

**DOUGLAS SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
MINUTES**

Monday, March 13, 2017 – 4:00 P.M.

The Douglas Soil & Water Conservation District Board of Supervisors met at the USDA Service Center on Monday, March 13, 2017. Chairman Thoennes called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. Members attending were: Barsness, Rutten, Thoennes, Cleary and Dropik. Also in attendance were: Commissioner Englund, Douglas County Lake Association Board Member, Linda Mcfann, Haggemiller, Dybdal and Arceneau.

Minutes of the regular February 13, 2017, **meeting** was discussed. Motion by Barsness 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 Barsness. Motion carried.

Reports

- A. **Pomme De Terre Report** – Englund reviewed the February 10 meeting which they reviewed the grants, Committee for 1 year plans.
- B. **Coordinator's Report** – Haggemiller handed out his monthly report.
- C. **Douglas County Commissioner Report**- Commissioner Englund updated there will be a meeting on March 17th to review the Chippewa Basin, buffer action alert by Westrom, County Aide Program to reduce Douglas Counties Road and Street budget by 5%.

Old Business

- A. **Annual Plan of Work Update** - Motion by Barsness to approve, seconded by Rutten. Motion carried.
- B. **Area II Meeting** – Will be at the Eagles Club 3424 in Litchfield on April 6
- C. **March 15th Buffer Meeting** – Will be at the Leaf Valley Hall at 9:00am
- D. **Tree Open House 2-22-17**- Had a great turnout.
- E. **BWSR Competitive Grants Work Plans**- Approved to work on the Ag Waste Pit Investigations and Lake Ida and Ditch 23 Projects.
- F. **MASWCD- Legislative Day March 20-21**

New Business

- A. **Field Office Update**–Dybdal reported Nine 1026 were received and two will need to have re-determinations. HEL Split Redeterminations, EQIP 24 contracts need to be ranked, 11 CSP contracts need to be reviewed, CRP- 18 contracts to be reviewed 2 WRP Payments, Area II Office Reviews will be March 27-29.

- B. **Pomme De Terre Implementation Plan Agreements** Motion by Rutten to approve, seconded by Barsness. Motion carried.
- C. **Drill Manager** – Job Posting was posted in local papers.
- D. **Education Position – Job Posting** Motion by Cleary to advertise Education Position, seconded by Barsness. Motion carried.
- E. **Tree Planter and Green Truck Selling-** Rutten will put on Craigslist
- F. **Conservation Corp Site Agreement** Motion by Barsness to approve, seconded by Dropik. Motion carried.
- G. **Letter to Colin Peterson on Legislation to Eliminate SAM & DUNN Requirements** Motion by Barsness to send letter, seconded by Cleary. Motion carried.
- H. **Medica Insurance** Motion by Barsness to approve Medica Insurance, seconded by Rutten. Motion carried.
- I. **2016 Financial Statements** Motion by Barsness to approve 2016 Financial Statements, seconded by Dropik. Motion carried.

Bills to Pay. During the month of March, the Douglas SWCD issued Checks #8487 for a total of \$ including eFile (State Withholding) and EFTP (Federal Withholding). Motion by Cleary to pay the bills, seconded by Dropik. Motion carried.

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

Secretary,



Bill Dropik, Secretary