

DOUGLAS SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

MINUTES

Monday, February 10, 2014 – 4:00 P.M.

The Douglas Soil & Water Conservation District Board of Supervisors met at the USDA Service Center on Monday, February 10, 2014. Vice-Chairman Barsness called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. Members attending were: Barsness, Rutten, Schneider and Wolf. Member absent: Thoennes. Also in attendance were: Commissioner Olson, Haggemiller, Dybdal and Arceneau.

Pledge was recited

Minutes of the regular January 13, 2014, **meeting** was discussed. Motion by Rutten to approve, subject to audit, seconded by Wolf. Motion carried.

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

Closed Regular meeting:

Public Hearing for Wetland Conservation Act Applications: Haggemiller reviewed the following applications.

1. Pfeninger Warehouse LLC – Application to fill 64,453 sq. ft. of wetland for warehouse expansion, replace 2.5 to 1 through wetland banking. Haggemiller reviewed the application and TEP requested more information from applicant. TEP recommendation is to table until more information is provided.

Close Public Hearing

The Regular Meeting was re-opened

1. The Wetland Conservation Act Application for Pfeninger Warehouse LLC – Application to fill 64,453 sq. ft. of wetland for warehouse expansion, replace 2.5 to 1 through wetland banking. Motion by Wolf to table the Wetland conservation Act Application, seconded by Rutten. Motion Carried.

Reports

- A. Coordinator's Report** – Haggemiller handed out his monthly report.
- B. Pomme De Tarre Watershed Project-** There will be a special meeting on January 30th. The new candidate starts the middle of February.
- C. County Commissioner Report-** Commissioner Olson reviewed the renovations of the new court rooms.

Old Business

- A. Annual Plan of work Update** – Motion by Wolf to approve the recommended changes to the Annual Plan of Work, seconded by Schneider. Motion carried.

B. Tree Open House – Scheduled for February 26, 2014 from 9-4

C. MASWCD Legislative Day – Scheduled for March 24-25.

New Business

- A. **Field Office Update**—Dybdal reported that they received two drainage requests requiring wetland determination; eligibility for EQIP is thru February 21st. EQIP have been reviewed. Farm Bill was signed on February 7th and will have to wait to see what adjustments will be made under the new bill.
- B. **Area II Envirothon Donation Request.** Motion by Schneider to donate \$150 to the Envirothon, seconded by Rutten. Motion carried.
- C. **2013 Year End Reports** – Motion by Wolf to submit the draft yearend report to Board of Water and Soil Resources, seconded by Schneider. Motion carried.
- D. **Letter to Senator Ingebrigtsen on Wetland Preservation Area** –Haggenmiller will make a few suggested changes and then send to Senator Ingebrgtsen.
- E. **MN Land Trust Easement Program** - Motion by Schneider to approve the MN Land Trust Easement Program, seconded by Wolf. Motion carried.

Bills to Pay. During the month of February, the Douglas SWCD issued Checks #7166-7188 for a total of \$22,255.72 including eFile (State Withholding) and EFTP (Federal Withholding). Motion by Rutten to pay the bills, seconded by Schneider. Motion carried.

Adjournment. Motion by Schneider to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Rutten. Motion carried.
Meeting adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

Secretary,

Jon Schneider, Secretary