

Stevens Soil & Water Conservation District

MINUTES

Wednesday, October 21, 2009

- I. Chairman Libbon called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. Present: Krosch, Libbon, Lonergan, Huntley, Scharf. Staff present: Feigum, Johnston, McNally, Rice, Solemsaas, Staebler. Also present: Jeff Hellermann, NRCS.
- II. Supervisor Scharf moved to approve the agenda as amended. Supervisor Krosch seconded. Passed unanimously.
- III. Krosch moved to approve the Minutes from the September 15, 2009 regular meeting. Second by Scharf. All members voting aye, the motion passed.

- IV. Scharf moved to accept the Treasurer's Report, subject to audit. Second by Krosch. Passed unanimously.
  - A. The board reviewed the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter financial reports and set a budget work session for 8 a.m. Friday, October 23.
  - B. Huntley moved to pay the following bills. Seconded by Krosch, 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	138.19
6. Mary Ann Scharf	Supervisor Pay	121.82
7. Valnes Rentals	October Rent	836.33
8. Otter Tail Power	Electric bill	17.09
9. Sun Tribune	Advertising	99.00
10. American	Paper, letterhead envelopes	178.31
11. Stevens County Highway	Gas	259.95
12. Bremer Credit Card	Antivirus software, office supplies	483.53
13. Morris Cooperative	Gas	195.09
14. Iceberg Hosting	JPB Update consultation	20.00
15. Federated Telephone	Internet Connection	99.90
16. Town & Country	Supplies	99.56
17. Morris Lumber	Rain garden sign materials	45.86
18. Hancock Record	Annual subscription	26.00
19. Willie's Super Valu	JPB, Conservation Day expenses	258.86
20. Coborn's	Conservation Day	72.88
21. Audubon Center	Raptor presentation at Conservation Day	710.70
22. T&E Tow-a-Biff	Conservation Day rentals	128.25
23. Pamida	Conservation Day Expenses	44.99
24. Thrifty White	Thank you notes, Conservation Day	8.53

- V. Old Business
  - A. Annual convention registrations were completed and preparations were discussed including auction item drop-off times and auction items from our area. George will need contact information for the hospitality room at the Holiday Inn.

- VI. New Business
  - A. The board completed voting on the MASWCD resolutions.

Don Huntley left the meeting at 10:30 a.m. Shaun McNally left at 11 a.m.

- B. Scharf moved to approve the proposed wage increase for Andy Rice, contingent on the completion of the PPAT test/licensure within the next two years. Seconded by Krosch and all members voting aye, the motion passed.
- C. Krosch moved to approve the following state cost share allocations. Second by Scharf. Passed unanimously.
  1. \$3382 allocated to Contract 10/09 City of Morris for a shelterbelt in Morris section 34. Funds will be used from FY 2008, 2009 and 2010 grants. Chris got written confirmation from Pete Waller that this was permissible.
- D. Additions to written staff reports

1. Matt talked about the 4-county weed inspector position.
  2. Ron will be holding a pruning seminar this afternoon.
  3. Shaun's report was read in his absence. The board discussed the date and time of the public meeting for the Pomme de Terre River Association and the criteria for Turbidity TMDL implementation funding decided on by the Pomme de Terre River Association JPB. As soon as the plan is approved by the EPA, there will be funding available to landowners who implement applicable practices.
  4. Judy went with the Service Learning group to a Youth Energy Summit in Marshall recently. Mary Ann noted that the Pomme de Terre Garden Club is willing to purchase signs for the demonstration rain garden at our office and possibly the shoreline restoration at Pomme de Terre Park.
  5. Chris attended an employment law seminar put on through the Morris Chamber.
- E. NRCS Report – see written report by Jeff Hellermann
1. Jeff discussed the relation between USDA and state WCA criteria and rules for wetlands. He also asked if the article had been written for the paper yet about the dry hydrants being installed in the area. Matt will be writing a news release.
- F. Supervisor Reports
1. Lonergan reported on the WesMin RC&D meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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Jim Krosch, Secretary

11-17-2009  
Date