

DOUGLAS SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

MINUTES

Monday, October 14, 2014 – 8:00 P.M.

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

Pledge was recited

Minutes of the regular September 8, 2014, meeting was discussed. Motion by Rutten to approve, subject to audit, seconded by Barsness. Motion carried.

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

Reports

- A. Coordinator's Report** – Haggenmiller handed out his monthly report.
- B. Pomme De Terre Watershed Project-** Barsness reported on the meetings he attended on September 12 and October 3. They went over their grant applications, approved a Clean Water Fund Project, \$380,000 in grants available for CRP, updated on the use of Round Up along the road ditch right of way. Next meeting is scheduled for December 12.
- C. County Commissioner Report** – No report was given.
- D. Area II meeting-** Thoennes reported on the September 3rd meeting in Sauk Centre.

Old Business

- A. Douglas County Health Insurance** – Haggenmiller suggested tabling until the November meeting to give more time to look into different plans.

New Business

- A. Field Office Update**–Dybdal introduced the new Soil Conservationist Casey Guetter and also reported they have three drainage requests requiring wetland determination; two CSP applications; four Easement WRP; two CRP Requests and three survey contracts. He attended the Soil Health workshop in Ortonville.
- B. 2014 Resolution Packet-** Supervisors signed and turned in their resolution ballot.
- C. Clean Water Applications** – Haggenmiller reviewed two applications that were submitted. 1) Community Partners Grant for \$78,000 and Erosion Control Grant for \$78,000. The District should hear by the middle of January.
- D. 2014 Low Income Septic C/S Application**–Dan Bitzen C/S Flat Rate \$6,000. Schneider made a motion to approve Bitzen's Septic System C/S Application, Barsness seconded it. Motion Carried.

E. 2013 Low Income Septic System Payment

1. Agnes Elliot-\$2,000. Barsness made a motion to approve Elliot's Septic System Payment, Rutten seconded it. Motion Carried.

F. 2014 Low Income Septic System C/S/ Payment

1. Alan Becker – Cost Share Payment Rate - \$7,500. Barsness made a motion to approve Becker's Septic System Payment, Schneider seconded it. Motion carried.

G. 2013 Low Income Septic Cancellation

1. Lois Lindberg cancelled her Septic System funds.

H. 2013 Community Partners Cost Share Payment– Schneider made a motion to approve \$2,845.80 Cost Share for Luther Crest Bible Camp, Rutten seconded it. Motion Carried.

Bills to Pay. During the month of October, the Douglas SWCD issued Checks #7463-7491 for a total of \$35,262.97 including eFile (State Withholding) and EFTP (Federal Withholding). Motion by Barsness to pay the bills, seconded by Rutten. Motion carried.

Schneider made a motion to have the next regular meeting be held on November 10 at 7:00pm instead of 4:00pm, seconded by Barsness. Motion carried.

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

Secretary,

Jon Schneider, Secretary