

# DOUGLAS SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

## MINUTES

**Monday, August 12, 2013 – 8:00 P.M.**

The Douglas Soil & Water Conservation District Board of Supervisors met at the USDA Service Center on Monday, August 12, 2013. Chairman Thoennes called the meeting to order at 8:00 p.m. Members attending were: Thoennes, Barsness, Rutten, Schneider and Wolf. Also in attendance were: Commissioner Johnson, Haggemiller, Dybdal, and Arceneau.

### **Pledge was recited**

**Minutes** of the regular July 8, 2013, **meeting** was discussed. Motion by Wolf 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 Brasness. Motion carried.

### **Reports**

- A. **Coordinator's Report** – Haggemiller reviewed his monthly report.
- B. **Pomme De Terre Report** – Barsness attended the meeting on Friday, July 12 where the Personal and Budget Committee's met. Also, reviewed were the grants that are available and the revised contributions for the Joint Powers.
- C. **Douglas County Commissioner Report** – Johnson reported that the Wheel Tax generates extra money for the County to complete projects not funded by the budget. CR1 & 4 will be starting construction in September. August 19 is the Field Day from 1-5.

### **Old Business**

- A. **Conservation Tour** – Scheduled for August 21<sup>st</sup> from 10-3.
- B. **Proposed 2014 Budget** – Haggemiller will meet with the Commissioner's on August 13<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 a.m.
- C. **MASWCD Governance 101** – Scheduled for September 4-5 at the Holiday Inn in Alexandria. Supervisor's interested in attending should contact the office.
- D. **MASWCD Conservation Awards** – Haggemiller reviewed this year's candidates: Newton Earl Jr., John Lindquist and Doug Schaffer, after further discussion a Motion by Schneider to nominate John Lindquist for the award, seconded by Barsness. Motion carried.

### **New Business**

- A. **Field Office Update**–Dybdal reported that they received eight 1026's received all eight will require wetland determination, July 26 EQIP announced for disaster funding which will fund three Basins, EQIP workgroup meeting is on August 27<sup>th</sup> and 26 CRP plans were accepted.

- B. **2013 BWSR Academy – Oct 28-30** Motion by Wolf to approve Arceneau to attend, seconded by Schneider. Motion Carried.
- C. **2013 Dividend Notice** - \$3,227 will be refunded. 2014 will see a 3% increase.
- D. **Bob Lusty Cost Share Payment** - Spruce Hill Township, Total Project \$7,179.40 with 75%Cost Share \$5,384.55. Motion by Barsness to pay Bob Lusty payment of \$5,384.55, seconded by Schneider. Motion carried.
- E. **Clean Water Fund Cost Share**
  - 1. James Ross – Section 04- Lagrande Twp – Cost Share Flat Rate-\$2,000. Motion by Barsness to approve Ross application, seconded by Rutten. Motion carried.
  - 2. Wendy Simonson – Brandon, T-129 R-39W- Cost Share Flat Rate \$3,000. Motion by Barsness to approve Simonson’s application, seconded by Thoennes. Motion carried.
  - 3. **Shirley Peterson** – Holmes City, Sect 127N R39W – Cost Share Flat Rate \$3,000. Motion by Barsness to approve Simonson’s application, seconded by Thoennes. Motion carried.
- F. **Clean Water Fund Community Partners**
  - 1. Jeff Eckhoff – Holmes City Section 127 N 39 W – Cost Share \$4,224.70 – 75% - \$3,168.53. Motion by Schneider to approve Eckhoff’s application, seconded by Rutten. Motion carried.
  - 2. **Luthercrest Bible Camp** – Total Project –\$24,638. 75% Cost Share - \$18,478.50. Motion by Wolf to approve Luthercrest Bible Camp’s application, seconded by Schneider. Motion carried.
- G. **Website Software –Update** – Motion by Schneider to purchase Adobe Contribution, seconded by Barsness. Motion carried.

**Bills to Pay.** During the month of August, the Douglas SWCD issued Checks #6954-6981 for a total of \$31,919.11 including eFile (State Withholding) and EFTP (Federal Withholding). Motion by Wolf to pay the bills, seconded by Rutten. Motion carried.

**Adjournment.** Motion by Barsness to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Thoennes. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned.

Secretary,  
Jon Schneider, Secretary