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Minutes of the Lincoln Soil and Water Conservation District, Regular Meeting, USDA Building, Ivanhoe, MN, April 15, 2015.

Meeting called to order by the Chairman, Daniel Christianson, at 7:00 a.m.

Members Present:

Daniel Christianson, Chair
Glen Sorensen, Vice Chair
Conrad Schardin, Secretary; left @ 7:55 am
Joe Weber, Treasurer @ 7:12 am
John Boulton, PR&I

District Staff Present:

Pauline VanOverbeke, District Manager
Randy Kraus, Farm Bill Tech, 11:12 am

NRCS Staff Present:

Dennis Johnson, Dist. Conservationist
Gary Watson, Acting State Conservationist

AGENDA: An updated agenda was distributed. Motion by Sorensen, seconded by Schardin to approve the agenda as presented. Passed: 4-0.

MINUTES: The minutes from the February 4, 2015, meeting stand approved as mailed.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Motion by Schardin, seconded by Boulton to approve the Treasurer's Report for January and February. Passed: 4-0.

BILLS: Motion by Boulton, seconded by Sorensen to approve the payment of the bills for March of \$20,190.82 and April of \$42,833.62 (attachment). Passed: 4-0.

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

BANK OF THE WEST SIGNATURE CARD: Signatures obtained on the Bank of the West signature card.

SECRETARY/TREASURER BOARD POSITIONS: Due to Weber not wanting to sign the Bank of the West signature card, motion by Boulton, seconded by Sorensen to nominate Weber as Secretary and Schardin as Treasurer. Ayes: 4-0.

STATE C-S CONTRACT AMENDMENT: Motion by Schardin, seconded by Sorensen to approve the State C-S Amendment #1 for Contract #FY14-02 for Harvey Jorgensen due to the death of Harvey, the project is being moved to the Harvey Jorgensen Estate. Passed: 4-0.

CWF-2013 C-S CONTRACT: Motion by Schardin, seconded by Boulton, to approve the CWF-2013 C-S Contract for KristopherPaluch, Contract #LSYMP-24-13 for 1 WSCB for C-S of \$3,090. Passed: 4-0.

RCRCA-JOINT POWERS AGREEMENT: Motion by Boulton, seconded by Schardin to approve the RCRCA Joint Powers Agreement and to approve Sorensen to sign the agreement at an upcoming RCRCA Meeting. Passed: 4-0.

Weber present at this time.

2014 AUDIT: It was decided to get Holmberg to do the 2014 audit for \$1,675.00.

2015 TRACTOR LEASE AGREEMENT: Motion by Sorensen, seconded by Weber to sign the 2015 tractor lease agreement/letter of intent to rent a John Deere Tractor from Schuneman Equipment in Tyler for \$15/tractor hour. Passed: 5-0.

CALL FOR RESOLUTIONS: Call for MASWCD Resolutions must be in by the June Area V Meeting.

The mission of the Lincoln SWCD is to protect and improve the quality of our water, soil, and natural resources by providing programs and services to the citizens and owners of Lincoln County to implement conservation practices.

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FY16; FARM BILL ASSISTANCE PARTNERSHIP GRANT-PHASE XV: Motion by Schardin, seconded by Boulton to approve the FY16 Farm Bill Assistance Partnership Grant Phase XV for 70% time. Passed: 5-0.

OFFICE SPACE: VanOverbeke explained that the lot for the new building has been surveyed and that the district is putting in for 800 square feet. Gary Watson, Johnson and VanOverbeke will plan on going to Madison and Ortonville to look at the layout of the buildings within a week or so.

Kraus present at this time.

REPORTS:

DISTRICT MANAGER’S REPORT: Pauline VanOverbeke, District Manager’s report is attached.

- Board approved for VanOverbeke and Brandi Petersen to attend the Women’s Day Program in Brookings June 9th.

Schardin left the meeting at this time.

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

- WIA Contracts; over 30 contracts and over 3,000 acres signed up in 2015; number one in state for number of contracts/acres.
- Snyder Project; explained project; change of tile size; opened seven bids with the lowest bid being approx. \$39,000; had to get additional flowage easements.
- RIM Contracts: have signed up the RIM contract Roger Wayne Hexum for 147 acres and Stanley Gorecki Jr. project for 60 acres.
- Working on seed sales/seeding/NTD.

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

- CSP Contracts: 36 new CSP contracts; interviews are done; waiting on ranking.
- EQIP Contracts: 3 rounds of ranking (currently in the second round); 8 in the 1st round in which 7 were funded (two engineering); some farmstead shelterbelts; projects must now be designed and planned before signing up.
- 1W1P; on technical Advisory Committee; in the future plan on applying for special funding after the 1W1P is completed.
- WRP/RIM Floodplain application will be closing within the month; one still in the process of getting closed.

NRCS-ASSISTANT STATE CONSERVATIONIST’S REPORT: Gary Watson, Assistant State Conservationist, reported on the following:

- New State Conservationist: Cathee Pullman will start as the State Conservationist on May 17th.
- Contribution Agreement with MASWCD and DU for writing WRP contracts; 20+ WRP contracts.
- Conservation Security; CSP Contracts; will go live in May; landowners will be able to do everything online.
- Wetland backlog; less than 100; down to one person; 10 new total with three new in Area V (wetland biologists have been closed).
- Program Specialists will be on board by June 2016; work with contracts.
- LWG; will be held in August; EQIP-1st round of 2016 will close October 1st.

The next meeting is scheduled for May 20, 2016 at 7:00 a.m.

The meeting declared adjourned by the Chair, Christianson at 8:33 a.m.

APPROVED: _____

DATE

SIGNATURE