

**DOUGLAS SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
MINUTES**

Wednesday, February 11, 2015 – 4:00 P.M.

The Douglas Soil & Water Conservation District Board of Supervisors met at the USDA Service Center on Wednesday, February 11, 2015. Vice-Chairman Barsness called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. Members attending were: Barsness, Rutten, Schneider and Wolf. Absent Thoennes. Also in attendance were: Commissioner Johnson, Jared House, Haggemiller, Dybdal and Arceneau.

Pledge was recited

Minutes of the regular January 15, 2015, **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.

Reports

- A. Pomme De Terre Update** – Jared House reviewed a grant opportunity thru the Board of Water and Soil Resources that can help inventory riparian buffers. House asked if Douglas SWCD was interested in partnering with the other Districts in applying for the 2015 Clean Water Funds. Schneider made a motion to embrace the buffer initiative within Douglas County, seconded by Wolf. Motion carried.
- B. Coordinator's Report** – Haggemiller handed out his monthly report.
- C. Douglas County Commissioner Report-** Commissioner Johnson mentioned that a new Feedlot Officer has been offered the position and Parks Director is still open. The new 2015 labor contracts are still be negotiated, the Public Works Employees have been busy working on tree cleanup around the County.

Old Business

- A. Annual Plan of Work Update**–Haggemiller passed out a draft copy for the Supervisors to review and let Haggemiller know of any changes. A final draft will be presented at the March regular meeting.
- B. Tree Open House** – is scheduled for February 18, 2015.

New Business

- A. **Field Office Update**—Dybdal reported that they received two drainage requests requiring wetland determination, EQIP contracts are to be ranked for eligibility by February 27. CSP cutoff for applications is also February 27.
- B. **2014 Year End Reports.** Motion by Rutten to send reports to the Board of Water and Soil Resources for their review, seconded by Wolf. Motion carried.
- C. **Area II Meeting** – is scheduled for March 11 at Fat Daddy’s. Registration is due by February 27.
- D. **Sauk River Watershed District Letter on Crooked Lake.** – Motion by Wolf to send the letter, seconded by Schneider. Motion carried.

Bills to Pay. During the month of February, the Douglas SWCD issued Checks #7595-7632 for a total of \$23,766.66 including eFile (State Withholding) and EFTP (Federal Withholding). Motion by Wolf to pay the bills, seconded by Rutten. Motion carried.

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

Secretary,

Jon Schneider, Secretary