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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 October 23, 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  
Co. Commissioner – Ron Antony  
NRCS DC – Cheryl Heard

III. Business:

Motion by Norris Peterson, seconded by Menno Fokken to adopt the agenda with the following additions: Clean Water Legacy Application, Payment Small Dam Repair, and Daily Diaries. Affirmative: Norris Peterson, Burton Kuehn, Menno Fokken, 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 September 25, 2008. Affirmative: Norris Peterson, Burton Kuehn, Menno Fokken, Steve Hubbard, 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 Norris Peterson to pay all bills and payroll for the month of October. Affirmative: Norris Peterson, Burton Kuehn, Menno Fokken, Steve Hubbard, and Dennis Kruger. Opposed: none. Motion carried.

**DC REPORT:** Cheryl Heard gave the DC Report at this time. Cheryl mentioned that she received a notice that the Local Work Group and Stakeholder meetings need to be conducted in November.

Motion by Norris Peterson, seconded by Burton Kuehn to hold a Stakeholder Meeting on November 18<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m. with a Local Work Group Meeting to following at 10:30 a.m. in the Ag Service meeting room in Clarkfield. Affirmative: Norris Peterson, Burton Kuehn, Menno Fokken, Steve Hubbard, and Dennis Kruger. Opposed: none. Motion carried.

**EVALUATIONS:** Motion by Menno Fokken, seconded by Steve Hubbard to schedule employee evaluations for Monday, November 24<sup>th</sup>, 2008, at 8:00 a.m. with the November Board Meeting to follow at 10:00 a.m. Affirmative: Norris Peterson, Burton Kuehn, Menno Fokken, Steve Hubbard, and Dennis Kruger. Opposed: none. Motion carried.

**STATE CONVENTION:** Discussion followed on State Convention: registration, hotel registration, auction items, Conservation Farmer Banquet, etc. Dennis Kruger and Steve Hubbard voted on the resolutions. Motion by Norris Peterson, seconded by Burton Kuehn to authorize supervisors and staff to attend the State Convention in St. Paul on December 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>, 2008. Affirmative: Norris Peterson, Burton Kuehn, Menno Fokken, Steve Hubbard, and Dennis Kruger. Opposed: none. Motion carried.

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**NATIVE BUFFER COST SHARE PROGRAM:** The Yellow Medicine SWCD received a \$25,000 Grant in 2008 for this program. We currently have encumbered \$7,000 of that Grant. We have 6 landowners who have shown a significant interest in this program. If all apply we would not have enough funds to fund all 6. Motion by Menno Fokken, seconded by Steve Hubbard to submit a request for proposal/application for the Native Buffer Cost Share Program in the amount of \$15,870. Affirmative: Norris Peterson, Burton Kuehn, Menno Fokken, Steve Hubbard, and Dennis Kruger. Opposed: none. Motion carried.

**BLIND INTAKE PROGRAM:** Motion by Burton Kuehn, seconded by Norris Peterson to approve payment for Blind Intake #08-01 with Curtis Hoseck for the installation of 2 blind intakes totaling \$200.00. Landowner decided to install 2 intakes instead of three. Affirmative: Norris Peterson, Burton Kuehn, Menno Fokken, Steve Hubbard, and Dennis Kruger. Opposed: none. Motion carried.

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

#09-07	Charles Vlamincck	Farmstead Windbreak	1 acre - 970 feet	Swede Prairie-Sec 31	State	75%	\$1,269.00
#09-08	Doug Albin	Farmstead Windbreak	1.25 ac - 1110 ft	Friendship - Sec 36	State	75%	\$1,207.00
#09-09	Lori Olson	Farmstead Windbreak	.5 acre - 270 ft	Hazel Run - Sec 27	State	75%	\$468.00
#09-10	Kevin Skorczewski	Field Windbreak	660 ft	Fortier - Sec 20	State	75%	\$1,247.00
#09-11	Kurt Thorstad	Farmstead Windbreak	.8 ac - 370 ft	MN Falls - Sec 16	State	75%	\$1,270.00
#09-12	Tom Wolner	Farmstead Windbreak	.8 acre - 538 ft	Hazel Run - Sec13	State	75%	\$852.00
#09-13	Les Craig	Farmstead Windbreak	.53 acre - 700 ft	Stony Run - Sec 21	State	75%	\$652.00
#09-14	Rod Abraham	Farmstead Windbreak	1.0 acre - 990 ft	Swede Prairie-Sec 18	State	75%	\$1,228.00

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

**GRANT AGREEMENT/RESOLUTION WITH BWSR:** Motion by Norris Peterson, seconded by Menno Fokken to approve Grant Agreement #10487 with the Board of Water and Soil Resources (BWSR) and the resolution between BWSR, Area II and Yellow Medicine SWCD for a small dam repair in Wergeland Section 31 for \$13,823.75. Affirmative: Norris Peterson, Burton Kuehn, Menno Fokken, Steve Hubbard, and Dennis Kruger. Opposed: none. Motion carried.

**WETLAND CONSERVATION ACT:** Motion by Steve Hubbard, seconded by Norris Peterson to deny Redwood SWCD's request to contract with the Yellow Medicine SWCD for WCA Services from now until January 1, 2009 due to the Yellow Medicine SWCD's Technicians workload at this time. Affirmative: Norris Peterson, Burton Kuehn, Menno Fokken, Steve Hubbard, and Dennis Kruger. Opposed: none. Motion carried.

**NACD 2009 CONVENTION:** Reviewed correspondence on the 2009 NACD Annual Convention – no one will be attending.

**WETLAND CONSERVATION ACT MONTHLY REPORT:** Reviewed the Wetland Conservation Act Report at this time.

**MASWCD AREA V MEETING:** Motion by Burton Kuehn, seconded by Menno Fokken to authorize Supervisors and Staff to attend the Area V Meeting in Marshall on November 20<sup>th</sup>, 2008. Affirmative: Burton Kuehn, Menno Fokken, Norris Peterson, Steve Hubbard, and Dennis Kruger. Opposed: none. Motion carried.

**CLEAN WATER LEGACY APPLICATION:** Lincoln, Lyon and Yellow Medicine SWCD's applied for a Clean Water Legacy Grant for the Yellow Medicine Watershed in the amount of \$149,250.

**PAYMENT FOR DAM REPAIR:** Motion by Norris Peterson, seconded by Menno Fokken to authorize the District Manager and the Administrative Assistant to issue a check for the small dam repair in Florida, Section 22, upon receipt of the grant dollars from the Board of Water and Soil Resources. Affirmative: Burton Kuehn, Menno Fokken, Norris Peterson, Steve Hubbard, and Dennis Kruger. Opposed: none. Motion carried.

**DAILY DIARIES:** Reviewed the daily diaries at this time.

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**SUPERVISOR REPORTS:** Norris Peterson gave a RC&D Report and a Yellow Medicine Watershed District Advisory Report. Burton Kuehn gave a RCRCA Report.

MASWCD Bits of Tidbits were given to each supervisor for their review.

Due to the Thanksgiving holiday, the next meeting date is scheduled for Monday, November 24<sup>th</sup>, 2008 at 10:00 a.m.

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

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Date