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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 July 22, 2009

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

Chairperson – Norris Peterson  
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: Upcoming Meetings. Affirmative: Menno Fokken, Jerry Nelson, and Norris Peterson. Negative: none. Motion carried.

Motion by Menno Fokken, seconded by Jerry Nelson to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of June 25<sup>th</sup>, 2009. Affirmative: 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 Menno Fokken, seconded by Jerry Nelson to pay all bills and payroll for the month of July. Affirmative: Menno Fokken, Jerry Nelson, and Norris Peterson. Negative: none. Motion carried.

**CONSERVATION FARMER:** Motion by Jerry Nelson, seconded by Menno Fokken to select Tom Gorder as the 2009 Conservation Farmer for Yellow Medicine County. Affirmative: Menno Fokken, Jerry Nelson, and Norris Peterson. Negative: none. Motion carried.

**DC REPORT:** Cheryl Heard gave the DC Report at this time. See attached copy.

**WCA REPORT:** The Board of Supervisors reviewed the Wetland Conservation Act monthly report at this time.

**FARM BILL ASSISTANT POSITION:** We received 11 applications. The Personnel Committee will be conducting interviews on August 3, 2009. Motion by Jerry Nelson, seconded by Menno Fokken to give the Personnel Committee the authority to hire an individual for this position. The rate of pay will be between \$14 and \$15/hour, depending on the candidate's experience and/or qualifications. Affirmative: Menno Fokken, Jerry Nelson, and Norris Peterson. Negative: none. Motion carried.

Motion by Menno Fokken, seconded by Jerry Nelson to authorize supervisors to sign the Farm Bill Assistant Grant with BWSR when it is received in the mail. Affirmative: Menno Fokken, Jerry Nelson, and Norris Peterson. Negative: none. Motion carried.

**NATIVE BUFFER COST SHARE PROGRAM:** Motion by Jerry Nelson, seconded by Menno Fokken to approve Amendment #1 to Native Buffer Contract #NB08-02 with Ken Fischer increasing the cost share amount to \$2,005.00 due to an increase in cost estimate of project. Affirmative: Menno Fokken, Jerry Nelson, and Norris Peterson. Negative: none. Motion carried.

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**STATE COST SHARE PROGRAM:** Motion by Menno Fokken, seconded by Jerry Nelson to approve the following State Cost Share Payments:

09-13	Les Craig	Farmstead WB	.53 acres	Stony Run - Sec 21	75%	\$652.00
09-15	Richard Anderson	Farmstead WB	.5 acres	Hazel Run - Section 30	75%	\$687.00
09-21	Barlage Doom	Field WB	885 feet	Norman - Section 17	75%	\$1,175.00
09-25	Mike Prokop	Field WB	1300 feet	Hammer - Section 18	75%	\$529.00
09-07	Charles Vlaminck	Farmstead WB	1 acre	Swede Prairie - Sec 31	75%	\$1,255.00
09-14	Rod Abraham	Farmstead WB	1 acre	Swede Prairie - Sec 18	75%	\$977.00
09-16	Ron Manthey	Farmstead WB	.9 acre	Hazel Run - Section 16	75%	\$975.00
09-17	Paul Nelson	Farmstead WB	.6 acre	Norman - Sec 32 & 33	75%	\$796.00
09-09	Lori/Tracey Olson	Farmstead WB	.5 acres	Hazel Run - Sec 27	75%	\$426.00
09-08	Doug Albin	Farmstead WB	1.25 ac	Friendship - Sec 36	75%	\$1,207.00

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

**BLIND INTAKE PROGRAM:** Motion by Jerry Nelson, seconded by Menno Fokken to approve Blind Intake Contract #09-01 with Arnold Stelter for the installation of 1 blind intake in Echo Twp., Section 9. Cost share will be based on 75%, not to exceed \$100.00/intake. Affirmative: Menno Fokken, Jerry Nelson, and Norris Peterson. Negative: none. Motion carried.

Motion by Menno Fokken, seconded by Jerry Nelson to authorize payment for Blind Intake Contract #07-08 with Fred Goltz for the installation of 5 blind intakes in Posen Township, Section 2, 3 and 11. Cost share will be based on 75%, not to exceed \$100.00/intake. Cost share is in the amount of \$500.00. Affirmative: Menno Fokken, Jerry Nelson, and Norris Peterson. Negative: none. Motion carried.

**SUPERVISORS REPORTS:** Supervisors gave reports as follows:

Jerry Nelson gave a report on the SWCD Orientation Session.

Menno Fokken gave a report on the Lac Qui Parle Watershed Advisory Meeting.

**COUNTY FAIR BOOTH:** Theme for 2009 is: Cost share dollars available for conservation practices, emerald ash borer, Invasive Plants, and Women’s Day. Supervisors’ schedule for working at the fair booth is as follows: Norris Peterson will work on Thursday evening. Menno Fokken will check on the booth each day.

**POLICIES/BYLAWS:** Reviewed the draft Bylaws. Manager is to look at adding wording on absences. Tabled until the next meeting. Supervisors were given a draft copy of Yellow Medicine SWCD’s Data Privacy Policy. Supervisors will review and it will be discussed at the August Board Meeting.

**UPCOMING MEETINGS:** Supervisors were given information on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual BWSR Academy scheduled for November 2<sup>nd</sup> through 4<sup>th</sup>. Additional information will be received at a later date.

Motion by Menno Fokken, seconded by Jerry Nelson to authorize staff to attend the Land Use Training on August 20<sup>th</sup> in Mankato. Registration is \$35.00/person. Affirmative: Menno Fokken, Jerry Nelson, and Norris Peterson. Negative: none. Motion carried

Next meeting is scheduled for August 27<sup>th</sup>, 2009 at 7:00 p.m.

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

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Supervisor Signature

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Date

## YELLOW MEDICINE SWCD MONTHLY TREASURER'S REPORT

**June 26, 2009 through July 22, 2009**

Use of Cash	Beginning Balance	Receipts	Disbursements	Ending Balance
<b>Tree Checking</b>	\$18,586.67	\$20,882.02	\$14,108.99	\$25,359.70
<b>District Checking</b>	\$3,235.07	\$26,782.46	\$9,967.00	\$20,050.53
<b>Savings Accounts</b>	\$49,899.54	\$99.51		\$49,999.05
<b>Investments</b>	\$211,691.29	\$1,211.15		\$212,902.44
<b>TOTALS</b>	\$283,412.57	\$48,975.14	\$24,075.99	\$308,311.72

### RECEIPTS

District Checking	
Interest-NOW Acct.	\$1.71
State of MN - Ob Well Grant	\$510.00
Yellow Medicine County	\$26,006.25
PERA Rate Increase Aid	\$264.50

### RECEIPTS

Tree Checking	
Donation-Cattleman's Assn.	\$100.00
Trees, planting, matting & tax	\$20,782.02

### ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

#### CHECK NUMBER PAYABLE TO

#### FOR

#### AMOUNT

#### **Tree Checking**

#3490 Alfredo DeCostanzo	Reimb. For mileage to Grazing Tour	\$204.60
#3491 Canby Public Schools	Bus expense for Grazing Tour	\$76.50
#3492 Gary Laleman's	Porta potty rental for Grazing Tour	\$75.00
#3493 City of Clarkfield	Water for storage facility	\$24.19
#3494 Consumers Coop Oil Co.	Gasoline, labor & parts	\$606.81
#3495 EPA	2 rolls of laminating film	\$63.48
#3496 Lyon SWCD	Trees	\$1,095.60
#3497 Cheryl Heard	Reimb for Grazing Workshop supplies	\$29.50
#3498 Jerry Nelson	Reimb.-expenses to Supervisor Trng.	\$224.79
#3499 Chippewa SWCD	200 rolls of tree mat	\$11,700.00
#3500 Lance Smith	Reimb frame for Kruse/Grazing Wksp	8.52

#### **District Checking**

#9601 Fredrick Goltz	Blind Intake Cont. Payment #07-08	\$500.00
#9602 Richard Anderson	State Cost Share Payment #09-15	\$687.00
#9603 Barlage-Doom	State Cost Share Payment #09-21	\$1,175.00
#9604 Les Craig	State Cost Share Payment #09-13	\$652.00
#9605 Mike Prokop	State Cost Share Payment #09-25	\$529.00
#9606 Minnesota UI Fund	Unemployment for Jim Muchlinski	\$788.00
#9607 Charles Vlaminc	State Cost Share Payment #09-07	\$1,255.00
#9608 Rod Abraham	State Cost Share Payment #09-14	\$977.00
#9609 Ron Manthey	State Cost Share Payment #09-16	\$975.00
#9610 Paul Nelson	State Cost Share Payment #09-17	\$796.00
#9611 Tracey Olson	State Cost Share Payment #09-09	\$426.00
#9612 Doug Albin	State Cost Share Payment #09-08	1,207.00