

# DOUGLAS SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

## MINUTES

Monday, July 13, 2015 –8:00 P.M.

The Douglas Soil & Water Conservation District Board of Supervisors met at the USDA Service Center on Monday, July 13, 2015. Chairman Thoennes called the meeting to order at 8:00 p.m. Members attending were: Barsness, Rutten, Thoennes and Wolf. Schneider was absent, also in attendance were: Commissioner Johnson, Grant Pearson, Stearns SWCD, Dybdal, Haggemiller, Henry, and Arceneau.

### Pledge was recited

**Minutes** of the regular June 8, 2015, 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.

Grant Pearson, Stearns SWCD gave an update on the new MN Ag Water Certification Program and looks forward to working with Douglas SWCD and landowners within Douglas County.

### Reports

- A. **Coordinator's Report** – Haggemiller handed out his monthly report. (See Attachment)
- B. **Area II Meeting** – Haggemiller gave a report on the June 10 meeting.
- C. **Douglas County Commissioner Report**- Commissioner Johnson reported it has been quiet again this month. Courthouse constructions should be completed by the middle of August. Looking at purchasing two large screens for the Commissioners Room. A new amplifier system was needed in the courthouse. Road construction is going well this season.

### Old Business

- A. **Fairbooth** –Scheduled for August 20<sup>th</sup> thru 23<sup>rd</sup>. Wolf, Haggemiller and Henry will meet to setup fair booth.
- B. **Special Session Legislative Update** – Haggemiller reported on the Special Session. According to the Legislative Update all SWCD will be given \$100,000 to implement buffer strips around public waters and county ditches within their Districts.

### New Business

- A. **Field Office Update**–Dybdal reported that they received six drainage requests requiring wetland determination, Five CSP applications will need field reviews. Continue to Monitor on WRP's, Construction has been busy with one Ag Waste System and one Sediment Control Ponds. A private firm has been hired to look into USDA's new lease.

- B. **Farm Bill Assistant Grant** - Motion by Wolf to sign grant, seconded by Rutten. Motion Carried.
- C. **RIM Revision Modification Request** – Motion by Wolf to approve Scott Tillman RIM Revision, seconded by Barsness. Motion Carried.
- D. **MN Department of Natural Resources – Groundwater Level Monitoring Agreement** - Motion by Rutten to approve and sign the Groundwater Level Monitoring Agreement, seconded by Barsness. Motion Carried.
- E. **Fy-12 Community Partners C/S Payment – Smokey Timbers Foundation – Total Cost - \$27,411.09 C/S \$9,375.00 34%** - Motion by Barsness to approve Smokey Timbers Foundation \$9,375.00 Payment, seconded by Rutten. Motion Carried.
- F. **FY-14 State C/S Payment - Smokey Timbers Foundation – Total Cost - \$27,411.09 C/S \$631.72 2.3%** - Motion by Barsness to approve Smokey Timbers Foundation \$631.72 Payment, seconded by Rutten. Motion Carried.
- G. **FY-13 Community Partners C/S Contract Cancelation- Smokey Timbers Foundation-** Motion by Rutten to Cancel Smokey Timbers Foundation FY-13 Contract, seconded by Wolf. Motion Carried.
- H. **MASWCD Training** – Groundwater information session for Local Officials is scheduled for July 29<sup>th</sup>, 4:00 -6:00.
- I. **MASWCD Training** - Groundwater Information Session for Local Officials- July 29, 4:00-6:00 and the SWCD Governance 101 September 16-17 – St. Cloud.

**Bills to Pay.** During the month of June the Douglas SWCD issued Checks #7755-7788 for a total of \$31,605.17 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 Barsness. Motion carried.

Secretary,

Jon Schneider, Secretary