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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 May 28, 2009

I. The regular meeting was called to order by Chairperson Norris Peterson at 7:05 P.M.

II. Those present:

Chairperson – Norris Peterson
Vice Chairperson – Burton Kuehn
Treasurer – Menno Fokken

District Manager - Lou Ann Nagel
Co. Commissioner – Gary Johnson
NRCS DC – Cheryl Heard

III. Business

Motion by Menno Fokken, seconded by Burton Kuehn by to adopt the agenda with the following additions: Budget Committee; Update on Grazing Workshop and Farm Bill Position. Affirmative: Burton Kuehn, Menno Fokken, and Norris Peterson. Negative: none. Motion carried.

Motion by Menno Fokken, seconded by Burton Kuehn to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of April 23, 2009. Affirmative: Burton Kuehn, Menno Fokken, and Norris Peterson. Negative: none. Motion carried.

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

Motion by Burton Kuehn, seconded by Menno Fokken, to pay all bills and payroll for the month of May. Affirmative: Burton Kuehn, Menno Fokken, and Norris Peterson. Negative: none. Motion carried.

SOUTHWEST PRAIRIE TECHNICAL SERVICE AREA JOINT POWERS AGREEMENT: Motion by Burton Kuehn, seconded by Menno Fokken to authorize Menno Fokken to sign the Southwest Prairie Technical Service Area (SWPTSA) Joint Powers Agreement at the June 16th, 2009 SWPTSA meeting. Affirmative: Burton Kuehn, Menno Fokken, and Norris Peterson. Negative: none. Motion carried.

MASWCD RESOLUTIONS: No resolutions will be submitted this year.

NRCS DC REPORT: Cheryl Heard gave the Natural Resources Conservation Service District Conservationist Report at this time.

WETLAND CONSERVATION ACT MONTHLY REPORT: The Wetland Conservation Act Monthly Report was reviewed at this time.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE: Reviewed the May 20, 2009 MASWCD Legislative Update submitted by Judy Erickson, MASWCD Legislative Specialist.

MASWCD BITS OF TIDBITS: Reviewed the April 2009 MASWCD Bits of Tidbits report.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT: Burton Kuehn gave a RCRCA report.

RCRCA JOINT POWERS AGREEMENT: Motion by Menno Fokken, seconded by Burton Kuehn to accept the addendum to the RCRCA Joint Powers Agreement, which extended the effective period of said joint powers agreement to from June 2009 to September 30, 2009. All other terms and conditions will remain unchanged with appropriation amounts not to exceed the previous agreement's appropriation. Also, the board gives Burton Kuehn the authority to sign the agreement at their next RCRCA meeting. Affirmative: Burton Kuehn, Menno Fokken, and Norris Peterson. Negative: none. Motion carried..

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BLIND INTAKE PROGRAM: Motion by Burton Kuehn, seconded by Menno Fokken to approve payment for the following Blind Intake Contracts:

07-10 Gordon Grannes – Installation of 5 intakes @ 75% cost share not to exceed \$100/intake = \$500.00

08-06 Bob Borning – Installation of 5 intakes @ 75% cost share not to exceed \$100/intake = \$500.00

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

Motion by Menno Fokken, seconded by Burton Kuehn to approve a Blind Intake Contract with Robert Jelen for installation of 20 blind intakes in Oshkosh Twp., Sections 26 and 36. This contract will utilize Yellow Medicine Clean Water Legacy Dollars. Cost share will be based on a rate of up to 75%, not to exceed \$300/intake for a total of \$6,000.00. Contract will be submitted to Lyon SWCD for their approval. Affirmative: Burton Kuehn, Menno Fokken, and Norris Peterson. Negative: none. Motion carried.

AREA V MEETING: Motion by Burton Kuehn, seconded by Menno Fokken to authorize supervisors and staff to attend the Area V Meeting on June 18th at Minnesota West Community and Technical College in Pipestone. Affirmative: Burton Kuehn, Menno Fokken, and Norris Peterson. Negative: none. Motion carried.

MASWCD ORIENTATION/REFRESHER CONFERENCE: Motion by Burton Kuehn, seconded by Menno Fokken to authorize Jerry Nelson to attend the MASWCD Supervisor Orientation conference in St. Cloud on July 14th and 15th. Affirmative: Burton Kuehn, Menno Fokken, and Norris Peterson. Negative: none. Motion carried.

MCIT HUMAN RESOURCE WORKSHOP: Motion by Menno Fokken, seconded by Burton Kuehn to authorize Lou Ann Nagel to attend the MCIT Human Resource Workshop to be held in St. Cloud on June 18th. Affirmative: Burton Kuehn, Menno Fokken, and Norris Peterson. Negative: none. Motion carried.

BUDGET COMMITTEE: Motion by Menno Fokken, seconded by Burton Kuehn to form a Budget Committee consisting of Burton Kuehn and Menno Fokken. A meeting will be held on June 15th with an alternate date of June 22, 2009. Affirmative: Burton Kuehn, Menno Fokken, and Norris Peterson. Negative: none. Motion carried.

GRAZING WORKSHOP: Motion by Menno Fokken, seconded by Burton Kuehn to authorize supervisors and/or staff to attend the grazing workshop to be held on June 30, 2009 in Yellow Medicine County. Affirmative: Burton Kuehn, Menno Fokken, and Norris Peterson. Negative: none. Motion carried.

FARM BILL POSITION: Motion by Burton Kuehn, seconded by Menno Fokken to authorize the District Manager, if necessary, to advertise for the Farm Bill Position if the SWCD receives confirmation that the grant has been approved. The rate of pay will be between \$14 and \$15 depending on candidate's experience and/or qualifications. Affirmative: Burton Kuehn, Menno Fokken, and Norris Peterson. Negative: none. Motion carried.

Supervisors were given a copy of the revised Employee Policy.

Next meeting date is set for June 25, 2009 at 7:00 p.m.

Motion by Menno Fokken, seconded by Burton Kuehn to adjourn. Meeting adjourned.

Signature

Date

