



**MINNESOTA
SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICTS**

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CONSERVATION DISTRICT**

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APRIL 14, 2009 MEETING MINUTES

Chairman Dave Trebelhorn convened the meeting at 4:00 P. M.

Members present:

Paul Weimann, Vice Chair
Tom Pfarr, Treasurer
Bob Nielsen, Secretary
Gary Schafer, Reporter

Members absent:

None

Others present:

Loren Evenson, District Manager
Ron Otto, Water Management Coordinator
John Dotolo, District Conservationist
Joel Wurscher, High Island Creek Watershed Coordinator

Motion by Schafer; seconded by Pfarr to approve the March 2009 secretary's report.

Yeas: all; nays: none. Motion carried.

Evenson gave the treasurer's report stating that there was a balance of \$5,181.77 in checking, \$155,163.23 in savings and \$16,813.94 in certificates of deposit. After discussion of the treasurer's report there was a motion by Bob Nielson; seconded by Gary Schafer to approve the March 2009 treasurer's report.

Yeas: all; nays: none. Motion carried.

NRCS Report

Dotolo reported that tiling requests are beginning to come in. There have also been some requests for CRP. The next application period for EQIP funding is now open. There have been 2 landowners that have signed up for nutrient management. The RIM-WRP for Mary Mueller and Virgil Voigt has been surveyed. Gary Kruggel is in the process of getting bids for his RIM-WRP. The NRCS- SWCD memorandum of understanding agreement states that SWCD should have any outstanding claims submitted to the NRCS area office by September 30, 2009.

Water Management Report

Otto gave his report on activities for the last month. He also presented a resolution for the board's consideration regarding the LCCMR grant that needs to be submitted by May 1, 2009.

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Water Management Report (continued)

After discussion, a motion was made by Bob Nielsen; seconded by Paul Wiemann to support a resolution stating that the Sibley SWCD allow Ronald Otto submit an application to LCCMR for alternative tile inlets and filter strip for areas of the county not covered by the Rush River, Buffalo Creek (CROW) and High Island Creek Watersheds and that Sibley SWCD be the fiscal agent. Yeas: all; nays: none. Motion carried.

At the last Three Rivers RC&D meeting it was decided that Sibley County would be the site for the summer tour. Trebelhorn, Evenson, Otto, Wurscher, Patterson and Woehler are the committee working on the tour. Monday July 13, 2009 was chosen as the date. The meeting will begin at 9:30 A. M. at the Sibley County Service Center; a box lunch will be provided, with a PowerPoint presentation during lunch. At 12:30 P. M., there will be a short bus tour in the Gaylord area. The tour will conclude by 2:00 P. M.

The watershed implementation projects have started a rain barrel program, and in the next few weeks 20 barrels will be put together for distribution. The cost for each completed barrel is \$25.00 plus labor. These will be distributed at no cost to home owners in the High Island Creek and Rush River Watersheds.

Otto gave a final report on the USGS Well project. He stated that \$633.78 was paid for his mileage on the project. Sibley County allocated \$1,000.00 for this project. The new atlas will be finished about June 2010.

High Island Creek Watershed

Wurscher reported on the activities for the past month in the watershed.

Rush River Watershed

Patterson was not present for this meeting and Otto gave a short presentation of the activities of the past month.

District Report

The District has received 120 orders for trees and shrubs, as of March 31st. Over half of the orders are from new customers, or those who have not ordered in the last three years. The use of a new address database accounts for many of these orders.

Staff attended a TMDL study open house, hosted by the Rush River and High Island Creek Watersheds; watershed technical meeting; and, an advanced Wetland Conservation Act Administrative Training meeting. Staff also listened in on a USDA teleconference relating to the Freedom of Information and Data Privacy Acts.

Precipitation forms and return envelopes were sent to our network of gauge readers.

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Old Business

There was no old business to report.

New Business

A motion was made by Pfarr; seconded by Schafer to pay the supervisor per diems for the first quarter of 2009. Yeas: all; nays: none. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Pfarr; seconded by Nielsen, to approve a State Cost-Share request of John Wold, Alfsborg Township, for the construction of a terrace. Yeas: all; nays: none. Motion carried. Cost-Share funding in the amount of \$3,535.00 will be encumbered from the 2009 fund (contract #FY09-8). Technical and administrative funds in the amount of \$881.25 will also be encumbered.

A motion was made by Schafer; seconded by Pfarr, to approve a State Cost-Share request of Jon Forst, Moltke Township, for the sealing of an unused well. Yeas: all; nays: none. Motion carried. Cost-Share funding in the amount of \$400 will be encumbered from the 2009 fund (contract #FY09-9). Technical and administrative funds in the amount of \$100 will also be encumbered.

A motion was made by Wiemann; seconded by Nielsen, to approve a State Cost-Share request of Gerald Morrison, Faxon Township, for the sealing of an unused well. Yeas: all; nays: none. Motion carried. Cost-Share funding in the amount of \$400 will be encumbered from the 2009 fund (contract #FY09-10). Technical and administrative funds in the amount of \$100 will also be encumbered.

A motion was made by Schafer; seconded by Pfarr, to approve a State Cost-Share request of Walter Fuller, rural Belle Plaine, for the repair of a failed terrace in Faxon Township. Yeas: all; nays: none. Motion carried. Cost-Share funding in the amount of \$4,125.00 will be encumbered from the 2009 fund (contract #FY09-11). Technical and administrative funds in the amount of \$1,031.25 will also be encumbered. This structure is one of the oldest in the County; records cannot be found. It was repaired in the mid nineties, but has again failed due to back-sluffing.

A motion was made by Nielsen; seconded by Wiemann to approve an AgBMP loan request of Jerry Schwarzrock, Moltke Township, for the purchase of a disk ripper. Yeas: all; nays: none. Motion carried.

Zone 10 has to amend their bylaws to include the two counties (Renville and McLeod) added to Zone 10. Every County Attorney's in Zone 10 will make recommendations and then Blue Earth County Attorney will then make changes. Sibley County Attorney Schauer has looked over the bylaws and recommended a couple minor changes. Each SCWD in Zone 10 and Zone 10 have to approve the amended bylaws before Zone 10 can apply for grant money to keep operating. There is a June 1, 2009 deadline for these actions. The grant has to be submitted by July 1, 2009. Zone 10 Supervisors decided to continue to use Zone 10 as the official name of the group.

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New Business (continued)

The trees and shrubs will be arriving April 21, 2009. There are currently 124 orders at a cost of \$12,912.84 with 6,682 trees and shrubs sold.

Other Business

A motion was made Pfarr; seconded by Schafer to pay the Copy Machine Agreement at a cost of \$532.68. Yeas: all; nays: none. Motion carried.

A Motion was made by Nielsen; seconded by Wiemann, to share the \$100.00 cost of a Sibley County Fair Booth for 2009 with the High Island and Rush River Watersheds. Yeas: all; nays: none. Motion carried.

There being no other business, a motion was made by Wiemann; seconded by Pfarr to adjourn. Yeas: all; nays: none. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 5:40 P.M.

The next meeting will be held at the Agricultural Service Center, at 4:00 P.M., on May 12, 2009.

Secretary _____