

LINCOLN SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT . . .



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Minutes of the Lincoln Soil and Water Conservation District, Regular Meeting, USDA Building, Ivanhoe, MN, January 30, 2013.

Meeting called to order by the Chairman, Daniel Christianson, at 10:07 a.m.

Members Present:

Daniel Christianson, Chair, left @ 11:23 am
Glen Sorensen, Vice Chair
Conrad Schardin, Secretary
Joe Weber, Treasurer
John Boulton, PR&I, left @ 11:35 am

NRCS Staff Present:

Dennis Johnson, Dist. Conservationist @ 10:56 am

District Staff Present:

Pauline VanOverbeke, Dist. Manager
Ron Madsen, Eng. Tech. @ 10:07-10:09 & @ 10:56 am
Randy Kraus, Farm Bill Technician @ 10:56 am

Others Present:

Rick Hamer, County Commissioner
Chessa Frahm, Missouri River Basin Coord. @ 10:45 am

AGENDA: An updated agenda was distributed. Motion by Boulton, seconded by Schardin to approve the agenda as presented. Passed: 5-0.

Christianson turned the meeting over to Madsen.

Madsen proceeded with the election of new officers: Call for nominations for the following offices for 2013:

ELECTION OF OFFICERS: Motion by Weber, seconded by Schardin to nominate Christianson for Chairman. Question asked three times. Motion by Weber, seconded by Schardin to move nominations cease and cast a unanimous ballot. Passed: 5-0. Meeting turned back over to Christianson. Madsen left the meeting. Motion by Boulton, seconded by Schardin to leave the Vice Chair, Secretary, Treasurer and PR&I positions the same as last year. Passed: 5-0.

APPOINTMENTS-COMMITTEES: Motion by Schardin, seconded by Boulton to leave all positions on the committees the same as in 2012-RCRCA: Glen Sorensen, delegate; Conrad Schardin, alternate; SWPTSA: Daniel Christianson, delegate; Glen Sorensen, alternate; RC&D: Daniel Christianson, delegate; Joe Weber, alternate; LqP Watershed-Clean Water Partnership Team; John Boulton, delegate; and the Yellow Medicine Watershed Advisory Committee; Glen Sorensen, delegate. Personnel Committee: Joe Weber and John Boulton. Passed: 5-0.

DESIGNATION OF OFFICIAL PAPER: Motion by Weber, seconded by Boulton to designate the Ivanhoe Times as the official paper for 2013. Passed: 5-0.

DESIGNATION OF TAA FOR STATE C-S AND C-S RATE: Motion by Sorensen, seconded by Schardin to designate the following for the TAA for State C-S Projects: Sterzinger as the Technician for all tree projects, Kraus as the Technician on all Nutrient Management and Nitrogen Stabilizer practices, and Ron Madsen as the Technician on all other practices unless otherwise stated in minutes and to set the State C-S rate for 2013 at a rate not to exceed 75% cost-share. Passed: 5-0.

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DESIGNATION OF BANKS: Motion by Schardin, seconded by Boulton to designate the following banks for the Lincoln SWCD: Bank of the West, Ivanhoe-Checking Account and First Security Bank, Hendricks for the Money Market Savings Account and State Bank of Taunton for CDs/Investments. Passed: 5-0.

2013 MILEAGE RATE: Motion by Boulton, seconded by Weber to set the mileage rate to follow the Federal reimbursement rate currently set at \$.56 ½ for 2013. Passed: 5-0.

MINUTES: The minutes from the December 19, 2012 meeting stand approved as mailed.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Motion by Boulton, seconded by Schardin to approve the Treasurer's Report for December, 2012. Passed: 5-0.

BILLS: Motion by Schardin, seconded by Sorensen to approve the payment of the bills for \$40,631.68 (see attachment). Passed: 5-0.

WATER PLAN BILLS: Motion by Schardin, seconded by Weber to pay the Water Plan bills in the amount of \$741.00 (well sealing and water testing). Passed: 5-0.

STATE C-S CONTRACT APPROVALS: Motion by Boulton, seconded by Sorensen to approve the following Base C-S contracts, with all projects being for trees and Sterzinger being the Technician for all projects. Passed: 5-0.

- o FY13-01 for Mike Plooster for \$1,334
- o FY13-02 for Mark Christensen for \$3,340
- o FY13-03 for Lance Tykwinski for \$1,143
- o FY13-04 for Chris Noble for 1,979
- o FY13-05 for James Gregoire for \$2,618

ACTUAL AND BUDGETED INCOME AND EXPENDITURE STATEMENT: VanOverbeke handed out the December 2012 actual and budgeted income and expenditure statement for review.

CD's-3 MONTH INTEREST: CD's 3-mo interest is as follows: CD#9567 (6 mo)-\$253.31; CD#9569 (12 mo)-\$257.61; CD#9570 (12 mo)-\$322.02; CD#9571 (12 mo)-\$386.42.

2012 FINANCIAL REPORT and FUND BALANCE DESIGNATIONS: Motion by Schardin, seconded by Boulton to approve the 2012 Financial Report and the Fund Balance designations as presented. Passed: 5-0.

2012 ANNUAL REPORT: Motion by Boulton, seconded by Schardin to approve the 2012 Annual Report. Passed: 5-0.

Frahm present at this time.

2013 BUDGET: Motion by Schardin, seconded by Weber to approve the 2013 budget. Passed: 5-0.

CWF2013-LAKE SHAKATAN & YELLOW MEDICINE SUB-WATERSHEDS IMPLEMENTATION PROJECT-GRANT AGREEMENT: Motion by Weber, seconded by Schardin to approve the FY2013 Competitive Grant Agreement for the CWF-Lake Shaokatan & Yellow Medicine Sub-Watersheds Implementation Project. Term of the Contract being: January 1, 2013 to December 31, 2015. Payments being: 50%; 40% 10%. Passed: 5-0.

AREA V MEETING: The Area V meeting is scheduled for February 21, 2013 at St. Stephens Lutheran Church in Marshall.

Madsen, Kraus and Johnson present at this time.

MASWCD LEGISLATIVE BRIEFING/DAY AT THE CAPITOL: The MASWCD Legislative Briefing and day at the capitol is scheduled for February 25-26 at the Embassy Suites in St. Paul. Deadline to register is February 8, 2013. Motion by Schardin, seconded by Boulton to approve the staff to pay the registrations for the event and to order the rooms for those attending. Passed: 5-0.

WETLAND MITIGATION BANKS WEBINAR: VanOverbeke handed out the letter from John Beckwith, RC&D, concerning the webinar for the Wetland Mitigation Banks to be held on January 31, 2013.

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REPORTS:

MISSOURI RIVER BASIN COORDINATOR: Chessa Frahm, Missouri River Basin Coordinator reported on the Missouri River Basin data collection and outreach progress. She reviewed the monitoring sites and the overall results from the monitoring. Frahm is working on the following watersheds: Upper and Lower Big Sioux, the Rock and Little Sioux. To date, she has meet with 43 community organizations throughout the watersheds.

Christianson turned the meeting over to Sorensen. Christianson left the meeting at this time.

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS REPORT: Rick Hamer, County Commissioner reported that they worked on the Budget and committee assignments.

DISTRICT MANAGER’S REPORT: Pauline VanOverbeke, District Manager reported on the following:

- Letter of Support to the Lyon County Fair Committee in support of a grant for a 60 X 80 hoop barn to be put up at the Lyon County fairgrounds. EQIP signup; 4 ranking periods; January – April, 2013.
- Have completed ALL year-end reports: financial, Annual Report, Annual Plan, MDA, Notes to Financial Statement, eLink reporting, etc.
- Closed out the FY2010 CWF for the Yellow Medicine Watershed Project. Have requested the remaining 10% for the grant.
- 2013-CWF for the Lake Shaokatan & Yellow Medicine Sub-Watersheds Implementation Project; have completed the work plan. The agreement has been signed. After we receive the agreement back from BWSR, we will be able to start the project.
- Legislative report is ready for Feb 25-26 when we meet w/the legislators.

ENGINEERING TECHNICIAN’S REPORT: Ron Madsen, Engineering Technician, reported on the following:

- Busy with year-end reporting and attending meetings.
- Working with Area II on a WSCB project that also involves a downsizing project.
- Tiling issue(s); what is the proper out-letting fee when hooking on with a neighboring landowner?
- Feedlot project that was submitting through the CWF is being submitted for EQIP funding.

Boulton left the meeting at this time.

FARM BILL TECHNICIAN’S REPORT: Randy Kraus, Farm Bill Technician, reported on the following:

- No CRP signup right now because of the Farm Bill.
- Selling grass seed; requesting 50% down from participants.

NRCS-SOIL CONSERVATION TECHNICIAN’S REPORT: Dennis Johnson, District Conservationist, reported on the following:

- EQIP signup; done with the 1st ranking period; 26 applications have been submitted; 3 producers interested in feedlot projects.
- CSP; taking applications; may not be funding anymore due to the budget.
- WRP/RIM Project; 46 acre floodplain area project, a legal land survey needs to be done.

ECOLOGY BUS: VanOverbeke asked the board about helping fund the Ecology Bus to the schools in Lincoln County with the Environmental Office; cost is \$1,695 to go to the 3-schools. Due to budget constraints, the district will have to pass on donating to the Ecology Bus.

The next meeting of the Lincoln SWCD will be on Wednesday, February 20, 2013 at 10:00 a.m.

The meeting declared adjourned by the Vice Chair, Sorensen at 11:45 a.m.

APPROVED: _____
DATE SIGNATURE

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