

DOUGLAS SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

MINUTES

Monday May 9, 2016 – 8:00 P.M.

The Douglas Soil & Water Conservation District Board of Supervisors met at the USDA Service Center on Monday May 9, 2016. Chairman Thoennes called the meeting to order at 8:00 p.m. Members attending were: Barsness, Rutten, Schneider, Thoennes and Wolf. Also in attendance were: Commissioner Johnson, Douglas, County Lake Association Board Member, Linda Dokken-McFann, Pomme De Terre Manager, Jared House, Haggemiller, Dybdal and Arceneau.

Pledge was recited

Minutes of the regular April 11, 2016, meeting was discussed. Motion by Rutten to approve, subject to audit, seconded by Barsness. Motion carried.

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

Reports

- A. **Pomme De Terre Report-** Jared House reviewed a grant opportunity to fund the writing of the One Watershed One Plan. There are six Districts that House is asking for their support in the grant application. Motion by Wolf to support the process of writing the One Watershed One Plan grant, seconded by Schneider. Motion carried.
- B. **Coordinator's Report** – Haggemiller handed out his monthly report.
- C. **Douglas County Commissioner Report-**Commissioner Johnson mentioned the County Attorneys are in their new space in the Court House. The County is working with the City of Alexandria on future planning to the fairground property.

Old Business

- A. **Water Plan Technician Position** – Motion by Wolf to hire Danica Mazurek at \$17.50 per hour, seconded by Barsness. Motion Carried.
- B. **District Technician Resignation** – Ben Branson resigned as of May 6, 2016.
- C. **2016 Election of SWCD Supervisors**–Wolf, Rutten and Schneider due by May 31, 2016.
- D. **Resolutions** – need to be submitted by June 22nd.

New Business

- A. **Field Office Update**–Dybdal reported that they received eight drainage requests requiring wetland determination, two appeals, one EQIP application were selected in the second round, fifteen CSP Contracts and twelve CRP applications.
- B. **State Envirothon – May 16** – Motion by Rutten to allow Arceneau to attend the State Envirothon, seconded by Schneider. Motion Carried.
- C. **Administrative Training June 22 & 23** - Motion by Schneider to allow Arceneau to attend the Administrative Training, seconded by Barsness. Motion Carried.
- D. **Area II Meeting** – In Glenwood on June 22, 2016

- E. State Cost Share Application**-John Bitzen Sed Blks Brandon Twp. Sec 2 Total Cost\$13,473.33 State Cost Share \$3,622.00 Motion by Barsness to approve John Bitzen application, seconded by Rutten. Motion Carried.
- F. Community Partners Sed Pond Clean Out – Total Cost \$7,600 Cost Share 75% \$5,700** Motion by Wolf to approve Community Partners Sed Pond Clean Out – Total Cost \$7,600 Cost Share 75% \$5,700, seconded by Rutten. Motion Carried.
- G. Clean Water Fund Well Sealing Cost Share Application** - Shawn Thelen-Total Cost \$1,000 Cost Share-\$500 – 50% and Rick Boushek-Total Cost\$1,000 Cost Share- \$500– 50% Motion by Barsness to approve Shawn Thelen and Rick Boushek Clean Water Fund Well Sealing Cost Share Applications seconded by Rutten. Motion Carried.
- H. Clean Water Fund Well Sealing Cost Share Payments**
1. Michael Merten Total Cost \$210.00 Cost Share 50% -\$105.00- Motion by Barsness to approve Michael Merten Cost Share Payment of \$105.00, seconded by Rutten. Motion Carried.
 2. Willis Thoen –Total Cost \$395.00 Cost Share 50% - \$197.50 Motion by Wolf to approve Willis Thoen Cost Share Payment of \$197.50, seconded by Schneider. Motion Carried.
 3. Joyce Wyffels-Total Cost \$395.00 Cost Share 50% - \$197.50 Motion by Wolf to approve Joyce Wyffels Cost Share Payment of \$197.50, seconded by Schneider. Motion Carried.
 4. Richard Lukanen - Total Cost \$395.00 Cost Share 50% - \$197.50- Motion by Barsness to approve Richard Lukanen Cost Share Payment of \$197.50, seconded by Rutten. Motion Carried.
- I. Walk In Access Agreement** - Motion by Schneider to approve the Walk In Access Agreement, seconded by Wolf. Motion Carried.
- J. Farm Bill Assistance Grant Application**-Motion by Barsness to approve the Farm Bill Assistance Grant Application, seconded by Schneider. Motion Carried.
- K. Poster Contest Judging** – Supervisor’s voted for the top three posters and top one mural.
- L. Starla Arceneau – Review** - Thanked Arceneau for 5 years of service. Motion by Barsness to increase Arceneau’s wage by .76¢ per hour effective current pay period, seconded by Rutten. Motion Carried. Also a Motion by Barsness to update Arceneau and Haggemiller’s Cell Phones, seconded by Rutten. Motion Carried.

Bills to Pay. During the month of May, the Douglas SWCD issued Checks 8141-8185 for a total of \$76,387.17 including eFile (State Withholding) and EFTP (Federal Withholding). Motion by Wolf to pay the bills, seconded by Rutten. Motion carried.

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

Secretary,

Jon Schneider, Secretary