

DOUGLAS SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

MINUTES

Wednesday, December 10, 2014 – 4:00 P.M.

The Douglas Soil & Water Conservation District Board of Supervisors met at the USDA Service Center on Monday. 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, Dybdal, Haggemiller and Arceneau.

Pledge was recited

Minutes of the regular November 10, 2014, meeting was discussed. Motion by Rutten 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 Barsness. Motion carried.

Reports

- A. Coordinator's Report** – Haggemiller handed out his monthly report.
- B. State Convention-** Was tabled until January's meeting to give Supervisor's and Staff more time to prepare their reports.
- C. County Commissioner Report** – Commissioner Olson reported that the 2015 budget has been approved; Courthouse renovations almost complete, Owen Miller will be the new Douglas County Commissioner. The Supervisor's thanked Olson for his many years of dedicated service.

Closed Regular Meeting – Motion by Barsness to close regular meeting, seconded by Rutten. Motion carried.

Public Hearing for Wetland Conservation Act Applications:

1. Pioneer Development LLC – Stone Manor Apartments Phase II – Section 32 Alexandria Township. Propose to fill 28,851 square feet of wetland for construction of phase II apartments and construction of Arbor Crossing Street. Replacement will be through wetland banking at 2:1 ratio. Bank 146 in Douglas County will be used and 57,702 square feet of wetland credits will be purchased. The TEP reviewed the application at the 12-3-14 Douglas County Technical Evaluation Panel (TEP) meeting. The Douglas County TEP determined that impacts could be reduced by steepened side slopes of street and areas north of apartments from 4:1 to 3:1. This will reduce impacts by 3,412 sq. ft. Because of the City of Alex platting the building site in 2012 no further avoidance is possible. The TEP recommended approval of the application for filling 25,439 sq ft of wetland for street and apartment project. Replacement will be 2:1 through purchasing wetland credits from bank # 146 in Douglas County.

Close Public Hearing Motion by Barsness to close public hearing, seconded by Rutten. Motion carried.

The regular meeting was re-opened

1. Pioneer Development LLC – Stone Manor Apartments Phase II Section 32 Alexandria Township. Motion by Schneider to approve Pioneer Development LLC Wetland Replacement Plan for filling 25,438 sq ft of wetland and replacing 2:27:1 ratio 57,702 sq ft from bank #146, seconded by Barsness. Motion carried.

Old Business

- A. Douglas County Health Insurance – Motion by Barsness to approve the committee's recommendations for Health Insurance and a Health Savings Account, seconded by Rutten. Motion carried. See Attached. The Policy will be reviewed quarterly.

New Business

- A. **Field Office Update**–Dybdal reported on three 1026's, No appeals, No HEL or Wetland Applications, completed three Ag-Waste, Easement signup now closed, Interviewed four candidates for Administrative Assistant, Don Balyon has announced his retirement in January.
- B. **2012 CWF Clean Water Assistance Cost Share Amendment, FY-2013 Community Partners Cost-Share Amendment, FY 2013 Regular Cost-Share Amendment Request –**
 1. Smokey Timbers Foundation, Amendment to change installation date from 12-31-14 to 7-31-15 because of winter weather conditions prohibited construction in the fall of 2014. Motion by Schneider to approve Smokey Timbers Foundation amendments, seconded by Rutten. Motion carried.
- C. **2013 Community Partners Cost Share Payment Requests**
 1. John Gilson, infiltration basin (rain garden) Total cost \$1,071.00, Cost-share request 75% \$803.25 Motion by Wolf to approve Gilson's payment, seconded by Schneider. Motion Carried.
- D. **St Agnes School, Request for donation for Long Lake Conservation Camp. Motion by Wolf to approve St Agnes School \$100 donation payment, seconded by Schneider.** Motion Carried.
- E. **NRCS Contribution Agreement – Motion by Wolf to have Thoennes sign as needed for amendment of Agreement, seconded by Rutten.** Motion Carried.
- F. **Annual Review/Haggenmiller –** The Board of Supervisors appreciates the excellent job that Haggenmiller has done this past year. Motion by Barsness to increase Haggenmiller wage by .84¢ per hour, seconded by Rutten. Motion Carried.
- G.

Bills to Pay. During the month of December, the Douglas SWCD issued Checks #7523-7560 for a total of \$43,330.33 including eFile (State Withholding) and EFTP (Federal Withholding). **Motion by Wolf to pay the bills, seconded by Barsness.** Motion carried.

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

Secretary,

Jon Schneider, Secretary