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SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Approved Minutes

The meeting of the Waseca County SWCD Board of Supervisors was held at the Waseca Soil and Water Conservation District's meeting room on August 13, 2015. The meeting was called to order at 6:31 p.m. by Wayne Cords, Chairman.

Members Present

Wayne Cords, Chairman
Larry Hagen
Scott Hildebrandt, Vice Chair
Jessie Shaffer, Secretary
Todd Stencel, Treasurer

Staff Present

Dan Arndt, Manager
Eric Gulbransen, District Technician
Adrienne Justman, Administrative Assistant

Others Present

Noel Frank, District Conservationist, NRCS

The agenda was reviewed and no changes were required. Motion was made by Hagen, second by Stencel, to approve the agenda as written. Motion carried. All yes

Minutes of the July Board Meeting were distributed to the supervisors prior to the meeting. Motion was made by Hagen, second by Stencel, to approve the minutes as written. Motion carried. All yes.

Cash flow worksheet was reviewed. The treasurer's report dated July 2015 was presented to the Board for review. Motion was made by Stencel, second by Hagen, to approve the Treasurers Report. Motion carried. All yes.

Bills: (See Attached) Motion was made by Stencel, second by Hagen, to approve payment for the presented invoices that total \$14,995.17. Motion carried. All yes.

Old Business

1. 2015 Outstanding Conservation Farmer – Lane and Lynn Wacholz declined being the Waseca SWCD Outstanding Conservation Farmers for 2015. The Board was given the list of candidates to review again. After discussion Dale and Jeff Huelsnitz were agreed upon. Motion was made by Hagen, seconded by Stencel, to award the Outstanding Conservation title to Dale and Jeff Huelsnitz. Motion carried, all yes.
2. Meeting Reports – Wayne Cords spoke about the Waseca County water plan meeting that will be held on August 18. The revised water plan is available for review. Cords stated that the plan was not significantly changed from the previous version. The SWCD will be responsible for a large part of the implementation of the plan. One fault that he noted was a lack of clear implementation strategies.

GBERBA – Jessie Shaffer reported on the GBERBA meeting that she attended. There was a presentation on the Minnesota Water Quality Certification program. Landowners can have their water quality scored based on a set of criteria. Those who achieve a score of 8.5 or better are considered certified and will be exempt from new regulation for up to 10 years. The SWCD's will be responsible for assisting landowners who are interested implement practices to achieve this score. She also spoke about a floating island project that is being used for water quality treatment.

Old Business Cont.

1. Shaffer spoke about the Minnesota River Congress meeting. This organization is just developing so the main focus of the meeting was to provide general information about the proposed plan and the board that they are working on assembling.

Shaffer reported on the MASWCD sponsored Groundwater Workshop that she attended. She stated that there was a lot of information provided on geology and hydrogeology. They spoke about the tie between surface and groundwater. They showed that in many areas the chloride in the salt used on the roads in the winter has a significant negative impact on the ground water quality.

New Business

1. BWSR Grant Agreements – Arndt presented the agreement for the 2016 BWSR grants to the Board. The motion to accept and sign the agreement was made by Shaffer and seconded by Stencil. Motion carried by voice vote, all yes.
 - a. Conservation Delivery - \$18,986
 - b. State Cost Share - \$10,552
 - c. Easement Delivery - \$5,412
2. 2014 Flood Grant Cost Share Program – Eric Gulbransen presented the proposed Cost Share program for the 2014 Flood Recovery grant to the Board to review. (See Attached) Motion was made by Hildebrandt, seconded by Stencil, to accept the program as written. Motion carried by voice vote, all yes.
3. State Cost Share Application 2(14) Melvin Guse, Terraces with channel tile and intakes - Cost Estimate, \$8,000, Cost Share 75%, \$6,000. – Arndt presented this application to the Board for approval. Motion was made by Hagen, seconded by Shaffer, to approve and sign the application. Motion carried, all yes.
4. Cost Share Contract Waseca SWCD 2013-003, Aaron Kanewischer, Lakeshore Restoration - Cost Estimate, \$6,320. Cost Share 75%, \$4,740 – Arndt presented this project to the Board. This project is tied to the LCCMR grant that the District has been working on in previous years. Motion was made by Stencil, seconded by Hildebrandt, to approve and sign the contract. Motion carried by voice vote, all yes.
5. Potential 2016 Clean Water Fund AIG. Iosco – Silver Creek BMP Implementation Plan - Letter of Support – Arndt presented a letter to the Board expressing their support for and willingness to cooperate with the Blue Earth Valley SWCD in regards to a grant for which they are applying. That goal of the grant will be to increase community outreach and promotion of best management practices in the Iosco and Silver Creek watersheds. Motion was made by Hagen, seconded by Shaffer, to sign and send the letter of support. Motion carried by voice vote, all yes.
6. Waseca County Water Plan Update – Public Hearing Aug. 18th 9:45 am East Annex. – Arndt mentioned the meeting and let the Board know that there will be a copy of the proposed water plan available in the office if they wish to review it.

New Business Cont.

7. SWCD Governance 101 – September 16-17 – Arndt presented the information for this conference to the Board. The goal of the conference is to help provide the skills so the supervisors and staff can provide effective leadership for their District. The registration fee is \$145 per person attending Motion was made by Stencil, seconded by Hildebrandt, to cover the registration cost for one supervisor to attend. Motion carried by voice vote, all yes.
8. MCIT Dividend – Arndt presented the MCIT dividend notice to the Board. The funds will be received in mid-November.
 - a. Workers Compensation - \$184
 - b. Property/Casualty - \$662

Agency Reports:

Noel Frank reported for NRCS. The CRP contract renewal is underway and there will be a CSP renewal period opening soon. CRP easement checks have been completed; there are a few landowners that need to be contacted regarding their easement.

Staff Reports:

Justman stated that her largest project this month was the newsletter. There were a total 1,188 sent to the active producers in Waseca County.

Arndt reported on the visit from Cathie Pullman, NRCS State Conservationist. During her visit Frank had the opportunity to speak to her about the need for a Technician and a full time District Conservationist in the Waseca office. Arndt reported that the RIM checks are nearly completed; there was 1 violation noted. They are still contacting landowners to gauge interest in the RIM maintenance grant. Arndt also has been working with Gulbransen to ensure a smooth transition between managers when he retires.

Eric Gulbransen stated that he has been speaking with walk-in customers this month. He also completed a waterway. He spoke about the benefits of building waterways in the summer vs. spring or fall.

The next meeting will be held September 10.

Adjourn: Motion was made by Hildebrandt, seconded by Shaffer, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried by voice vote, all in favor.

August Bills

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| Steele Co. SWCD | Hours | | 4964.62 |
| | Expenses/Mileage | | 894.15 |
| John's Service Garage | Repair Hitch | | 29.80 |
| Clemons Properties | August Rent | | 665.00 |
| Sportsman Stop | Gas | | 122.17 |
| Jared J Dufault | Accounting | | 125.00 |
| Waseca County | 2 nd Quarter Payroll | | 8027.45 |
| Tyler Polster | Reimbursement | | 166.98 |
| | | Total | 14995.17 |

Waseca Soil and Water Conservation District 2014 Flood Recovery State Cost Share Program

Program for the time period starting when final signatures are acquired through December 31, 2017.

Proposed Practices for Sign up:

1. Erosion Control Structures
2. Storm water Control Systems (Waterways, Water and Sediment Control Basins)
3. Terraces
4. Field Windbreaks
5. Strip-cropping
6. Diversions
7. Critical Area Stabilization
8. Stream, Lakeshore, and Roadside Stabilization

Starting and Finishing Dates for Erosion Control

Structures, Storm water Control Systems, and Critical Area Stabilization dates are July 1 and September 15.

Water and Sediment Control Basins and Terrace may be started anytime conditions are acceptable and finished by December 1.

Limit of Cost sharing

The limit is 75% of the total estimated cost.

An additional limit is put on Water and Sediment control Basins and Terraces. The underground outlet (620) is not cost-shareable. Subsurface drains (606) and inlets will be cost-shared.

All applications will be reviewed and selected on a priority basis by the Waseca SWCD Board.

Adopted: 08/13/2015