

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, September 21, 2016.

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

Members Present:

Daniel Christianson, Chair
Joe Weber, Secretary @ 7:01 a.m.
John Boulton, PR&I
Glen Sorensen, Vice Chair, left @ 7:44 a.m.

District Staff Present:

Pauline VanOverbeke, District Manager
Jeff Berens, District Tech #1
Dale Sterzinger, Cons Tech/WCA Admin @ 7:01 a.m.
Randy Kraus, District Tech @ 6:59 a.m.

Members Absent:

Conrad Schardin, Treasurer

Others Present:

Don Evers, County Commissioner
Dennis Johnson, DC, NRCS @ 8:41 a.m.

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

MINUTES: The minutes from the July 20, 2016, meeting stand approved as mailed.

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

BILLS: Motion by Boulton, seconded by Sorensen to approve the payment of the bills for August of \$32,331.22 and September of \$28,108.00 (attachment). Passed: 3-0.

Kraus present at this time.

WATER PLAN BILLS: Motion by Sorensen, seconded by Boulton to pay the water plan bills for August of \$325 and September of \$3,779.17 (in with bills). Passed: 3-0.

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

Weber and Sterzinger present at this time.

COUNTY PICTOMETRY: Motion by Weber, seconded by Boulton to approve paying the County \$10,000 in 2016 and \$15,000 in 201 towards the Pictometry Program. Passed: 4-0.

FY16 LOCAL CAPACITY PROGRAM-ADDITIONAL \$25,337: Motion by Sorensen, seconded by Boulton to approve \$800 towards 2-computer monitors and \$24,537 towards Cost-Share Practices with the additional \$25,337 for the FY16 Local Capacity Funding. Passed: 4-0.

FY17 LOCAL CAPACITY FUNDS: VanOverbeke reviewed some of the projects that she suggests prioritizing with the FY17-Local Capacity funds of \$118,000 from BWSR and \$18,000 from the County. Items include: Copier; Tech #1 wages, Current Staff CL16 increases, Vehicle (pickup), GPS/iPad units, ATV, ATV Trailer, Cost-Share Practices, dollars towards a watershed technician?? The board decided that the staff should come up with figures for the proposed items and present at the October meeting for approval.

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FY17 BUFFER PROGRAM FUNDS: VanOverbeke reviewed some of the projects that she suggests prioritizing with the FY17 Buffer Program funds which include: ATV, ATV Trailer, Tools/fix Equipment; Shop Vac, etc., Wages. The board decided that the staff should come up with figures for the proposed items and present at the October meeting for approval.

FY17 FARM BILL ASSISTANT GRANT: Motion by Boulton, seconded by Sorensen to approve the FY17 Farm Bill Assistant Grant executed by BWSR for \$40,950. Passed: 4-0.

ROBERT ANDERSEN GRADE STABILIZATION PROJECT: Robert Andersen Grade Stabilization Project was discussed. Total cost of the project was \$63,097 with landowner cost of \$15,774.25. Motion by Boulton, seconded by Sorensen to approve \$1,000 of district funds to help offset the landowner seeding costs. Future projects will be handled on a case by case basis. Passed: 4-0.

HEALTH INSURANCE: VanOverbeke explained that the health insurance premiums will go up 6% in 2017. Sorensen left the meeting 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%.
- Transit still a big issue; citizens not like process.
- Positions changing around in the courthouse into various open positions.
- Sheriff's office wants all new equipment.
- Road projects; County Rd 9 into Verdi, County Rd 134 will be turned back into gravel by grinding up what is on it and replacing it; have bridge work that needs to be done but have restrictions on them.
- Two new wind turbine projects coming into the county; current production tax is \$400,000 to \$600,000 with townships getting 20% over and above the county amount.

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

- Yellow Medicine One Watershed One (1W1) Plan is pretty much completed; will be attending the BWSR Board meeting October 27th with others to get the plan approved.
- State Convention; VanOverbeke is in charge of the auction; working with Berens who will be introduce the speaker at one of the Buffer sessions; will be helping to prepare for a mini session on the 1W1P.
- CWF Grant Applications: Helped prepare the Yellow Medicine CWF Grant application; other grant applications include: Nitrogen Wellhead Management Grant Application (would affect the Verdi Wellhead) and the AIG Grant for the Missouri River Basin for hydro-conditioning and terrain analysis.
- Missouri 1W1P was approved for funding; will meet on November 1st to start process.
- MCIT 2016 dividend is \$2,181.
- In process of updating the Employee Policy; will be attending the MCIT Managing the Human Resources Oct 12-13 in St Cloud.
- Sterzinger and Berens will be attending the BWSR Academy this year.

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

- Accounts Receivable: WCA-\$450; Trees-\$24,287.98; 2014-Trees-\$792.75.
- WCA; Restoration Order completed; TEP meeting; CD 37-Snyder property; property dispute over tiling by Lake Benton.
- Worked on Conservation Award winner write up.
- Chevy pickup; needs new tires; agreed to get tires on the pickup.

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