

**DOUGLAS SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
MINUTES**

Monday, February 13, 2017 – 4:00 P.M.

The Douglas Soil & Water Conservation District Board of Supervisors met at the USDA Service Center on Monday, February 13, 2017. Vice-Chairman Barsness called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. Members attending were: Barsness, Rutten, Cleary and Dropik. Thoennes was absent, also in attendance were: Commissioner Englund, Douglas County Lake Association Board Member, Jan Beliveau Haggenmiller, Rice, Derks, Dybdal and Arceneau.

Minutes of the regular January 09 2017, **meeting** was discussed. Motion by Cleary to approve, subject to audit, seconded by Rutten. Motion carried.

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

Reports

- A. Pomme De Terre Report** – Barsness reviewed the January 13th meeting which they reviewed the grants, staff contracts, tours, MPCA Monitoring and the Advisory Committee for 1 year plan. Next meeting February 10.
- B. Water Plan Update** – Derks reported on the Shoreland Training Session she attended. She also gave an update on the Water Plan that was approved by the Board of Water and Soil Resources on January 25th, 2017.
- C. Coordinator's Report** – Haggenmiller handed out his monthly report.
- D. Douglas County Commissioner Report-** Commissioner Englund updated on the Chippewa and Pomme De Terre plan.

Old Business

- A. Tree Open House** – Scheduled for 2-22-2017

New Business

- A. Field Office Update**–Dybdal reported two1026 were received and will need to have re-determinations. EQIP 24 contracts need to be ranked, CSP contracts were due by February 3- 11 Applications were received. CRP- 8 contracts with an additional 9 more to be reviewed.
- B. BWSR Master Join Powers Agreement for RIM Program.** Motion by Rutten to approve the BWSR Master Join Powers Agreement for RIM Program, seconded by Cleary. Motion carried.
- C. BWSR Competitive Grant's Program Grant Agreement** – Motion by Rutten to approve the BWSR Competitive Grant's Program Grant Agreement, seconded by Cleary. Motion carried.
- D. Buffer Law – Other Water Courses Discussion** – Meeting scheduled for Thursday, February 15, 2017.

- E. **MASWCD Legislative Day** – Scheduled for March 20-21.
- F. **Resolutions of Support for One Watershed One Plan, Chippewa, Sauk Red Eye Watershed Districts.** Motion by Rutten to approve resolutions, seconded by Dropik. Motion carried.
- G. **Area II Meeting** – Scheduled for April 6, 2017
- H. **RIM Violation Notices** -
1. **Peterson-** Motion by Rutten to send letter and corrective actions transmittal, seconded by Dropik. Motion carried.
 2. **Pauling** –Motion by Dropik to send letter and corrective actions transmittal, seconded by Rutten. Motion carried.
 3. **Kaufman** - Motion by Cleary to send letter and corrective actions transmittal seconded by Dropik. Motion carried.
- I. **Donation from R Messner** – Will use towards the Area II auction in December 2017.
- J. **March 15th Buffer Meeting** – Scheduled for March 15 at the Leaf Valley Hall at 9:00am.
- K. **Advertise for Drill Person** - Motion by Rutten to advertise the position at \$14 per hour, seconded by Cleary. Motion carried.
- L. **Andy Rice One Year Review** – Appreciates the excellent work. The Board recognizes the extra duties Rice has taken over besides Buffer Program, Tree Sales, Seed Sales, Funds thru Pomme De Terre and since no increase was given at 6 month review. Motion by Rutten to increase Rice pay by \$4.53 per hour to \$25.03 starting with current pay period, seconded by Cleary. Motion carried.

Bills to Pay. During the month of February, the Douglas SWCD issued Checks #8470-8486 for a total of \$24,927.57 including eFile (State Withholding) and EFTP (Federal Withholding). Motion by Rutten to pay the bills, seconded by Cleary. Motion carried.

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

Secretary,

Bill Dropik, Secretary