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LINCOLN SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Minutes of the Lincoln Soil and Water Conservation District, Regular Meeting, USDA Building, Ivanhoe, MN, November 20, 2013.

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

Members Present:

Daniel Christianson, Chair
Glen Sorensen, Vice Chair
Joe Weber, Treasurer
Conrad Schardin, Secretary, left at 11:17 a.m.
John Boulton, PR&I

District Staff Present:

Pauline VanOverbeke, Dist. Manager
Dale Sterzinger, Conservation Tech, 10:35 a.m.
Ron Madsen, Engineering Tech, 10:35 a.m.
Randy Kraus, Farm Bill Tech, 10:35 a.m.

NRCS Present:

Dennis Johnson, NRCS, District Cons., 10:35 a.m.

AGENDA: Agenda was distributed. Motion by Boulton, seconded by Sorensen to approve the agenda. Passed: 5-0.

MINUTES: The minutes from the September 18, 2013 meeting stand approved as mailed.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Motion by Sorensen, seconded by Boulton to approve the Treasurer's Report for September and October, 2013. Passed: 4-0.

BILLS: Motion by Weber, seconded by Schardin to approve the payment of the bills for \$38,330.79 (see attachment-excludes Water Plan payment and CWF-Verdi payment). Passed: 5-0.

WATER PLAN BILLS: Motion by Schardin, seconded by Sorensen to approve the payment of the water plan bill for \$325. Passed: 5-0.

APPROVE CWF-2013 LAKE SHAOKATAN/YELLOW MEDICINE PROJECT PAYMENTS: Motion by Weber, seconded by Schardin to approve the following 2013 CWF-Lake Shaokatan/Yellow Medicine Project Payments as follows: Paul Whingelby for 7-wetland restorations for C-S of \$11,762. Technician for project-Randy Sheik. Passed: 5-0.

APPROVE CWF-2013 LSYMP CONTRACTS: Motion by Sorensen, seconded by Weber to approve the CWF-2013 LSYMP Contracts as follows: Nathen Buntrock #CWF-10-13 for 12.7 acres Filter Strip for 419,050; Technician for project; Kraus; Randy Hauschild #CWF-11-13 for 4-alternative intakes and William Behnke #CWF12-13 for 3-alternative intakes; Technician for projects-Madsen. Passed: 5-0.

MASWCD WETLAND CONSERVATION INITIATIVE-1026's): Motion by Boulton, seconded by Schardin to approve the MASWCD Wetland Conservation Initiative for 1026 work to be completed by the District for \$19,400. Passed: 5-0.

CDs-STATE BANK OF TAUNTON: Discussion on the CDs at the Taunton Bank on withdrawing the CDs early. The CDs should have the appropriate security on them. VanOverbeke will check with the Auditor on this.

REVISED BUDGET: Motion by Schardin, seconded by Boulton to approve the revised budget. Passed: 5-0.

ACTUAL AND BUDGETED INCOME AND EXPENDITURE STATEMENT: VanOverbeke handed out the Actual and Budgeted Income and Expenditures Statement for September and October.

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Madsen, Kraus, Sterzinger and Johnson present at this time.

CWF-TARGETED WATERSHED NOMINATION-YELLOW MEDICINE WATERSHED: Motion by Schardin, seconded by Sorensen to submit the Targeted Watershed Nomination form for the Yellow Medicine Watershed two-10 digit HUCs being for the Upper Yellow Medicine River (0702000403) and South Branch Yellow Medicine River (0702000404). Passed: 5-0.

RIM CORRECTED ACTION PLAN: Motion by Schardin, seconded by Boulton to approve the RIM Corrected Action Transmittal for Wendy Schalek Sterzinger on a CREP Easement #41-21-01-01 for 1.5 acres. Passed: 5-0.

MN GRAZING LANDS CONSERVATION ASSOCIATION SPONSORSHIP: Motion by Schardin, seconded by Weber to approve \$250 towards the MN Grazing Lands Conservation Association Sponsorship. Passed: 5-0.

OTHER ITEMS-REVIEWED: BWSR SWCD member appointment for terms beginning January 1, 2014; MASWCD Assessment Tool.

REPORTS:

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

- Targeted Watershed; sent out 925 letters to landowners. Thanks to Madsen, Kraus, Sterzinger and Jordahl for their assistance.
- BWSR Academy; reviewed a few of the sessions attended w/Board; Strange but necessary policies, succession planning, tracking your time right and billing for it, new Water Plan strategies, 1W1P, State C-S rules.
- FBA; sent a request to Pheasants Forever for \$2,500 to help fund the Farm Bill Technicians position.
- YMRWD; Watershed Restoration & Protection Project Strategies (WRAPS); the district is in the process of helping identify stressor areas in the watershed and coming up with a plan for correction; talking about submitting an application/nomination for the One Watershed One Plan (1W1P) for the Yellow Medicine Watershed.
- Missouri River Basin; this basin is also looking at applying for the 1W1P.

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

- CWF engineering; finishing up with a few Cost-Share, CWF's and EQIP projects and will be starting new ones shortly.

Schardin left the meeting at this time.

CONSERVATION TECHNICIAN'S REPORT: Dale Sterzinger, Conservation Technician, reported on the following:

- Accounts Receivable: \$128.25.
- Tree projects: groves.
- WCA; possible wetland violation; one restoration order-tile removed, will certify when done; one culvert replacement; meeting w/DNR on outlet structure of Lake Shaokatan, want to redo; Working on 106s through contract agreement w/MASWCD.
- Shaokatan Sportsmen Club gave the District \$1,500 for technician work done in the watershed; also put \$4,000 towards a WRP/RIM perpetual grass/wetland project.

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

- Tractor went back on Friday the 15th. Tractor had 154 hours on it for \$15/hr. Discussed tractor. Motion by Christianson, seconded by Weber to rent a tractor again for next year. Passed: 5-0.
- This fall; seeding; CRP status reviews.

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DISTRICT CONSERVATIONIST’S REPORT: Dennis Johnson, District Conservationist, reported on the following:

- 1026 change discussion and explanations.
- Area Office will still handle the 569 complaints.
- Payments for CSP and EQIP going out now.
- EQIP Construction projects are wrapping up.

The next meeting of the Lincoln SWCD will be on Wednesday, December 18th; -Performance Reviews-11 a.m.; Board Meeting-1 p.m. and Christmas Party-3 p.m.

The meeting declared adjourned by the Chair, Christianson at 11:50 a.m.

APPROVED: _____

DATE

SIGNATURE