

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 16, 2016.

Meeting called to order by the Chairman, Daniel Christianson, at 10:06 a.m.

Members Present:

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

Members Absent:

Joe Weber, Treasurer

Others Present:

Danielle Evers, MAWQCP Area Certification Specialist, 10:40 – 10:55 a.m.

District Staff Present:

Pauline VanOverbeke, District Manager
Jeff Berens, District Tech #1, 10:40 am
Dale Sterzinger, Cons Tech/WCA Admin, 10:40 a.m.
Randy Kraus, District Tech, 11:05 a.m.

NRCS Staff Present:

Dennis Johnson, Dist. Conservationist @ 11:05 am

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

MINUTES: The minutes from the February 3, 2016, meeting stand approved as mailed.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Motion by Sorensen, seconded by Boulton to approve the Treasurer's Report for January and February, 2016. Passed: 4-0.

BILLS: Motion by Boulton, seconded by Sorensen to approve the payment of the bills for \$59,145.33 (attachment). Passed: 4-0.

ACTUAL AND BUDGETED INCOME AND EXPENDITURE STATEMENT: The actual and budgeted income and expenditure statement for January and February, 2016 (in February Minutes).

2015 FINANCIAL REPORT AND FUND BALANCES w/OUT GASB68: Motion by Schardin, seconded by Boulton to approve the 2015 Financial Report without GASB68 included. Passed: 4-0.

NEW BUILDING OPEN HOUSE: The new building open house has been changed to March 29th from 10-3 p.m.

MASWCD LEGISLATIVE BRIEFING/DAY AT CAPITOL: The MASWCD legislative briefing/day at the Capitol is March 21-22. Currently Boulton, Schardin, VanOverbeke, Sterzinger, and Berens will be attending. Legislative platform was distributed.

PRINCIPAL FINANCIAL COMMON STOCK: VanOverbeke explained that in order cash in the Principal Financial Shares would need a madeleine signature and would be charged a fee along with a sale fee. It was decided to continue receiving the dividends instead of cashing it out.

MISSOURI RIVER WATERSHED 1W1P RESOLUTION: Motion by Schardin, seconded by Boulton to approve the resolution and support the application and process for the Missouri River Watershed 1W1P proposal. Passed: 4-0.

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PURCHASES:

Chairs: Five office chairs were purchased for the staff. It was decided to purchase 8 chairs for the conference room and to have some in the office for landowners while they wait.

SWCD Server w/Redwood SWCD: The SWCD server that will be housed at the SWWC Service Coop Building in Marshall and being shared with the Redwood SWCD and possibly w/other SWCDs was discussed. Motion by Sorensen, seconded by Boulton that since we are unsure of the cost of the server that VanOverbeke should contact the chair with the price of the server before agreeing to purchase.

Passed: 4-0.

Copier/Scanner/Fax: The old copier will no longer be serviced after June 1, 2016 unless Marco has specific parts for it; recommendation was to look at new copiers. VanOverbeke will get a few copiers in to try to see which one(s) we like.

Computers/Monitors: the District will need to look at purchasing new computers for the district staff to be connected to the new server when we get it. VanOverbeke will do some research through SWWC Service Coop.

Vehicle; van: The van does not appear to be running like it should. Board suggested to take it to Lockwoods in Marshall to see what is wrong with it and get it fixed.

Berens, Sterzinger, and Evers present at this time.

REPORTS:

MAWQCP: Danielle Evers, MAWQCP Area Certification Specialist, explained that she has a degree in Agronomy with a Pest Management minor. Evers explained the MN Ag Water Quality Certification Program and that in order to be certified for the program a landowner must score 8.5 or higher to be certified.

Evers left the meeting at this time.

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

- MASWCD Finance Committee: Was asked to serve on the MASWCD Finance Committee again for 2016. Motion by Sorensen, seconded by Boulton to approve VanOverbeke to serve on the MASWCD Finance Committee for 2016. Passed: 4-0.
- 1W1P: We are in the review process; the planning committee has a meeting tomorrow to review what is done to date; a lot of changes will need to be made per the committee and a lot of work left to be done on the plan. Interviewed with Laura Kay Prosser of Compass on the Yellow Medicine 1W1P process for Pioneer Public Television.
- Legislative Briefing/Day at the Capitol; will have a Buffer Law update session from 3:30 – 5 p.m. on March 21st; Meeting with legislators: Hamilton at 9:30 and Weber/Schomacker @ 11:30.
- Biennial Budget Request; have been working on the BBR for the NRBG-WCA and WP and for the SWCD. Included funding for the North Branch and Upper Yellow Medicine sub-watersheds as we are nearing the completion of the 1W1P for the Yellow Medicine and will probably want to start applying for funding on our priority watersheds as selected in the 1W1P. Have also included funding requests for the Verdi Well Field/April 15th deadline.
- County Geological Atlas; per Robert Olsen, Environmental Office the County signed a letter of intent last summer to get started with the process and that they have had the training to get started.
- Upcoming meetings: 1W1P Planning Committee-March 17th; Legislative-March 21st-22nd; 1W1P 2nd draft Planning Committee-April 19th.
- Will be working with the NRCS on computer; phone system, etc. on developing a schedule of the costs for the district to be on their systems.

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CONSEVATION TECHNICIAN/WCA ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT: Dale Sterzinger, Conservation Technician/WCA Administrator, reported on the following:

- Tree Program: Accounts Receivable; \$792.75; working on tree plans.
- WCA; attended a drainage seminar in Willmar; issued a restoration order; have 20 approvals to do.

Kraus and Johnson present at this time.

Conservation Technician’s Report; cont.

- Meetings attended: Yellow Medicine Watershed 1W1P-attended meetings; Missouri Watershed-attended WRAPS meeting; Civic Engagement training; how to run effective meetings).
- Shaokatan Sportsmens Club has set aside \$20,000 to address the weed issues in Lake Shaokatan; Lake Associaion is going to treat 15% of the lake.

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

- Working on CRP plans and mixes; CREP.
- Attended the Buffalo Ridge Pheasants Forever meetings; shooting sports teams.
- Tractors/drill; One tractor will be coming from Schuneman’s in Tyler; not sure on the other one. Drill is waiting to be picked up in Canby.

DISTRICT TECHNICIAN #1’s REPORT: Jeff Berens, District Technician #1, reported on the following:

- Buffer update; no significant changes yet; possible changes; alternative practices, penalties; trying to allow CRP to re-enroll; maps out July 1st.
- MAWQCP; working on; had 1st assessment this morning with a landowner; Phase II.
- Training attended
- Working on paperwork, meetings, buffer information as it comes out along with township mapping for the buffer program.

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

- CSP; have a lot of CSP going on; started ranking this week; have a lot of new ones signed up this year; renewals will start in 2017.
- EQIP; just got done ranking contracts.
- Memo of Understanding; Johnson reviewed the Memo of Understanding with the District along with Civil Rights and Sexual Harassment. Affirmation of review was signed by the supervisors present.
- Will be closing on a WRP/RIM Contract.

The next meeting is scheduled for April 20, 2016 at 7:00 am. Jack Majeres from the Moody County Conservation District will be at the meeting to explain their efforts in the Spring Creek Watershed at 8:00 a.m.

The meeting declared adjourned by the Chair, Christianson at 11:40 a.m.

APPROVED: _____

DATE

SIGNATURE