

DOUGLAS SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

MINUTES

Monday, March 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. Chairman Thoennes called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. Members attending were: Barsness, Rutten, Schneider, Thoennes and Wolf. Also in attendance were: Commissioner Olson, Haggenmiller, Dybdal and Arceneau.

Pledge was recited

Minutes of the regular February 10, 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.

Closed Regular meeting:

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

1. Dobberpuhl Trust – Application to fill 4,005 sq. ft. of wetland for road re-alignment of Sunset Strip and Driveway replacement, replace 2:1 through wetland banking. Haggenmiller reviewed power-point presentation of the application and the TEP recommendation to approve the application.

Close Public Hearing

The Regular Meeting was re-opened

1. The Wetland Conservation Act Application for Dobberpuhl Trust – Application to fill 4,005 sq. ft. of wetland for road re-alignment of Sunset Strip, replace 2:1 through wetland banking. Motion by Schneider to approve the Wetland conservation Act Application with replacement 3-1 through wetland banking, seconded by Wolf. Motion Carried with three in favor and two against.

Reports

- A. Coordinator's Report** – Haggenmiller handed out his monthly report.
- B. Water Plan's Report** – Haggenmiller handed out Steve's report.
- C. Pomme De Tarre Watershed Project-** Met the new Coordinator Jared House. Next meeting will be on March 14th meeting.
- D. Area II Meeting** – Barsness and Arceneau reported on the March 6th meeting in Morris.

- E. County Commissioner Report-** Commissioner Olson mentioned that the Coordinator is retiring and there is discussion on rather to hire another Coordinator or an Administrator. Vet's Director Ray Kalstrom is also retiring. Olson reviewed the renovations of the new court rooms and cuts to the Rainbow Riders.

Old Business

- A. MASWCD Legislative Day** – Scheduled for March 24-25.
- B. Annual Plan of Work Update** – Final Copy was handed out to Supervisor's.
- C. 2013 Annual Report** – Final Copy will be available at the April meeting
- D. MN Land Trust Easement Program** – Barsness moved to approve the proposal for services with the MN Land Trust Easement Program, Rutten seconded it. Motion Carried.

New Business

- A. Field Office Update**–Dybdal reported that they received two drainage requests requiring wetland determination; still waiting to see what adjustment were made in the signed Farm Bill.
- B. Tree Planter Hiring.** Motion by Wolf to hire a tree planter at \$10 per hour, seconded by Barsness. Motion carried.
- C. Local Board Training** – March 10 – 6:30 PM Douglas County Courthouse.
- D. Election Filing – May 20-June 3** – Supervisor's Barsness, Rutten and Thoennes will need to file.
- E. West Central MASWCD Area II Dues** - Motion by Barsness to approve the \$320 dues, seconded by Wolf. Motion carried.

Bills to Pay. During the month of March, the Douglas SWCD issued Checks #7189-7223 for a total of \$25,182.04 including eFile (State Withholding) and EFTP (Federal Withholding). Motion by Barsness to pay the bills, seconded by Schneider. Motion carried.

Adjournment. Motion by Wolf to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Rutten. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 5:47 p.m.

Secretary,

Jon Schneider, Secretary