

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, October 19, 2016.

Meeting called to order by the Chairman, Daniel Christianson, at 6:56 a.m.

Members Present:

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

Members Absent:

Joe Weber, Secretary
Conrad Schardin, Treasurer

District Staff Present:

Pauline VanOverbeke, District Manager
Jeff Berens, District Tech #1
Dale Sterzinger, Cons Tech/WCA Admin @ 7:38 a.m.

Others Present:

Don Evers, County Commissioner @ 7:01 a.m.
Dennis Johnson, DC, NRCS
Gary Watson, ASTCFO, NRCS

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

MINUTES: The minutes from the September 21, 2016, meeting stand approved as mailed.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Motion by Boulton, seconded by Sorensen to approve the Treasurer's Report for August and September, 2016. Passed: 3-0.

Evers present at this time.

BILLS: Motion by Boulton, seconded by Sorensen to approve the payment of the bills for October of \$39,289.10 (attachment). Passed: 3-0.

WATER PLAN BILLS: Motion by Sorensen, seconded by Boulton to pay the water plan bill October of \$325 (in with bills). Passed: 3-0.

ACTUAL AND BUDGETED INCOME AND EXPENDITURE STATEMENT: Actual and budgeted income and expenditure statement for August and September, 2016 (September Minutes).

FY17 STATE COST-SHARE APPROVAL: Motion by Sorensen, seconded by Boulton to approve the State C-S Contract for Glen Petersen #FY17-01 for a grade stabilization project in Section 16, Lake Benton Township for cost-sharer of \$14,246. Passed: 3-0.

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE; BRANDI PETERSEN: Unemployment Insurance for Brandi Petersen for no more than \$433.58 from the District to go towards the unemployment; will be billed for the amount.

FY17 LOCAL CAPACITY FUNDS: Motion by Sorensen, seconded by Boulton to approve the following breakdown for the FY17 Local Capacity Funds when the grant agreement comes and work plan is ready to complete: Local Capacity funds of \$118,000 from BWSR and \$18,000 from the County; Copier-\$11,274 (\$8,500-LC; \$2,274-District); Tech #1 wages-\$53,000; Current Staff-CL16 increases-\$15,055; new computers-\$9,000; GPS unit \$7,500; cost-share projects-\$42,945. Passed: 3-0.

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FY17 BUFFER PROGRAM FUNDS: Motion by Boulton, seconded by Sorensen to approve and sign the Buffer Implementation Request and to approve the grant agreement when it is received with the following breakdown of funding: ATV (\$5,000-Grant; \$2,500-District), Trailer-\$2,500 (\$2,000-Grant; \$500-District), Tools/fix Equipment-\$1,500; Shop Vac-\$150, etc., Wages. Passed: 3-0.

RIM-LEHMANN PROJECT: Motion by Sorensen, seconded by Boulton to pay up to \$500 for the Lehmann RIM project in which 100 feet of tile needed to be broken for the wetland; district funds to cover what RIM funding does not up to \$500. Passed: 3-0.

OPERATION AGREEMENT: VanOverbeke explained that the District and the NRCS-Ivanhoe Field Office have chosen to be a pilot for the NRCS Operation Agreement.

AREA V MEETING: The Area V meeting is scheduled for November 17, 2016 at St Stephen Church in Marshall at 9:00 a.m.

MASWCD INFO: (State Convention): The state convention will be held December 4-6 at the Doubletree Hotel Bloomington. Resolution form signed by supervisors present. Approved to donate silent or live auction items totaling \$100. Will also need to send 3-5 photo's to Pipestone SWCD for the convention. (Watershed Based Plans): VanOverbeke reviewed with the board the outcome from the Government Round Table and distributed the info.

Sterzinger present at this time.

REPORTS:

COUNTY COMMISSIONER'S REPORT: Don Evers, County Commissioner, reported on the following:

- Working up the budget for 2017; set preliminary tax increase at 4.9%; hopefully get in down to 2%.
- The Auditor/Treasurer will become one position.
- Big dairy coming into Lincoln County.
- Want to put some county roads back to township roads; (approx.20-30 miles); just in initial discussion.
- Explained where the two new wind turbine projects will be located along with the phases each are in.
- Census right now in Lincoln County is 5,700 people; will probably decline in the next 2020 census.

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

- Yellow Medicine One Watershed One (1W1) Plan will be presented at the Oct 27, 2016 BWSR board meeting; VanOverbeke will attend.
- Working on the Water Plan update as time permits.
- State Convention: working on the YM1W1P presentation and in charge of the auction material; sent out to other districts for volunteers.
- Attended the Managing the Human Resource training in St Cloud
- Upcoming meetings: Missouri 1W1P-November 1st; LqP WRAPS-November 15th.

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

- Accounts Receivable: \$5,197.12.
- Trees; 3 new grove projects in Lyon County and 1 in Lincoln; also have some riparian buffer projects.
- WCA; drainage exemption, violations, a lot of tile requests coming in; Red Pine Wind Turbine project delineations; and JD38 Watershed review for the YMRWD.

DISTRICT TECHNICIAN #1'S REPORT: Jeff Berens, District Technician #1, reported on the following:

- Buffer Law; compliance tool up and running; 70-75% of county buffered; been steady with owners coming in to check on their buffers; DNR still have not updated their maps or pink line determinations.

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- MAWQCP; have 2-certified farms in Lincoln County; 4-close.
- Will be attending the BWSR Academy next week.

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

- CSP; Generals-last month; 26 renewals now for another 5; CSP payments coming up.
- EQIP; making payments on current projects; 26 new applications in various stages; will need to be ranked.
- Contract employees; a company filed an appeal so no new contract employees until at least until January, 2017.
- Wetland tracking tool was discussed.

ASTCFO’S REPORT; NRCS GARY WATSON: Gary Watson, ASTCFO, reported on the following:

- Area V is 74% staffed
- Discussed and updated Board on the shared operational agreement.
- CNMP Joint training.
- Continuing Resolutions until December 9, 2016.

NRCS OPERATIONAL AGREEMENT: It was requested by NRCS to redo the Operational Agreement as it was originally sent out w/out changes. Motion by Weber, seconded by Boulton to approve and sign the NRCS Operational Agreement. Passed: 3-0.

The next regular board meeting is scheduled for November 16, 2016 at 10:00 a.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 a.m.

APPROVED: _____

DATE

SIGNATURE