

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, March 20, 2013.

Meeting called to order by the Chairman, Daniel Christianson, at 10:00 a.m.

Members Present:

Daniel Christianson, Chair
Conrad Schardin, Secretary
John Boulton, PR&I

Members Absent:

Joe Weber, Treasurer
Glen Sorensen, Vice Chair

District Staff Present:

Pauline VanOverbeke, Dist. Manager
Ron Madsen, Eng. Tech. @ 10:22 am
Dale Sterzinger, Cons. Tech/WCA Admin @ 10:22 am

NRCS Present:

Dennis Johnson, Dist. Conservationist @ 10:22 am

Others Present:

Rick Hamer, County Commissioner

AGENDA: An updated agenda was distributed. Motion by Schardin, seconded by Boulton to approve the agenda as presented. Passed: 3-0.

MINUTES: The minutes from the January 30, 2013 meeting stand approved as mailed.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Motion by Schardin, seconded by Boulton to approve the Treasurer's Report for January and February, 2013. Passed: 3-0.

BILLS: Motion by Boulton, seconded by Schardin to approve the payment of the bills for February of \$31,075.32 and for March of \$22,880.78 (see attachment). Passed: 3-0.

STATE C-S CONTRACT APPROVALS: Motion by Schardin, seconded by Boulton to approve the following C-S contracts: FY13-06 for Wayne Possail for \$2,770, FY13-08 for Lee Thoofft for \$1,983, FY13-09 for Wade Serreyn for \$885 with all projects being for trees and Sterzinger being the Technician. Passed: 3-0.

CWF-2013 LSYMP C-S CONTRACT APPROVALS: Motion by Schardin, seconded by Boulton to approve the following CWF-2013 LSYMP C-S contracts: CWF-LSYMP-1-13 Tim Jerzak for 1-Alt. Intake for \$400 and CWF-LSYMP-2-13 David Popowski for 2-Alt. Intakes for \$800 with Madsen being the Technician. Passed: 3-0.

RCRCA RECOMMENDATION FOR APPROVAL: Motion by Schardin, seconded by Boulton to recommend to the RCRCA Board for approval the cost-share contract for Joe Weber for a waterway. Passed: 3-0.

ACTUAL AND BUDGETED INCOME AND EXPENDITURE STATEMENT: VanOverbeke handed out the January and February, 2013 actual and budgeted income and expenditure statement for review.

APPROVE 2012 & 2013 FINAL FINANCIAL REPORTS: Motion by Schardin, seconded by Boulton to approve the 2012 Final Financial Reports for the 2012 Conservation Delivery and Easement Delivery grants and the 2013 Conservation Delivery grants signed by VanOverbeke on March 6, 2013. Passed: 3-0.

APPROVE STATE OF MN JOINT POWERS AGREEMENT W/DNR: Motion by Boulton, seconded by Schardin to approve the State of MN Joint Powers Agreement with the DNR for Walk-in-Access agreement

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at \$250 per landowner agreement executed. Signed by Christianson and Boulton on Feb. 21, 2013. Passed: 3-0.

Madsen, Sterzinger and Johnson present at this time.

APPROVE THE EROSION CONTROL & WATER MANAGEMENT PROGRAM POLICY: Motion by Boulton, seconded by Schardin, to approve the Erosion Control and Water Management Program Policy for the Lincoln SWCD. Passed: 3-0.

NEW DRILL OPTIONS: The "NEW" Drill options to consider are: 1) Rent out drill; 2) District rents a tractor (6150R) for \$15/hr from John Deere in Tyler (and then rents out the tractor and drill; 3) Employees run rented tractor and drill; 4) Rent out drill on tilled ground only. With the various options, what are we going to charge? OLD Drill options and rates. Discussion held. Will be discussed at the April meeting.

MASWCD BITS OF TIDBITS: The MASWCD Bits of Tidbits were handed out.

REPORTS:

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS REPORT: Rick Hamer, County Commissioner reported on the following:

- Ditch viewers are rapping up for assessment purposes.
- Discussed possible work on Highway 2.
- Opened bids for new snow/maintenance/dump truck. Lowest bid from Olsen & Johnson, Marshall.
- Road restrictions are on.

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

- 2012 Audit. Approved to get Holmberg to do the 2012 Audit.
- Will be writing grants for the Environmental Fair.
- Have been working on Clean Water Fund Grants and water plan.
- Upcoming meetings: RC&D-March 27, PERA-April 4.
- FAC Committee met; will continue to pay as we currently are for the building rent until the government/we sign a new lease.

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

- Working on CWF plans for conservation practices.
- CRP mid contract maintenance.

CONSERVATION TECHNICIAN/WCA ADMIN.'s REPORT: Dale Sterzinger, Conservation Technician/WCA Administrator, reported on the following:

- Trees: finishing up tree plans; helping Lyon County residents with tree orders as well; 14,000 trees ordered to date.
- WCA: City of Hendricks-environmental concerns, want to build a hotel; 7-restoration orders to do; No-Loss determination to Hendricks Golf Course; 300+ tile requests to do.
- Kraus and Sterzinger attended LiDAR training.
- Attended WCA administration training.

FARM BILL TECHNICIAN'S REPORT: VanOverbeke gave Randy Kraus, Farm Bill Technician's report:

- District was awarded the Brood Booster Award at the MN State Pheasant Forever Convention in Feb.
- Wrote a grant to the MN Nation Wild Turkey Federation for Super Fund for help with the NTD. We were awarded \$1,500 from the NWTF.
- Seed Sales; to date 461 acres
- CWF-2011 Verdi Wellhead letters for signups have been sent out.
- Drill is built, will be shipped anytime.
- Tractor rent from Schuneman's in Tyler for a JD6150R is \$15 per hour.

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

- MOU; reviewed with the Board; deliver of programs serving the public without discrimination.
- EQIP: 22 contracts funded; sending 5-more in for the second round; 4-ag waste containments (two phase project with the first being a site assessment); 5-6 tree projects were funded (next year plantings).
- WRP/RIM: one flood plain contract.

The next meeting of the Lincoln SWCD will be on Wednesday, April 17, 2013 at 7:00 a.m.

The meeting declared adjourned by the Chair, Christianson at 11:55 a.m.

APPROVED: _____

DATE

SIGNATURE