

# DOUGLAS SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

## MINUTES

Monday, April 10, 2017 – 4:00 P.M.

The Douglas Soil & Water Conservation District Board of Supervisors met at the USDA Service Center on Monday, April 10, 2017. Chairman Thoennes called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. Members attending were: Barsness, Rutten, Thoennes, Cleary and Dropik. Also in attendance were: Commissioner Englund, Douglas County Lake Association Board Member, Linda Mcfann, Haggemiller, Dybdal and Arceneau.

**Minutes** of the regular March 14, 2017, **meeting** was discussed. Motion by Rutten to approve, subject to audit, seconded by Barsness. Motion carried.

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

### Reports

- A. **Area II Meeting** – Was held at the Eagles Club 3424 in Litchfield on April 6. Haggemiller, Rutten, Thoennes and Arceneau attended.
- B. **Pomme De Terre Report** – Next Meeting April 14.
- C. **Coordinator's Report** – Haggemiller handed out his monthly report.
- D. **Douglas County Commissioner Report**- Commissioner Englund reported on County Ditch 10, Government Bonds for the Hospital, Fairground Lease, Mills Fleet Farm Taxes and Brophy Park Project.

### Old Business

- A. **BWSR Competitive Grants County Ditch 23 RFP** – will be meeting on Friday with BWSR for guidance putting together
- B. **Drill Manager Position** – Position was offered to Bill Dropik Jr.
- C. **Education Position** – Will be advertised in the Echo Press.
- D. **Buffer Other Waters to include Water Plan.** – Review a draft resolution. Bring back to review in June.

### New Business

- A. **Field Office Update**–Dybdal reported Thirteen 1026 were received and two will need to have re-determinations. One-HEL Split Redeterminations, Eighty 1026 splits, No News on the EQIP contracts, 11 CSP contracts need to be reviewed, CRP-contracts to be reviewed with two WRP Payments.
- B. **Tree Planters Wages** Motion by Barsness to raise Tree planters Wages to \$13 per hour with the \$1 incentive if they stay the whole season, seconded by Cleary. Motion carried.
- C. **Tree Pickup Days** – Scheduled for April 21 – 22<sup>nd</sup>

- D. Well Sealing Cost Share Applications** - Motion by Barsness to approve Alex Edwards, Arlene Houston and Greg Olson applications – Total Cost \$1,000.00 Cost Share \$500.00 per applicant, seconded by Rutten. Motion carried.
- E. Technical Approval Authority, Andy Rice** - Motion by Barsness to approve Andy Rice Technical Approval Authority, seconded by Cleary. Motion carried.
- F. Optum Finance Charges** - Motion by Rutten to pay the \$3.75 finance charges for past employees and look into see if there is another bank out there that doesn't charge finance charges, seconded by Cleary. Motion carried.
- G. Call For Resolutions-** Due in June
- H. Monthly Meeting Time Discussion** - Motion by Cleary to approve starting May 8 have all the regular meetings start at 7:30 am, seconded by Rutten. Motion carried.

**Bills to Pay.** During the month of April, the Douglas SWCD issued Checks #8515-8554 for a total of \$65,861.56 including eFile (State Withholding) and EFTP (Federal Withholding). Motion by Rutten to pay the bills, seconded by Cleary. Motion carried.

**Adjournment.** Motion by Cleary to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Dropik. Motion carried.

Secretary,

Bill Dropik, Secretary