

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, May 20, 2015.

Meeting called to order by the Chairman, Daniel Christianson, at 7:05 a.m.

Members Present:

Daniel Christianson, Chair  
Glen Sorensen, Vice Chair  
Conrad Schardin, Treasurer  
Joe Weber, Secretary  
John Boulton, PR&I

District Staff Present:

Pauline VanOverbeke, District Manager  
Randy Kraus, Farm Bill Tech, 8:08 a.m.

NRCS Staff Present:

Dennis Johnson, Dist. Conservationist, 8:32 a.m.  
Randy Sheik, Soil Con Tech, 8:08 a.m.

Others Present: Joe Drietz, County Commissioner

AGENDA: An updated agenda was distributed. Motion by Weber, seconded by Schardin to approve the agenda with the addition of a personnel issue. Passed: 5-0.

MINUTES: The minutes from the April 15, 2015, meeting stand approved as mailed.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Motion by Weber, seconded by Schardin to approve the Treasurer's Report for March and April. Passed: 5-0.

BILLS: Motion by Sorensen, seconded by Boulton to approve the payment of the bills for May of \$89,392.69 (attachment). Passed: 5-0.

CWF-2013 C-S CONTRACT PAYMENTS: Motion by Weber, seconded by Sorensen to approve the payment of the CWF-2013 C-S Contracts: CWF-LSYMP-21-13 for Randy Noble for 1-(300 ft.) Patterned Tile project for \$400; CWF-LYYMP-18-13 for David Fier for 22 acres of filter strip incentive payment of \$33,000. Passed: 5-0.

STATE C-S CONTRACT PAYMENT: Motion by Sorensen, seconded by Schardin to approve the payment of the State C-S Contract #14-02 for the Harvey Jorgensen Trust for 3-WSCBs for \$3,584. Passed: 5-0.

FY14-SLIPPAGE: The slippage from the Jorgensen project of \$3,916 will go back into the C-S account to be encumbered.

CWF-2013-C-S CONTRACT CANCELLATIONS: Motion by Weber, seconded by Boulton to cancel the CWF-2013 Contract #CWF-LSYMP-16-13 for Duane Possail for 1-WSCB for C-S of \$3,375 and CWF-LSYMP-19-13 for Randy Dombek for 1-WSCB for C-S of \$3,000. Passed: 5-0.

CWF-2013 C-S CONTRACT APPROVAL: Motion by Schardin, seconded by Sorensen to approve the CWF-2013 C-S Contract #CWF-LSYMP-25-13 for Justin Jerzak for 1-WSCB for C-S of \$2,625. Passed: 5-0.

State C-S Policy (NEW): Motion by Boulton, seconded by Schardin to set a C-S Policy on Alternative Intakes/Pattern Tile as follows: 75% not to exceed 400/tile intake/pattern tile project. Passed: 5-0.

STATE C-S CONTRACT APPROVAL: Motion by Sorensen, seconded by Weber to approve the State C-S Contract #FY14-03 for William Ochocki for 8-Alt Intakes for C-S of \$3,200. Passed: 5-0.

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FY15 MN CONSERVATION ASSISTANCE (FARM BILL ASSISTANT) PROGRAM GRANT AGREEMENT

AMENDMENT: Motion by Boulton, seconded by Sorensen to approve the FY15 FBA Program Grant Agreement Amendment of \$4,541. Passed: 5-0.

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

AREA V MEETING: The next Area V Meeting will be held on Thursday, June 18<sup>th</sup> being hosted by the Lyon SWCD.

OFFICE SPACE: VanOverbeke explained that the District put down for 800 sq feet. We do not currently know how much we will be charged for rent. Will need to work that out.

Kraus and Sheik present at this time.

REPORTS:

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS REPORT: Joe Drietz, County Commissioner, commented on and questioned tree setbacks. VanOverbeke will have Sterzinger get back to him on this.

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

- CWF-2013/State C-S: have been working with Madsen and Sheik on CWF and State C-S projects in process, new and cancellation of a few; files, eLink reporting, etc..
- Education: have been working on the environmental fair and farmfest event programs. Received two donations out of the 5 that we requested funds from. Buffalo Ridge PF-\$200; Shaokatan Sportsmen Club-\$200.
- YM-WRAPs: have been working with the Yellow Medicine WRAPs with the last meeting being tomorrow.
- MCIT Training: will be attending the MCIT training on "Managing the Human Resource", May 27 & 28.
- Upcoming meetings/events: E-Fair committee-June 3; Ag Women's Day-Brandi and I-June 9<sup>th</sup>; 1W1P-Advisory-June 10; 1W1P-Policy Committee-June 17.

CONSERVATION TECHNICIAN'S REPORT: VanOverbeke reviewed the Conservation Technician's report following:

- Trees: planting two sites today; two sites left after today; wrap up early next week. Cost-share and billings left to do. Tree pick-up day went well.
- WCA: held a TEP meeting on 7 issues: 5 road and bridge projects-all approved by the TEP; one violation; John Kolb is the landowners lawyer; want to resolve issue locally; and a start of a violation for a clean out of a ditch; a stop was ordered from doing further work; working with landowner to resolve issue.
- Have done many 1026s and WCA tile requests; caught up to date.
- Pipestone NRCS; 1026's. Ok with board for Sterzinger to do some of the Pipestone NRCS's 1026s.

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

- WIA Contracts; 32 contracts; with all old contracts being renewed.
- CRP: will have new CRP rates June 1<sup>st</sup>.
- NTD: have picked up new disks and coulters for the old drill. Would like the District to consider hiring Richard Hauschild to run the tractor/new drill; with a little over 400 acres to plant. Motion by Boulton, seconded by Sorensen to hire Richard Hauschild to run the tractor/new drill for \$17.50 per hour. This rate will apply to anyone the district gets to run the tractor/drill. Up to Kraus to work with someone else if Hauschild doesn't work out.
- Working Lands Agreement: Motion by Schardin, seconded by Boulton to write a letter of request concerning Jack Weber's Incentive which had initially received approval for a WLA incentive to go w/ a

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WRP Contract; due to the contract WLA contract being done June 30<sup>th</sup>; the board would like to request to move the funding to a cover crop project with the dollars per acre being the same as what EQIP pays. Passed: 5-0.

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

- CSP Contracts: all ranked and submitted; 36 new CSP contracts.
- EQIP Contracts: 3 ranking period for EQIP; so far, everything has been funded.

Other business: Sorensen cannot make the July and August RCRC meetings; Schardin will work out with Boulton if he cannot make the meetings.

The next meeting is scheduled for June 17, 2015 at 7:00 a.m.

The regular meeting was adjourned at 9:07 a.m. with a closed meeting for a personnel issue.

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE

SIGNATURE