

Stevens Soil & Water Conservation District

MINUTES

Wednesday, August 19, 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: Jeff Hellermann, Randy Schmiesing, and Jesse Mastrian, NRCS.
- II. Supervisor Lonergan moved to approve the agenda as amended. Supervisor Scharf seconded. Passed unanimously.
- III. Scharf moved to approve the Minutes from the July 21, 2009 regular meeting. Second by Supervisor Krosch. All members voting aye, the motion passed.
- IV. Lonergan moved to accept the Treasurer's Report, subject to audit. Second by Krosch. Passed unanimously.
  - A. Huntley moved to pay the following bills. Seconded by Lonergan, the motion 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	170.37
6. Mary Ann Scharf	Supervisor Pay	127.32
7. Valnes Rentals	August Rent	836.33
8. Shaun McNally	JPB Expenses	40.09
9. Matt Solemsaas	Employee Expenses	33.56
10. Otter Tail Power	Electric Bill	35.25
11. Bremer Credit Card	Payroll subscription, Mowing job expenses	611.79
12. Stevens County Highway	Gas	156.92
13. Donnelly Cooperative	Gas	80.59
14. Morris Cooperative	Gas	203.14
15. Morris Sun Tribune	Advertising – Going Green Issue	313.00
16. Willie's Super Valu	JPB Expense	7.18
17. Morris Bearing	Parts	5.96
18. Munsterman Accounting	Quarterly tax reporting	30.00
19. WC MASWCD Area 2	2009 Dues	300.00
20. Farm Plan	Mower Repair	1682.84
- V. Old Business
  - A. Greg Fynboh accepted the honor of Outstanding Conservationist for 2009. The board went through the draft District Capacity Award application thoroughly and made changes as needed. Krosch moved to approve the application as completed, with an honorable mention score of 1035. Second by Huntley. Passed unanimously.
- VI. New Business
  - A. Scharf moved to approve the FY2010 BWSR Base Grant application. Seconded by Krosch and passed unanimously. In light of the decrease in funding for the state cost share program, Chairman Libbon appointed Lonergan, Huntley, Feigum, Solemsaas and Staebler to discuss State Cost Share policy and recommend revisions at an upcoming meeting. Krosch moved to approve the Farm Bill Assistance Grant application. Huntley seconded and all members voting aye, the motion passed.
  - B. Huntley moved to approve a \$150 donation to the Area 2 Envirothon. Krosch seconded. Passed unanimously.
  - C. Plans were made for attending the special Area 2 meeting on September 3. Scharf noted that the executive committee felt the additional meeting was necessary in this organizational year.
  - D. State Cost share
    1. Krosch moved to approve the allocation of \$524 to Contract NB-1. The City of Morris will use Native Buffer Cost Share funds to construct a rain garden at Pomme de Terre Park. Scharf seconded and the motion passed unanimously.
    2. Huntley moved to approve the following state cost share disbursements. Second by Krosch. Passed unanimously.

- a. Final payment of \$3816 to Contract 03/09 (Ilene Greiner Trust farmstead windbreak). \$274 in slippage will be unallocated.
  - b. Final payment of \$286 to Contract 09/08 (Jon Moser farmstead windbreak). \$13 slippage will be unallocated via special extension.
- E. Solemsaas presented the board with a proposed 2010 budget. Scharf moved to approve the budget as presented. Huntley seconded and all members voting aye, the motion passed.
- F. Additions to written staff reports
- 1. Matt updated the board on preparations for the MASWCD annual convention. Hotel reservation information will be coming out soon and the board discussed who will attend and where they would like their reservations. Staebler will make reservations as soon as possible after we get the hotel contact information. Libbon volunteered to host the hospitality room at the Holiday Inn. Lonergan will assist. Volunteers will also be needed to help with the auction, session moderators, etc. Krosch suggested going with a \$10 evening meal allowance, using only 2 per diems and travelling together in county vehicles where possible. Matt noted that Will Steger will be the keynote speaker Monday.
  - 2. Rice reported that there has been talk of a possible general CRP sign up next spring. He also noted that FSA is considering tree removal as an approved maintenance practice on certain CRP contracts.
  - 3. Johnston reported that she has taken photos of the Fynboh family for the MASWCD slide show and they were very pleased to accept the honor of Outstanding Conservationist. She asked the board and staff to start thinking ahead to the newsletter we'll be producing in the next couple months.
- G. NRCS Report – see written report by Jeff Hellermann
- H. There were no Supervisor Reports

Updated staff and supervisor photos were taken. The meeting was adjourned at 11:45.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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Jim Krosch, Secretary

9-15-09  
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