

Stevens Soil & Water Conservation District

MINUTES

Tuesday, July 21, 2009

- I. Chairman Libbon called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. Present: Huntley, Krosch, Libbon, Lonergan, Scharf. Staff present: Feigum, Johnston, McNally, Rice, Solemsaas, Staebler. Also present: Randy Schmiesing, NRCS; Pete Waller, BWSR.
- II. Supervisor Scharf moved to approve the agenda as amended. Supervisor Lonergan seconded. Passed unanimously.
- III. The board went over staff performance evaluations with Solemsaas. Krosch moved to accept the reviews are completed by Solemsaas. Second by Scarf. Passed unanimously.
- IV. Lonergan moved to approve the Minutes from the June 17, 2009 regular meeting. Second by Supervisor Huntley. All members voting aye, the motion passed.
- V. Scharf moved to accept the Treasurer's Report, subject to audit, and pay the following bills. Second by Supervisor Krosch. Passed unanimously.

1. PERA	Supervisor PERA	13.50
2. Don Huntley	Supervisor Pay	65.31
3. Jim Krosch	Supervisor Pay	55.41
4. George Libbon	Supervisor Pay	77.41
5. Dave Lonergan	Supervisor Pay	195.65
6. Mary Ann Scharf	Supervisor Pay	121.82
7. Valnes Rentals	July Rent	836.33
8. Ron Feigum	Tree expense	7.98
9. Shaun McNally	Employee Expense, JPB	20.03
10. Morris Electronics	Tech support	65.00
11. Tech Plus	CDs, jump drive	37.38
12. The Body Shop	Repair	100.00
13. Stevens County Highway	Gas & diesel	642.55
14. Bakko Brothers	Drill parts	104.37
15. West Central Glass	Plexiglass	27.08
16. Otter Tail Power	Electric bill	66.21
17. Bremer Credit Card	Rain Gauges	1015.00
18. Morris Cooperative	Gas & diesel	125.75
19. DJN Electric	Tree planter repair	48.67
20. Willie's Super Valu	JPB expense	7.58
21. Scott Olson	Tractor hours	1232.00
22. Agassiz Seed	Seed order	23,099.35
23. Town & Country	Supplies	10.83
24. Federated Telephone	High speed connection	99.90
25. Pope SWCD	Tree stock	183.50
26. New Horizons Herman	Garoutte site prep	49.50

Huntley moved to accept the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Financial Reports as presented. Scharf seconded and all members voting aye, the motion passed.

VI. Old Business

- A. The board made nominations for the 2009 Outstanding Conservationist. Staff will contact nominees. Chris will start work on the District Capacity award, to be completed at the August meeting.

VII. New Business


- A. Pete Waller gave a BWSR update for the board. He presented the one-page summary on legislative activity, talked about the potential for a tax offset on easements through a program that pays the tax on a parcel. He will get more information about this program and distribute it to county SWCDs. The board would like to tour Morning Sky Greenery sometime and Pete expressed interest in attending also. Also see written report.

B. State Cost Share

1. Krosch moved to amend contract 07/08 to add \$856 in additional funding. Second by Scharf. Passed unanimously.
  2. Huntley moved to disburse funds to the following cost share contracts. Krosch seconded. Passed unanimously.
    - a. Final payment of \$115 to contract 12/08 Darrell Walton. Pete will check on whether or not the grant period expiration date can be extended in order to allow reallocation of the \$63 slippage that would otherwise have to be returned to BWSR.
    - b. Final payment of \$709 to contract 08/08 Don Joos
    - c. Final payment of \$1897 to 10/08 Terry Timmerman. \$593 slippage that will be reallocated or returned, depending on above.
    - d. Final payment of 3435 to 07/08 Carter Feuchtenberger (\$2579 original contract, \$856 additional FY09 funds)
    - e. Final payment of 2072 to 02/09 Leonard Wulf & Sons
- C. No additions to written staff reports
- D. NRCS DC Hellermann reported that the WRP monitoring crew from BWSR is out now doing checks on WRPs in the county. WesMin would like to do a news article highlighting the installation of a dray hydrant in Stevens County. The hydrant on Cottonwood, Pomme de Terre or Lake Hattie could be featured. See written NRCS Staff Report by Jeff Hellermann.
- E. Supervisor Reports
1. None.
- F. Other—the board discussed the need for 2010 budget approval in the near future. Once the county lets Matt know what date their budget work sessions will be, he will call a special meeting for the board to approve if necessary.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:55.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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Jim Krosch, Secretary

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