

DOUGLAS SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

MINUTES

Monday, September 8, 2014 – 8:00 P.M.

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

Pledge was recited

Minutes of the regular August 11, 2014, meeting was discussed. Motion by Rutten to approve, subject to audit, seconded by Barsness. Motion carried.

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

Reports

- A. **Coordinator's Report** – Haggemiller handed out his monthly report.
- B. **Pomme De Terre Watershed Project**- No report was given.
- 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. **60 Year Anniversary** – There were about 40-50 people who attended the Open House on August 20th.
- B. **Douglas County Health Insurance** – Haggemiller handed out the quotes for Health Insurance. Since there are so many choices on plans, Haggemiller recommends the staff choose their own plan and the District's portion would be deducted from the individual plan. The board suggested tabling until the October meeting to give more time to look into different plans.
- C. **2014 Fair Booth** – There was considerable discussion on how to improve the booth. Supervisor's Schneider and Wolf were appointed to look into ideas for the 2015 fair booth.

New Business

- A. **Field Office Update**–Dybdal reported they have six drainage requests requiring wetland determination; Three CSP applications; two Easement WRP; twenty two CRP Requests; new Soil Conservationist, Casey Guether started on September 8th.
- B. **BWSR Academy** - Scheduled for October 28-30 in Brainerd. Wolf made a motion to send Arceneau & Henry to the Academy, seconded by Barsness. Motion Carried.
- C. **RIM Alteration Request** – RIM Alteration Request – Haggemiller reviewed a request to alter an existing RIM boundary on the Doug Brugerman easement 21-01-93-3-C. Doug

would like to swap a one acre piece of non-rim with a one acre piece of RIM. The reason for the requested swap is the one acre that was not enrolled into the RIM program in 1993 has become wet and is currently not suitable for a building site. Mr. Brugerman would like to take out one acre of higher ground that is in RIM and put in the one acre low ground into the program. Haggemiller handed out an aerial photo showing the proposed swap. There will be no loss of RIM acres with the proposed swap. Haggemiller explained this is the first step of the alteration process; the next step would be that the DNR provide a letter saying that the proposed swap will not have a negative effect on the entire easement. The final step is for the BWSR to approve the alteration. The alteration is contingent on approval from all agencies. The board discussed the proposal. Barsness made a motion to approve the RIM alteration request for Doug Brugerman, seconded by Wolf. Motion Carried with Schneider opposing.

- D. **2014 Low Income Septic C/S Payment**—Bonita Wagner C/S Flat Rate \$7,500. Barsness made a motion to approve Wagner’s Septic System C/S Payment, Rutten seconded it. Motion Carried.
- E. **2014 Low Income Septic System Applications**
 - 1. Alan Becker-Lake Irene- \$7,500. Barsness made a motion to approve Becker’s Septic System Application, Wolf seconded it. Motion Carried.
 - 2. Robert Keesling- CR 2 - \$7,500. Rutten made a motion to approve Keesling’s Septic System Application, Schneider seconded it. Motion Carried.
- F. **2014 Clean Water Fund Well Sealing Cost Share** – Barsness made a motion to approve \$500 Cost Share for the following: Le Homme Dieu Villes, John Drown, Terry Egger, Mark Arnold, Greg Hilgendorf, Donald Altman and Cullens Home Center, Rutten seconded it. Motion Carried.
- G. **2014 Clean Water Fund Well Sealing Payments** – Wolf made a motion to approve Cost Share Payments to William Stewart-\$167.50, Mark Remme-\$292.50, Dwight Johnson - \$265.00, Allan Crowser - \$167.50, Brad Warren - \$167.50, Haroldeen Heskins - \$265.00, Cheryl VanRoekel -\$97.50 and Ruth Struck - \$167.50, Schneider seconded it. Motion Carried.

Bills to Pay. During the month of September, the Douglas SWCD issued Checks #7416-7462 for a total of \$46,725.17 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 Barsness. Motion carried.

Secretary,

Jon Schneider, Secretary