

**DOUGLAS SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT  
MINUTES**

**Monday, September 11, 2017 – 7:30 A.M.**

The Douglas Soil & Water Conservation District Board of Supervisors met at the USDA Service Center on Monday, September 11, 2017. Chairman Thoennes called the meeting to order at 7:30 a.m. Members attending were: Rutten, Thoennes, Cleary and Dropik. Barsness absent, also in attendance were: Commissioner Englund, Douglas County Lake Association Board Member, Linda Mcfann, Steve Henry Sr., Haggemiller, Dybdal, Albertsen, Derks and Arceneau.

**Minutes** of the regular August 14, 2017 **meeting** was discussed. Motion by Rutten to approve, subject to audit, seconded by Cleary. Motion carried.

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

**Reports**

- A. Coordinator's Report** – Haggemiller handed out his monthly report.
- B. Pomme De Terre Report** – No Report
- C. Area II Meeting Report** – Thoennes, Cleary and Rutten reported on the two Soil Health Presentations given by Kent Solberg and Richard Warner.
- D. MASWCD Governance 101 Workshop** – Cleary and Dropik will attend.
- E. Douglas County Commissioner Report-** Commissioner Englund reported they reviewed the 2018 budget, the new Rental Homes issue and the Pomme de Terre Bus Tour on September 13<sup>th</sup>, 2017.

**Old Business**

- A. Fair Booth** – Albertsen reported on the successful fair booth.

**New Business**

- A. Field Office Update**–Dybdal reported ten 1026 were received and three will need to have re-determinations. CSP working on obligation agreements, EQIP twenty-five applications are eligible and will need to be ranked. Dybdal will be acting DC for Grant County until a new DC can be hired.
- B. Clean Water Funds Lake Ida RFP Approval** – Haggemiller and Derks interviewed the top three Engineering Firms and have recommended Barr Engineering. Motion by Rutten to hire Barr Engineering, seconded by Cleary. Motion Carried.
- C. 2017 Resolution Packet**–Haggemiller handed out the resolutions for the Supervisors to rank and return to the office.

- D. MASWCD 2017 Award's Outstanding Conservationist** – the following candidates were discussed Newton Earl and Smokey Timbers. Motion by Rutten to nominate Smokey Timbers, Seconded by Dropik. Motion Carried.
- E. BWSR Academy** Motion by Cleary to approve Albertsen, Arceneau, Derks and Rice to attend the BSWR Academy, Seconded by Rutten. Motion Carried.
- F. Pomme De Terre Tour** – Haggemiller, Derks and Rice will attend the September 13<sup>th</sup> Tour.
- G. 2018-2019 BWSR Program & Operational Grant Agreement** Motion by Rutten to approve the 2018-2018 BWSR Program and Operational Grant Agreement, seconded by Dropik. Motion Carried.
- H. Well Sealing Cost Share Application.** Motion by Rutten to approve Kurtis Kuhn, Michael Amberg and Charles Olson applications Total Cost \$1,000.00 Cost Share \$500.00, seconded by Cleary. Motion carried.
- I. State Cost Share Applications** – Motion by Dropik to approve Dean Blade Application-Sec 24 & 25 Holmes City Township Wetland Restoration Total Cost \$13,000 Cost Share \$5,000.00, seconded by Cleary. Motion Carried. Motion by Rutten to approve Todd Otterness Application-Sec 25 Holmes City Township Wetland Restoration Total Cost \$25,500 Cost Share \$5,000.00, seconded by Dropik. Motion Carried.  
Motion by Dropik to approve Reid Andersons Application-Sec 11 Lund Township Sed Blk Total Cost \$3,487.00 Cost Share \$1,230.00, seconded by Rutten. Motion Carried.
- J. Jessica Albertsen 3 month review-** Motion by Cleary to increase Albertsen wage by \$1per hour starting the current payroll, seconded by Rutten. Motion Carried.

**Bills to Pay.** During the month of September, the Douglas SWCD issued Checks #8726-8758 for a total of \$30,337.02 including eFile (State Withholding) and EFTP (Federal Withholding). Motion by Rutten to pay the bills, seconded by Dropik. Motion carried.

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

Secretary,

Bill Dropik, Secretary