

DOUGLAS SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

MINUTES

Monday April 11, 2016 – 4:00 P.M.

The Douglas Soil & Water Conservation District Board of Supervisors met at the USDA Service Center on Monday, April 11, 2016. Chairman Thoennes called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. Members attending were: Barsness, Rutten, Thoennes and Wolf. Member absent Schneider., Also in attendance were: Commissioner Johnson, Douglas, County Lake Association Board Member, Linda Dokken-McFann, Haggemiller, Dybdal and Arceneau.

Pledge was recited

Minutes of the regular March 14, 2016, meeting was discussed. Motion by Barsness to approve, subject to audit, seconded by Wolf. Motion carried.

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

Reports

- A. **Coordinator's Report** – No Report was given.
- B. **Pomme De Terre**- No report was given.
- C. **Douglas County Commissioner Report**-Commissioner Johnson mentioned the April 19th task force meeting to review the Hospital being State vs. County owned. The County should know by July 1st if the State approved the takeover. Johnson also discussed the offsetting of Nitrogen that is contributing to poor water quality in the Chippewa River. The Construction plans have been laid out thru 2017, the 2016 Fresh Water Society Conference at Arrowwood is scheduled for April 15 & 16.

Old Business

- A. **Native Grass Seeding Selling** – Haggemiller mentioned there was a complaint that the District is selling premix seed to landowners. After discussion the Board approved by general consensus to continue the selling of premix seed.
- B. **Drill Sale**–Was sold to a landowner in Montana for \$6,200.
- C. **Water Plan Technician Position** – Interviews have been delayed until a memorandum of understanding can be finalized between Districts and NRCS on computer issues.
- D. **Area II Meeting**–Scheduled for April 13th in Foley.
- E. **2016 Election of SWCD Supervisors**–Wolf, Rutten and Schneider due by May 31, 2016.

New Business

- A. **Field Office Update**–Dybdal reported that they received fourteen drainage requests requiring wetland determination, two appeals, fourteen EQIP application were selected in the

first round, 1 application will be ranked for the 2nd round of EQIP, CSP signup is March 31st, and Meissner is working on twelve CRP applications. A new Soils Conservationist will arrive in May.

B. Low Income Septic Cost Share Applications

1. Amber Wolbeck Cost Share Flat Rate \$4,500.00 – Motion by Wolf to approve Amber Wolbeck Cost Share Flat Rate of \$4,500, seconded by Barsness. Motion Carried.
2. Donnie and Jennifer Simonson Flat Rate \$6,000.00 - Motion by Rutten to approve Donnie and Jennifer Simonson Flat Rate \$6,000.00, seconded by Barsness. Motion Carried.
3. Larry Kummrow Flat Rate - \$6,000.00- Motion by Barsness to approve Larry Kummrow Flat Rate, seconded by Rutten. Motion Carried.

C. Kids Groundwater Festival Account Administration – Motion by Wolf to approve the District to take over the Kids Groundwater Festival Account, seconded by Barsness. Motion carried.

D. One Watershed One Plan Chippewa and Pomme De Terre – A special meeting will be on April 19, 2016 to discuss applying for grants to write the plans.

E. BWSR – Biennial Budget Request – Land and Resource Management (Rebecca) and the District (Jerome) will work together to put together future projects to submit.

F. Tree Planter Sale – Motion by Wolf to sell the planter for \$850-\$900, seconded by Rutten. Motion Carried.

G. Annual Review-Anderson Thanked Anderson for 37 years of service. Motion by Barsness to increase Anderson's wage by .94¢ per hour effective current pay period, seconded by Rutten. Motion Carried.

Bills to Pay. During the month of April, the Douglas SWCD issued Checks 8103-8140 for a total of \$68,559.33 including eFile (State Withholding) and EFTP (Federal Withholding). Motion by Rutten to pay the bills, seconded by Wolf. Motion carried.

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

Secretary,

Jon Schneider, Secretary