

**DOUGLAS SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
MINUTES**

Monday, November 14, 2016 – 4:00 P.M.

The Douglas Soil & Water Conservation District Board of Supervisors met at the USDA Service Center on Monday September 12, 2016. Chairman Thoennes called the meeting to order at 8:00 p.m. Members attending were: Barsness, Rutten and Thoennes. Schneider & Wolf absent. , Also in attendance were: Commissioner Johnson, Douglas, County Lake Association Board Member Linda Dokken-McFann and Lake Brophy Lake Association Board Member Gene Johnson, Newly Elected Supervisor Mike Cleary, Hagenmiller, Derks and Arceneau.

Pledge was recited

Minutes of the regular October 11, 2016, meeting was discussed. Motion by Barsness to approve, subject to audit, seconded by Rutten. Motion carried.

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

Reports

- A. Coordinator's Report** – Hagenmiller handed out his monthly report.
- B. Pomme De Terre Report** – Barsness reported they have are in the interviews process. Next interviews are scheduled for the end of November. MPCA assistance to complete monitoring season. Next meeting December 9th.
- C. Douglas County Commissioner Report**-Commissioner Johnson mentioned the budget as of today has a 1.97% increase but hopefully by the next meeting it can be reduced to no increase. The District's budget is as presented with the additional \$18,000.
- D. BSWR Academy** – Arceneau handed out her report.

Old Business

- A. MASWCD Annual Meeting December 5-6-Bloomington**

New Business

- A. Field Office Update**– Dybdal reported that they received five highly erodible land determination (HEL/NHEL) and four applications for EQIP. Conservation Easement Program deadline is February 3rd, thirty-five CRP applications, November 16 will be the State Workforce Plan meeting, NRCS budget is approved thru the Continuous Budget thru December 2016.
- B. Low Income Septic Application** – Myna Krohnfeldt Total Cost \$11,000.00 Cost Share Flat Rate \$6,000.00. Motion by Barsness to approve Krohnfeldt application for a flat rate of \$6,000, seconded by Rutten Motion carried
- C. Community Partners Cost Share Application** – Lake Miltona Association Wetland Restoration Total Cost \$16,654.80 Cost Share 75% \$12,491.10. Motion by Rutten to approve Lake Miltona Association Wetland Restoration application, seconded by Barsness. Motion carried.

- D. Community Partners Cost Share Payment** – Deb Thormodsgard- Total Cost \$15,482.00 Cost Share Payment 75%\$11,611.50 Motion by Barsness to approve Deb Thormodsgard payment of \$11,611.50 seconded by Rutten. Motion carried.
- E. Low Income Septic Payment** –Steve Koelln –Flat Rate- \$7,500 Motion by Rutten to approve Koelln Flat Rate- \$7,500 payment seconded by Barsness. Motion carried.
- F. Draft 2017 Meeting Schedule-** approve next month
- G. Water Plan Amendment Public Hearing** – December 7 at the Public Works Office at 6:00PM.
- H. Grants Extension Request** – Haggenmiller requested extensions for the 2015 Lake Protection Grant, 2015 Natural Resource Grant, 2015 State Cost Share Grant and the 2014 Well Sealing Grant.
- I. Danica Derks – 6 month review** – The Supervisors thanked Derks for doing an excellent job the last 6 months. Motion by Barsness to increase Derks \$1 per hour starting the current payroll, seconded by Rutten. Motion carried.

Bills to Pay. During the month of November, the Douglas SWCD issued Checks 8364-8397 for a total of \$53,918.00 including eFile (State Withholding) and EFTP (Federal Withholding). Motion by Rutten.to pay the bills, seconded by Barsness. Motion carried.

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

Secretary,

Jon Schneider, Secretary