

DOUGLAS SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

MINUTES

Monday, April 13, 2015 – 4:00 P.M.

The Douglas Soil & Water Conservation District Board of Supervisors met at the USDA Service Center on Monday, April 13, 2015. Chairman Thoennes called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. Members attending were: Barsness, Rutten, Schneider, Thoennes and Wolf. Also in attendance were: Commissioner Johnson, Dybdal, Haggemiller and Arceneau.

Pledge was recited

Minutes of the regular March 9, 2015, meeting was discussed. Motion by Rutten to approve, subject to audit, seconded by Barsness. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report was read. Motion by Wolf to approve, subject to audit, seconded by Rutten. Motion carried.

Reports

- A. **Pomme De Terre Update** – Barsness reported that Jared House reviewed their grants and the Board of Water and Soil Resources Reports. House is holding education workshops for area teachers on April 17&18. The next meeting is scheduled for June 12 at 9:00a.m.
- B. **Coordinator's Report** – Haggemiller handed out his monthly report. (See Attachment)
- C. **Douglas County Commissioner Report**- Commissioner Johnson reported that there is request to the County to take over Andy's Ski Hill. Senator Westrom is looking into a bonding bill to help with the transfer. Prime West will be looking into the Counties Health Insurance.

Old Business

- A. **Drill and Tree Planter Positions**–Haggemiller mentioned they hired two tree planters at \$10 per hour with a \$1 incentive if they finish the season. There were no applications for the Drill Manager.

New Business

- A. **Field Office Update**–Dybdal reported that they received seven drainage requests requiring wetland determination, six EQIP contracts were selected with two that backed out. 2nd round for applications will be ranked for eligibility by May 27. Ten CSP applications were funded. Casey Guetter resigned as the Soil Conservationist.
- B. **2014 Audit Proposal** Motion by Schneider to approve the audit proposal for \$2,250, seconded by Barsness. Motion Carried.
- C. **BWSR FY15 Competitive Grant Agreement** Motion by Barsness to sign the BWSR FY15 Competitive Grant Agreement, seconded by Schneider. Motion Carried.

- D. Copy Machine Lease** Motion by Wolf to purchase the copier and sign the Maintenance Agreement, seconded by Schneider. Motion Carried.
- E. 2014 Clean Water Well Sealing Payment**
- 1. Steven Wirth –Total Cost \$530 Cost Share 50% \$265.00** Motion by Barsness to pay Steven Wirth cost share \$265.00, seconded by Rutten. Motion Carried.
- F. 2015 Septic Upgrade Cost Share Applications**
- 1. Jeffery Hoffman Moe Twp. Sec 33 Flat Rate Cost Share - \$4,500** Motion by Barsness to approve Jeffery Hoffman application for a flat rate \$4,500, seconded by Wolf. Motion Carried.
- G. State Envirothon – May 18th Cloquet** Motion by Wolf to approve Arceneau to attend the State Envirothon, seconded by Barsness. Motion Carried.
- H. 2015 Administrative Session – June 17-18 Duluth** Motion by Rutten to approve Arceneau to attend the Administrative Session, seconded by Wolf. Motion Carried.
- I. Farm Bill Assistance Grant Application** Motion by Rutten to approve the Farm Bill Assistance Grant Application, seconded by Wolf. Motion Carried.
- J. Annual Review-Anderson** Thanked Anderson for 36 years of service. Motion by Wolf to increase Anderson’s wage by .68¢ per hour effective current pay period, seconded by Schneider. Motion Carried.

Bills to Pay. During the month of April, the Douglas SWCD issued Checks #7662-7703 for a total of \$91,506.78 including eFile (State Withholding) and EFTP (Federal Withholding). Motion by Wolf to pay the bills, seconded by Barsness. Motion carried.

Adjournment. Motion by Rutten to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Schneider. Motion carried.

Secretary,

Jon Schneider, Secretary