

Stevens Soil & Water Conservation District

MINUTES

Wednesday, June 17, 2009

- I. Chairman Libbon called the meeting to order at 9:35 a.m. Present: Huntley, Krosch, Libbon, Lonergan, Scharf. Staff present: Feigum, Johnston, McNally, Rice, Solemsaas, Staebler. Also present: Randy Schmiesing, NRCS.
- II. Supervisor Scharf moved to approve the agenda as amended. Supervisor Lonergan seconded. Passed unanimously.
- III. Scharf moved to approve the Minutes from the May 19, 2009 regular meeting. Second by Supervisor Huntley. All members voting aye, the motion passed.
- IV. Huntley moved to accept the Treasurer's Report, subject to audit. Second by Supervisor Krosch. Passed unanimously. Scharf moved to pay the following bills. Second by Krosch. Passed unanimously.

1. PERA	Supervisor PERA	19.50
2. Don Huntley	Supervisor Pay	65.31
3. Jim Krosch	Supervisor Pay	77.41
4. George Libbon	Supervisor Pay	154.82
5. Dave Lonergan	Supervisor Pay	204.22
6. Mary Ann Scharf	Supervisor Pay	267.14
7. Valnes Rentals	June Rent	836.33
8. Bremer Credit Card	Print cartridges, employee expenses	493.52
9. Otter Tail Power	Electric bill	52.78
10. Schumacher's	Tree stock	31.97
11. Hancock Coop	Vehicle Expense	31.42
12. Willie's Super Valu	Supplies & Envirothon	56.51
13. Morris Cooperative	Gas	905.48
14. DJN Electric	Tree planter parts & repair	348.44
15. Morris Lumber	Tree planter repair	18.51
16. Morris Bearing	Drill parts	35.05
17. Federated Telephone	Internet connection	49.95
18. D's Needles	Poster Contest t-shirts	60.00
19. Agassiz Seed	Seed Order	10000.00
Remainder of \$32672.21 total bill to be paid at a later date.		
20. Farm Plan	Tiller Repair	246.23
21. Stevens County Highway	Gas	161.52

V. Old Business

- A. The board moved in April to join the new TSA2 and appointed Libbon as representative. Krosch moved to designate Scharf as an alternate representative. Seconded by Lonergan the motion passed unanimously.
- B. Huntley moved to approve the 2010 DNR Observation Well reading contract. Second by Krosch. Passed unanimously.
- C. Solemsaas gave an update on planning for the annual MASWCD convention and the board discussed options for staff and supervisors wanting to attend.
- D. Scharf moved to approve a temporary month-to-month building lease with Valnes Rentals to continue leasing the existing office space until FSA finishes their bidding process for a new lease. Seconded by Lonergan and all members voting aye, the motion passed.
- E. Andy reported on the Farm Bill Assistance Grant phone conference he and Chris took part in recently. The grant will now be reimbursable, on a schedule to be determined by BWSR. The job description for the position and most other parameters are the same.

VI. New Business

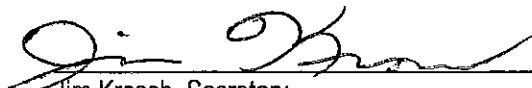
- A. Staff and supervisors chose not to attend the MASWCD Orientation and Refresher course July 14-15.
- B. The board will nominate a 2009 Outstanding Conservationist at the July meeting.
- C. State Cost Share
 1. Lonergan moved to allocated state cost share funds to the following contracts. Krosch seconded. Passed unanimously.

- a. \$5291 (988.40 FY08; \$4303 FY09) to contract 05/09 Matt Waldbese for a farmstead windbreak in Darnen 31
 - b. \$1232 FY2009 funds to contract 06/09 Mitch Koehl for a farmstead windbreak in Moore 33
 - c. \$404 FY2009 funds to contract 07/09 Eric Koehl for a farmstead windbreak in Horton 12
 - d. \$1940 FY2009 funds to contract 08/09 Taylor Gramm for a farmstead windbreak in Moore 10
- D. Additions to written staff reports
1. Solemsaas reported that we will be helping with a rain garden in the parking lot at Pomme de Terre park.
 2. Feigum has 6 or 7 tree planting plans for next year already.
 3. McNally will be attending a Chippewa River bus tour next week to get ideas for a future bus tour here. He reported that the Pomme de Terre River watershed and the MPCA are looking at implementing a broader biological TMDL that would encompass more problems at once, instead of having separate TMDLs for each impairment. He also updated the board on a discussion from the last JPB meeting about farming road ditches.
 4. Johnston will be setting up a meeting with other Area 2 districts' education contacts to start working on area projects.
- E. See written NRCS Staff Report by Jeff Hellermann, who was absent from the meeting.
- F. Supervisor Reports
1. Lonergan reported on the last WesMin RC&D meeting. They are working on a rain barrel project in Douglas County and a pasture grazing tour.

Employee evaluations will be held prior to the July meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:05.

Respectfully submitted,



Jim Krosch, Secretary

7-21-09

Date