.

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

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

NRCS COMPUTER SITUATION: Contacted Mike Nienaber at the Natural Resource Conservation Service Area Office in Marshall stating that at this time the Yellow Medicine SWCD still wishes to purchase one computer that will be connected to their server. It is our understanding that the SWCD will buy one and get one free. With the other free computer, the SWCD should have three computers hooked up to the NRCS server.

MASWCD LEGISLATIVE REPORT: Reviewed the MASWCD Legislative Report at this time. The District Manager reported on the day at the capitol.

UPDATE ON ROCK OUTCROP MEETING: Norris Peterson, Dick Wambeke, Jared Brouwer, Kurt Johnson and Lou Ann Nagel attended the Rock Outcrop Meeting in Chippewa on January 31, 2008. Jared Brouwer and Kurt Johnson attended the Yellow Medicine County Commissioner's meeting on February 26, 2008. At that meeting the County Commissioners gave their support of this project. Motion by Steve Hubbard, seconded by Norris Peterson to support submitting an application and a resolution to LCCMR for establishing a Rock Outcrop Easement Program with surrounding counties. Another meeting will be held with the surrounding counties on March 20th to further discuss this project. Affirmative: Steve Hubbard, Norris Peterson, Burton Kuehn, and Dennis Kruger. Negative: none. Motion carried.

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REPORT ON AREA V MEETING: Norris Peterson, Burton Kuehn, Menno Fokken, Steve Hubbard, Jared Brouwer, Kurt Johnson, and Lou Ann Nagel attended the Area V meeting that was held on February 21, 2008 in Marshall. Norris Peterson and Lou Ann Nagel reported on that meeting. The Board discussed SWCD election based on nomination districts versus population. A statement will be added to the website asking constituents to respond to nomination districts versus population.

FUNDING SOURCES AVAILABLE FOR PROJECTS: Reviewed a sheet listing the available funding sources in our county for conservation practices and/or loans.

UPDATE ON CLEAN WATER LEGACY APPLICATIONS: Application for Redwood Watershed 2008 Clean Water Legacy dollars was approved. Application for Inventory of Dams was only funded for the \$100,000 Ag BMP Loan dollars. This will be shared between the Yellow Medicine SWCD (\$60,000) and the Lyon SWCD (\$40,000). The application for the crossover flooding project was not funded.

REQUEST FROM YELLOW MEDICINE WATER TASK FORCE FOR \$5000 FOR WELL SEALING: Discussed giving the Water Task Force dollars for the well sealing program. It was decided that when the dollars currently set aside for well sealing has been exhausted, than the board would once again look at giving dollars to the well sealing program.

DAILY DIARIES: The supervisors reviewed daily diaries at this time.

2007 AUDIT: Motion by Norris Peterson, seconded by Burton Kuehn to approve Kinner & Company to conduct our 2007 audit. Their bid was for \$1,950.00. Affirmative: Norris Peterson, Burton Kuehn, Steve Hubbard and Dennis Kruger. Negative: none. Motion carried.

SWCD WEBSITE UP & RUNNING (YELLOWMEDICINESWCD.ORG): The District Manager informed the board that the Yellow Medicine SWCD's website is up and running. She has notified the State.

STATE COST SHARE PROGRAM: Motion by Norris Peterson, seconded by Steve Hubbard to approve the following State Cost Share Contracts:

<u>Contract</u>	<u>Practice</u>	<u>Cost Share %</u>	<u>State Amount</u>	<u>Technical Representative</u>
#08-16 Josh Peterson	Farmstead WB	75%	\$946.00	Kurt Johnson
#08-17 Gary Landmark	Terrace	75% Federal & State	\$2,141.00	Steve Schemel

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

PHEASANTS FOREVER BANQUET – APRIL 5TH: East Pheasants Forever Banquet is scheduled for April 5th. A supervisor will be presenting the 2007 Conservation Farmer with their award at that banquet.

LEGISLATIVE BRIEFING: The District Manager went over the information from MASWCD that we were to present to the legislators and reported on the day at the capitol.

ITEMS OF INFO: Each supervisor was given a copy of the 2008 handout given to the legislators. They were also given updated pages to the Supervisor Handbook.

Burton Kuehn gave a RCRCA report at this time.

Next meeting is scheduled for March 27, 2008 at 5:30 p.m.

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

Supervisor Signature

Date