

DOUGLAS SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

MINUTES

Tuesday, October 13, 2015 –8:00 P.M.

The Douglas Soil & Water Conservation District Board of Supervisors met at the USDA Service Center on Monday, September 14, 2015. 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: Commissioner Johnson, Haggemiller, Dybdal, Henry, and Arceneau.

Pledge was recited

Minutes of the regular September 14, 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.

Reports

- A. **Coordinator's Report** – Haggemiller handed out his monthly report. (See Attachment)
- B. **Pomme De Terre** – Barsness reported on the meeting he attended on October 9, 2015. They reviewed the bills, budget and grants. Sent letters out for the Re-Organization of the River Basin Commission. The next meeting is scheduled for December 11th.
- C. **Water Plan Report** – Henry reviewed the grant dollars available and that he's been working with other local governments on the Douglas SWCD Water Plan Amendment.
- D. **Douglas County Commissioner Report**- Commissioner Johnson reported they have started remodeling the service area. Started the interview process for a hospital board member. October 26th and 27th they will have Judicial Ditch meetings.
- E. **Area II Meeting** – Haggemiller reported on the September 16th meeting in Sauk Centre.

Old Business

- A. **Conservation Technician Job Announcement** – Motion by Barsness to advertise for a Conservation Technician, seconded by Rutten. Motion carried.
- B. **Cover Crop Field Day** – Land Stewardship held their annual Field Day. Douglas SWCD would like to help promote any future field days.
- C. **Drill Quote** – Haggemiller reviewed a quote from Titan. The Supervisors suggested waiting until next year.
- D. **Computer Quote** – Haggemiller reviewed quotes for staff computers. Motion by Barsness to purchase the necessary computers, seconded by Rutten. Motion carried.

New Business

- A. **Field Office Update**– Dybdal reported that they received eight drainage requests requiring wetland determination, CRP applications have been reviewed. Continue to Monitor on WRP's, Construction has been busy with two Ag Waste System and one Sediment Control Ponds. The ultima positon has been re-advertised as a full time position.
- B. **2015 Resolution Packet**. – Need to be returned to the office by October 26th.
- C. **State Convention** – Scheduled for December 6-8 in Bloomington. Supervisors interested should contact the office.
- D. **FY14 Well Sealing Cost Share Applications** – Total cost per well \$1,000.00 C/S 50% or \$500.00. Motion by Barsness to approve Jeff Schmidt and Ralph Martin applications, seconded by Rutten. Motion carried
- E. **Well Sealing Payments** – Motion by Wolf to pay \$182.50 for Dave Essler, Tim Arsvold, Douglas County Park, Dan Sandell, Julie Bauer, Greg Brown, Gordon Larson, Sandy Tubbs and \$195.00 for Rosemary Williams well sealing's, seconded by Rutten. Motion carried.
- F. **Well Seal Cancel Application** Motion by Barsness to cancel Jeff Dreier application, seconded by Rutten. Motion Carried.
- G. **FY14 Regular Cost Share Payment** - Motion by Rutten to approve Bill Dropik critical area stabilization Total Cost \$1,090 Cost Share 75% \$817.50, seconded by Barsness. Motion carried.
- H. **2016 Health Insurance** –Quotes will be available at the November 9th regular meeting.

Bills to Pay. During the month of September the Douglas SWCD issued Checks #7855--7896 for a total of \$37,607.95 including eFile (State Withholding) and EFTP (Federal Withholding). Motion by Barsness to pay the bills, seconded by Rutten. Motion carried.

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

Secretary,

Jon Schneider, Secretary