

# DOUGLAS SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

## MINUTES

**Wednesday, November 13, 2013 – 8:00 P.M.**

The Douglas Soil & Water Conservation District Board of Supervisors met at the USDA Service Center on Wednesday, November 13, 2013. Chairman Thoennes called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. Members attending were: Thoennes, Barsness, Schneider, Rutten and Wolf. Also in attendance were: Commissioner Johnson, Haggemiller and Arceneau.

### **Pledge was recited**

**Minutes** of the regular October 13, 2013, **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**

**Coordinator's Report** – Haggemiller reviewed his monthly report.

**BWSR Academy** – Arceneau handed out a report on sessions she attended at the BWSR Academy October 27-30.

**Douglas County Commissioner Report** – Johnson mentioned the Pomm De Terre will be looking for a new Manager. Johnson also reviewed the high nitrogen levels in the Chippewa. County Road 1 has been graded. **Old Business**

**Clean Water Fund Amendment** – Was submitted on October 3<sup>rd</sup>.

### **New Business**

**MASWCD Convention–December 2-4 at the Doubletree Inn in Bloomington.** Barsness, Schneider, Thoennes and Wolf will be attending.

**Field Report-** Dybdal reported that they received seven 1026's received three will require wetland determination, one wetland appeal, EQIP- 1 Ag Basin, 1 prevented planting that was not approved. Construction ten- Sediment basins, CRP-Joint Powers with FSA, working on CSP payment requests.

**Clean Water Fund Septic Update Payment-** Wendy Simonson Total Cost \$9,225 Cost Share Flat Rate - \$3,000. Motion by Barsness to approve Simonson Septic Payment, seconded by Rutten. Motion Carried.

**Feedlot Cost Share Payment** – Verna Peterson Total Cost \$4,158.67 Cost Share 75% \$3,119. Motion by Barsness to approve Verna Peterson Payment, seconded by Rutten. Motion Carried.

**Regular Cost Share Payment-** Jerry Morical Shelterbelt Total Cost \$413.66 Cost Share \$300.00. Motion by Wolf to approve Jerry Morical Payment, seconded by Barsness. Motion Carried.

**Clean Water Fund 2013 Community Partners Amendment** – Roberta Pisa increase in cost because of added area and extra materials total cost of project increased \$353.60 and Increased Cost Share \$265.20. Motion by Barsness to approve Roberta Pisa Amendment, seconded by Schneider. Motion Carried.

**Clean Water Fund 2013 Community Partners Payment** – Roberta Pisa total Cost \$3,990.10 Cost Share 75% \$2,992.58. Motion by Wolf to approve Roberta Pisa Payment, seconded by Barsness. Motion Carried.

**Closed Regular meeting:** Motion by Barsness to close the regular meeting, seconded by Schneider. Motion carried.

Public Hearing for Wetland Conservation Act Applications: Haggemiller reviewed the TEP comments on the following applications.

Jeff Paulson fill 3500 sq. ft. Type II Wetland Sec 34 Miltona Twp. for construction of garage. Replace 2-1 through wetland banking.

Robert Shields fill 4500 sq. ft. Type II Wetland Sec 34 Miltona Twp. for construction of garage. Replace 2-1 through wetland banking.

James Edney fill 3528 sq. ft. Type II wetland Sec 34 Miltona Twp. for construction of garage. Replace 2-1 through wetland banking.

Close Public Hearing: Motion by Barsness to close the regular meeting, seconded by Schneider. Motion carried.

The Regular Meeting was re-opened

Wetland Conservation Act Applications

1. Wetland Conservation Act Application – Jeff Paulson fill 3500 sq. ft. Type II Wetland Sec 34 Miltona Twp. for construction of garage. Replace 2-1 through wetland banking. Discussions on the application by Board members and comments from TEP from Public Hearing were reviewed. Motion by Wolf Seconded by Schneider to deny the application for filling 3500 sq. ft. Type II Wetland Sec 34 Miltona Twp. for construction of garage. Replace 2-1 through wetland banking.. Motion carried. Barsness opposed.

2. Wetland Conservation Act Application – Robert Shields fill 4500 sq. ft. Type II Wetland Sec 34 Miltona Twp. for construction of garage. Replace 2-1 through wetland banking. Discussions on the application by Board members and comments from TEP from Public Hearing were reviewed. Motion by Wolf Seconded by Schneider to deny the application for filling 4500 sq. ft. Type II Wetland Sec 34 Miltona Twp. for construction of garage. Replace 2-1 through wetland banking. Motion carried.
3. Wetland Conservation Act Application- James Edney fill 3528 sq. ft. Type II wetland Sec 34 Miltona Twp. for construction of garage. Replace 2-1 through wetland banking. Discussions on the application by Board members and comments from TEP from Public Hearing were reviewed. Motion by Wolf Seconded by Schneider to deny the application for filling 3528 sq. ft. Type II wetland Sec 34 Miltona Twp. for construction of garage. Replace 2-1 through wetland banking. Motion carried.

The applications were denied because of the following.

1. Wetland impacts can be avoided
2. Lack of clear plan on garage location and size
3. Can larger garage be built on Lake Lot
4. Wetlands adjacent to lake are important and should not be filled
5. Proposed garage will not meet county standards

**Storm Water and Erosion Control Seminar- December 4 in Walker - Motion by Schneider to approve Henry to attend seminar, seconded by Wolf.** Motion Carried.

December Board Meeting–Holiday Potluck – December 9 at 4:00. Send an invitation to Senator Ingebrigtsen.

**Bills to Pay.** During the month of November, the Douglas SWCD issued Checks # 7055-7088 for a total of \$29,910.88 including eFile (State Withholding) and EFTP (Federal Withholding). Motion by Schneider to pay the bills, seconded by Wolf. Motion carried.

**Adjournment.** Motion by Schneider to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Rutten. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned.

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Jon Schneider, Secretary