

**MINUTES OF THE YELLOW MEDICINE SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT**

Ag Service Building, Clarkfield, Minnesota

January 24, 2008

- I. The regular meeting was called to order by Chairperson Menno Fokken.
- II. Those present:

Chairperson – Menno Fokken  
Vice-Chairperson - Dennis Kruger  
Secretary - Norris Peterson  
Treasurer – Burton Kuehn

District Manager - Lou Ann Nagel  
NRCS DC – Cheryl Isder  
County Commissioner – Gary Johnson

III. Business

Motion by Burton Kuehn, seconded by Norris Peterson to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of December 27, 2007. Affirmative: Norris Peterson, Burton Kuehn, and Menno Fokken. Negative: none. Motion carried.

The Treasurer’s Report was received as read and filed for audit. Motion by Norris Peterson, seconded by Burton Kuehn to pay all bills and payroll for the month of January. Affirmative: Norris Peterson, Burton Kuehn, and Menno Fokken. Negative: none. Motion carried.

**2008 OFFICERS:** Motion by Burton Kuehn, seconded by Norris Peterson to appoint the 2008 officers as follows:

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

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

Norris Peterson took over as Vice-Chairperson at this time. Motion by Menno Fokken, seconded by Burton Kuehn to approve the following committee assignments for 2008:

RC&D	Norris Peterson
RCRCA	Burton Kuehn
Water Task Force	Lou Ann Nagel with Menno Fokken as alternate
Personnel Committee	Menno Fokken and Norris Peterson
SW Joint Powers Board	Menno Fokken with Norris Peterson as alternate
MN River Basin LQP Watershed	Menno Fokken
EQIP Committee	Dennis Kruger and Burton Kuehn
LQP Watershed Team Committee	Menno Fokken with Norris Peterson as alternate
Yellow Medicine Watershed Advisory Board	Norris Peterson
Wetland Joint Powers Appeal Board	Norris Peterson and Burton Kuehn

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

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**SUPERVISOR'S PER DIEM AND MILEAGE RATE:** Motion by Burton Kuehn, seconded by Menno Fokken to keep the same rates as last year: Supervisors' Compensation rate at \$55.00/meeting within Yellow Medicine County and \$75.00/meeting outside of Yellow Medicine County. The mileage rate for supervisors and staff will change to \$.505/mile. Affirmative: Burton Kuehn, Menno Fokken, and Norris Peterson. Negative: none. Motion carried.

**OFFICIAL DEPOSITORY:** Motion by Menno Fokken, seconded by Burton Kuehn to designate the Farmers and Merchants State Bank in Clarkfield as the Yellow Medicine SWCD's official depository for 2008. Affirmative: Burton Kuehn, Menno Fokken, and Norris Peterson. Negative: none. Motion carried. Supervisors signed the signature card at this time.

**OFFICIAL NEWSPAPER:** Motion by Menno Fokken, seconded by Burton Kuehn to designate the Canby News as the official 2008 newspaper. Affirmative: Burton Kuehn, Menno Fokken, and Norris Peterson. Negative: none. Motion carried.

Dennis Kruger attended the meeting at this time and took over as Chairperson.

**DC REPORT:** Cheryl Isder, NRCS DC, gave the DC Report at this time. See attached copy.

**AG BMP LOAN PROGRAM:** Supervisors reviewed the 2007 Ag BMP Loan Annual Report and 2008 Work Plan. Motion by Menno Fokken, seconded by Burton Kuehn to approve the 2007 Ag BMP Loan Annual Report, 2008 Work Plan and 2008 Basic Application in the amount of \$100,000.00. Affirmative: Menno Fokken, Norris Peterson, Burton Kuehn, and Dennis Kruger. Negative: none. Motion carried.

Discussion followed on the SWCD's policy for purchasing conservation tillage equipment through the AG BMP Loan Program. Policy will remain the same.

**COST SHARE PROGRAM:** Motion by Norris Peterson, seconded by Menno Fokken to approve the following State Cost Share Contracts:

#08-14	Loren Haas	.78 acre Fmstd WB	Florida - Section 16	75%	\$1,070.00
#08-15	Joe Mamer	1 acre Fmstd WB	Omro - Section 31	75%	\$881.00

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

**WCA:** Reviewed the monthly WCA report submitted by the District Engineer Technician.

**BLIND INTAKE PROGRAM:** Motion by Burton Kuehn, seconded by Menno Fokken to approve payment for Blind Intake Contract #08-06 to Alvern Johnson for the installation of 2 intakes. Payment is for \$200.00. Affirmative: Norris Peterson, Burton Kuehn, Menno Fokken, and Dennis Kruger. Negative: none. Motion carried.

**2007 ANNUAL & FINANCIAL REPORTS:** Motion by Norris Peterson, seconded by Menno Fokken to approve the 2007 Annual Report and Financial Statement. Affirmative: Norris Peterson, Burton Kuehn, Menno Fokken, and Dennis Kruger. Negative: none. Motion carried.

**ROCK OUTCROP MEETING:** Motion by Burton Kuehn, seconded by Norris Peterson to authorize supervisors and/or staff to attend the Rock Outcrop Meeting scheduled for January 31, 2008 at 9:30 a.m. at Chippewa County Courthouse. Affirmative: Menno Fokken, Norris Peterson, Burton Kuehn, and Dennis Kruger. Negative: none. Motion carried.

**BWSR PERFORMANCE REVIEW & ASSISTANCE PROGRAM:** Reviewed the notice from BWSR regarding performance review and assistance program.

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**LEGISLATIVE BRIEFING AT CAPITOL:** Motion Norris Peterson, seconded by Menno Fokken to authorize supervisors and/or staff to attend the Legislative Briefing at the Capitol on February 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>. Affirmative: Norris Peterson, Burton Kuehn, Menno Fokken, and Dennis Kruger. Negative: none. Motion carried.

**AREA V MEETING:** Motion by Menno Fokken, seconded by Burton Kuehn to authorize supervisors and staff to attend the Area V Meeting scheduled for February 21<sup>st</sup>, 2008 in Marshall. Affirmative: Norris Peterson, Burton Kuehn, Menno Fokken, and Dennis Kruger. Negative: none. Motion carried.

**STATE CONVENTION COMMITTEE FOR 2008:** Motion by Norris Peterson, seconded by Burton Kuehn to appoint Menno Fokken and Lou Ann Nagel to serve on the Area V MASWCD 2008 State Convention Committee. Affirmative: Norris Peterson, Burton Kuehn, Menno Fokken, and Dennis Kruger. Negative: none. Motion carried.

**CRP MEETING:** The SWCD has scheduled a CRP meeting for all CRP participants. Motion by Norris Peterson, seconded by Burton Kuehn to approve holding a CRP workshop and the expenses associated with that workshop. Also approved the authorization for all supervisors to attend the Yellow Medicine SWCD CRP Meeting scheduled for February 28<sup>th</sup> from 9:30 to 11:30 at the Clarkfield City Hall. Affirmative: Norris Peterson, Burton Kuehn, Menno Fokken, and Dennis Kruger. Negative: none. Motion carried.

**2008 WOMEN'S DAY EVENT:** Motion by Menno Fokken, seconded by Norris Peterson to approve giving \$150.00 towards the 2008 Women's Day Event to be held on September 17, 2008 at the Southwest Outreach and Resource Center in Lamberton. The 2008 theme is "Clean Water –Our Future-Your Legacy". Affirmative: Norris Peterson, Burton Kuehn, Menno Fokken, and Dennis Kruger. Negative: none. Motion carried.

**MASWCD TIDBITS FOR JANUARY:** Distributed a copy of the MASWCD Tidbits dated January of 2008 to all supervisors.

**2008 ANNUAL PLAN:** Motion by Menno Fokken, seconded by Burton Kuehn to add another action item to the approved 2008 annual plan. The action item will read: Investigate participating in the new opportunities offered through BWSR in the New Native Buffer Cost-Share Program, the Comprehensive Weed Management Area Program and/or the RIM Clean Energy Program. Affirmative: Norris Peterson, Burton Kuehn, Menno Fokken, and Dennis Kruger. Negative: none. Motion carried.

**SW/WC TECHNOLOGY CONFERENCE:** Motion by Norris Peterson, seconded by Menno Fokken to authorize Lou Ann Nagel to attend the Southwest West Central Technology Conference on February 7, 2008 in Marshall. Affirmative: Norris Peterson, Burton Kuehn, Menno Fokken, and Dennis Kruger. Negative: none. Motion carried.

**SWJPO REPORT:** Menno Fokken gave a report on the Southwest Joint Powers Board meeting that was held on January 9, 2008. Menno Fokken is not chair of that board.

**HAWK CREEK WATERSHED:** Norris Peterson attended and reported on the Hawk Creek Watershed informational appreciation meeting.

**RC&D ANNUAL MEETING:** Norris Peterson, Burton Kuehn and Cheryl Isder attended and reported on the RC&D's annual meeting on January 9<sup>th</sup>, 2008. Jane Remiger, Yellow Medicine County Commissioner, was also at that meeting.

The next SWCD Board Meeting is set for February 28, 2008 at 5:30 p.m.

Motion by Norris Peterson, seconded by Menno Fokken to adjourn. Meeting Adjourned.

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Yellow Medicine SWCD Supervisor

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