

DOUGLAS SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

MINUTES

Monday, September 9, 2013 – 8:00 P.M.

The Douglas Soil & Water Conservation District Board of Supervisors met at the USDA Service Center on Monday, September 9, 2013. Chairman Thoennes called the meeting to order at 8:00 p.m. Members attending were: Thoennes, Barsness, Rutten, Schneider and Wolf. Also in attendance were: Commissioner Johnson, Joni Neal, Haggemiller and Arceneau.

Pledge was recited

Minutes of the regular August 12, 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 Schneider. 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 following applications.

Joni Neal – Application to fill 6691 Sq. Ft. of Type II wetland for construction of Phase II Arabella Manor with replacement 2:1 through wetland creation. The current site is open land and east of the present Arabella Manor. When phase I was constructed in 2005 and the site was delineated for wetland and only 2 wetlands were identified on site. The site was delineated in July of 2013 and 5 wetlands were delineated. During the grading of the site in 2005 drainage patterns were changed causing the site to become wetter. Two different site plans were presented, 1 as proposed during the original construction in 2005 impacting 14292 sq. ft. of wetland and 2 a revised plan impacting 6691 sq. ft. of wetland.

The TEP reviewed the application and recommended to the landowner to consider replacement through wetland banking; also the TEP recommended the landowner look at moving the driveway further to the east to impact less wetland. The wetlands being proposed to be impacted are low quality with predominate reed canary grass vegetation.

In discussion with the landowner replacement of the impacts through wetland banking is agreeable; however moving the driveway to the east is not feasible because of location of storm ponds.

Because the original 2 wetlands on the property are not being impacted by construct of Phase II Arabella Manor and only the low quality wetlands are being filled the TEP recommended approval of filling 6691 sq. ft. of wetland for the construction of Phase II Arabella Manor with replacement at 2:1 through wetland banking.

Close Public Hearing

The Regular Meeting was re-opened

Wetland Conservation Act Applications

1. Wetland Conservation Act Application – Joni Neal (Phase II Arabella Manor apartments), Parcel #63-0407-050 proposed to fill 6691 Sq. Ft. of type II wetland and replace 2:1 through wetland replacement. Discussions on the application by Board members and comments from TEP from Public Hearing were reviewed. Motion by Wolf Seconded by Barsness to approve the application for filling 6691 Sq. ft. of wetland for construction of phase II Arabella Manor apartments with replacement at 2:1 through wetland banking. Joni Neal- Arabella Manor Phase II Proposal to fill 6.691 sq. ft. of wetland and replace 2:1 through wetland creation. Motion carried.

Reports

Coordinator's Report – Haggenmiller reviewed his monthly report.

Douglas County Commissioner Report – Johnson reviewed the [possible increase in the Counties Levy Limit, in two weeks construction will start on the judge's chambers, CR 1 is tore up and the bridge will be replaced October 1, Millerville bridge has been installed, and a 49 RV park is being proposed on Lake Brophy.

Old Business

Fair Booth 2013- the Supervisor's thanked the staff for the new improved booth.

Conservation Tour – 19 people attended the August 21st Tour.

MASWCD Conservation Awards – The staff have submitted the two award applications.

BSWR Academy- Motion by Schneider to allow Henry to attend the Academy, seconded by Barsness. Motion Carried.

2012 Audit – The Auditor is almost done with the Audit and a draft will be submitted to State Auditor's Office for their review.

New Business

2014-2015 BWSR Grant Agreement - Motion by Barsness to approve the BWSR Grant Agreement, seconded by Schneider. Motion Carried.

Clean Water Fund Cost Share Septic Upgrade Payment Shirley Peterson - Cost Share Flat Rate-\$3,000.

1. Shirley Peterson–Motion by Wolf to approve Peterson application, seconded by Rutten. Motion carried.

NRCS Contribution Agreement – Motion by Schneider to sign contribution agreement, seconded by Rutten. Motion carried.

Clean Water Application – Henry will apply for mapping and modeling funds.

Area II Meeting – Scheduled for September 12 in Benson.

EQIP – Haggemiller and Thoennes attended the August 27 meeting.

Bills to Pay. During the month of September, the Douglas SWCD issued Checks #6982-7018 for a total of \$26,938.60 including eFile (State Withholding) and EFTP (Federal Withholding). Motion by Barsness to pay the bills, seconded by Wolf. Motion carried.

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

Secretary,
Jon Schneider, Secretary