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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

September 25th, 2008

I. The regular meeting was called to order by Vice Chairperson Norris Peterson at 7:00 P.M.

II. Those present:

Vice Chairperson – Norris Peterson  
Secretary – Burton Kuehn  
P. R. & I. – Menno Fokken

NRCS DC – Cheryl Heard  
Administrative Assistant – Nancy Dyrdaahl  
County Commissioner – Gary Johnson

III. Business:

Motion by Menno Fokken, seconded by Burton Kuehn to adopt the agenda with the addition of Contribution Agreement with NRCS for conducting status reviews on CRP contracts; WCA Report; and approve Native Buffer State Cost Share Contract. Affirmative: Norris Peterson, Burton Kuehn and Menno Fokken. Opposed: none. Motion carried.

Motion by Menno Fokken, seconded by Burton Kuehn to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of August 21st, 2008. Affirmative: Norris Peterson, Burton Kuehn and Menno Fokken. Opposed: 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 September. Affirmative: Norris Peterson, Burton Kuehn and Menno Fokken. Opposed: none. Motion carried.

**DC REPORT:** Cheryl Heard gave the DC report at this time.

**2009 COUNTY BUDGET/FAMILY COVERAGE:** Reviewed the revision to the 2009 county budget request reflecting an increase in family health insurance for Farm Bill Assistant position. However, this revision will not result in an increase to the county allotment requested. Motion by Menno Fokken, seconded by Burton Kuehn to approve Jared Brouwer's request for Blue Cross Blue Shield Family Coverage starting November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2008. Affirmative: Norris Peterson, Burton Kuehn and Menno Fokken. Opposed: none. Motion carried.

**FARM BILL ASSISTANT GRANT:** Motion by Burton Kuehn, seconded by Menno Fokken to sign the Fiscal Year 2009 Farm Bill Assistant Grant Agreement with the Board of Water and Soil Resources (BWSR) in the amount of \$31,500.00. SWCD will provide the \$11,250.00 match. Affirmative: Norris Peterson, Burton Kuehn and Menno Fokken. Opposed: none. Motion carried.

**MASWCD RESOLUTIONS:** The board reviewed and voted on the MASWCD Resolutions at this time.

**AMENDMENT/APPOINTMENT LESSARD HERITAGE COUNCIL:** Informed the board that individuals interested in seeking gubernatorial appointment to the Lessard Heritage Council can apply.

**SUPERVISORS REPORTS:** Menno Fokken and Norris Peterson gave a report on the MARC&D Summer Conference & Tour. Norris Peterson reported on the Prairie Country RC&D Meeting. Menno Fokken gave a report on the Southwest Prairie Joint Powers Meeting, Area V Meeting and also the LQP River Mainstem Water Quality Enhancement Bus Tour. RCRCA Report was given by Burton Kuehn.

**GRANT AGREEMENT/RESOLUTION WITH BWSR:** Motion by Burton, seconded by Menno Fokken to sign and approve the Resolution & Grant Agreement with the Board of Water and Soil Resources for Richard VanDerostyne’s Small Dam Repair in Section 22 of Florida Township. The grant agreement amount is \$7,934.25. Area II agrees to provide technical assistance, secure all necessary land rights and secure all necessary permits for this project. Affirmative: Norris Peterson, Burton Kuehn and Menno Fokken. Opposed: none. Motion carried.

**WETLAND CONSERVATION ACT:** The Wetland Conservation Act (WCA) monthly report was reviewed at this time.

**NRCS CONTRIBUTION AGREEMENT:** A Contribution Agreement with NRCS for providing technical service for conducting CRP annual status reviews was signed by Dennis Kruger, SWCD Supervisor and submitted to NRCS for their approval. The dollar amount of the Contribution Agreement was \$877.50.

**NATIVE BUFFER STATE COST SHARE PROGRAM:** Motion by Menno Fokken, seconded by Burton Kuehn to approve the Native Buffer State Cost Share Contract #N/B08-01 for Paul Hinz for a 29.6 acre Critical Area Stabilization Project – Restoration and Management of Declining Habitat in Minnesota Falls Township, Section 4 and 9. Paul will be reseeded 29.6 acres of bromegrass to native cover in his USFWS Easement. Cost share assistance will not exceed \$5,600 or 75% of the total eligible cost, whichever is less. USFWS is also assisting with cost share for this project. Affirmative: Norris Peterson, Burton Kuehn and Menno Fokken. Opposed: none. Motion carried.

**MASWCD TIDBITS:** The MASWCD Tidbits were given to supervisors for their review.

**COMMISSIONERS MEETING:** Informed the Supervisors about the upcoming meeting with the County Commissioners on October 28<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m.

Next meeting date is scheduled for October 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2008 at 7:30 p.m.

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

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SWCD Supervisor Signature

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Date