

DOUGLAS SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

MINUTES

Monday, July 14, 2014 – 8:00 P.M.

The Douglas Soil & Water Conservation District Board of Supervisors met at the USDA Service Center on Monday, July 14, 2014. Chairman Thoennes called the meeting to order at 8:00 p.m. Members attending were: Barsness, Rutten, Thoennes and Wolf. Supervisor absent was Schneider. Also in attendance were: Haggenmiller, Dybdal and Arceneau.

Pledge was recited

Minutes of the regular June 9, 2014, meeting was discussed. Motion by Barsness 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. Coordinator's Report** – Haggenmiller handed out his monthly report.
- B. Area II Meeting** – Staff and Supervisor's commented on a successful meeting.
- C. Administrative Training** – Arceneau gave a detailed report on the training she received at the 2014 Administrative Training.
- D. Pomme De Tarre Watershed Project-** Barsness reported the grants were reviewed by Brent and the next meeting is scheduled for August 8th.
- E. County Commissioner Report** – No report was given.

Old Business

- A. 60 Year Anniversary** – Arceneau reviewed the draft Newsletter to send out in the Lakeland Shopping Guide August 9th. Arceneau suggested August 20 or 21 for an Open House to celebrate 60 Years of Conservation. Motion by Wolf to purchase two \$25 gift cards to give away at the Fair and the Open House, seconded by Barsness. Motion carried.

New Business

- A. Field Office Update**–Dybdal reported they have fourteen drainage requests requiring wetland determination; EQIP applications due by August 18th; two CSP applications; Certification of Acres are due by August 15th; Meissner is extremely busy with CRP Applications for continuous signup and completing two sediment basins.
- B. Ground Water Monitoring Agreement** – Motion by Wolf to approve the new \$30 rate in the Ground Water Monitoring Agreement, Seconded by Barsness. Motion Carried.
- C. MASWCD** – Haggenmiller handed out the Call for Nominations for President and Vice President and the Nominations 2014 Awards Program that need to be submitted no later than August 11.

- D. **Douglas County Health Insurance** – Haggemiller is working with an Insurance Broker to check into Health Insurance policies.
- E. **BWSR Academy** – Is scheduled for October 28-30 in Brainerd.
- F. **2014 Clean Water Fund Well Sealing Cost Share Applications-**
 - 1. Brad Warren-Total Cost \$1,000 Cost Share 50% - \$500
 - 2. Harolddeen Heskin- Two Wells - Total Cost \$2,000 Cost Share 50% - \$1000
 - 3. Cheryl VanRoekel-Total Cost \$1,000 Cost Share 50% - \$500
 - 4. Ruth Struck-Total Cost \$1,000 Cost Share 50% - \$500

Motion by Rutten Wolf to approve Warren, Heskin, VanRoekel and Struck applications, seconded by Barsness. Motion Carried.

G. 2014 State Cost Share –

- 1. Smokey Timbers Foundation Sediment Retention Total Cost – 28,730.00 Cost Share \$8,178.00. Motion by Wolf to approve Smokey Timbers application, seconded by Barsness. Motion Carried.

H. 2013 Clean Water Fund Community Partners Cost Share Application –

- 1. Smokey Timbers Foundation Sediment Retention Total Cost – 28,730.00 Cost Share \$3,969.92.00. Motion by Barsness to approve Smokey Timbers application, seconded by Rutten. Motion Carried.

I. 2014 Low Income Septic Upgrade Application

- 2. Robert Wagner Millerville Twp. Qualifies under very low income Cost Share \$7,500. Motion by Wolf to approve Wagner Low Income Septic Application, seconded by Rutten. Motion Carried.

Bills to Pay. During the month of July, the Douglas SWCD issued Checks #7352-7383 for a total of \$26,682.72 including eFile (State Withholding) and EFTP (Federal Withholding). Motion by Rutten to pay the bills, seconded by Barsness. Motion carried.

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

Secretary,

Jon Schneider, Secretary