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MINNESOTA SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICTS

MINUTES FROM THE MONTHLY BOARD MEETING, December 13, 2011

Members present: Dave Trebelhorn, Chairman
Paul Wiemann, Vice-Chairman
Robert Nielsen, Secretary
Gary Schafer, Reporter

Others present: Loren Evenson, District Manager
Ron Otto, Water Management Coordinator
April Sullivan, NRCS District Conservationist
Jordan Dylla, NRCS Conservation Technician

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Trebelhorn at 4:00 P.M.

Motion by Wiemann; seconded by Nielsen to approve the November meeting minutes.
Yeas: all; nays: none. Motion carried.

Motion by Schafer; seconded by Nielsen, to approve the November Financial Report.
Yeas: all; nays: none. Motion carried.

NRCS Report

The first ranking cutoff date for EQIP will be January 27, 2012.

15 EQIP practices have been regionalized and NRCS will no longer pay for perimeter fence when taking cropland out of production.

Sullivan is finishing up practice payments for 2011 scheduled practices

Evenson and Otto have received certification for the contribution agreement after they meet with the Area IV Biologist. Pioske's computer is down so he has not received his certification.

The backlog of 1026 requests continues with there still being 56 for FY 2011 and 147 for FY 2012. The three year average is 250 requests and since August 5th there has been 357.

Sullivan is working on CSP modifications for those who want payment in 2011.

NRCS Report (Continued)

NRCS is working on a newsletter to be mailed with the SWCD newsletter in February.

Water Management Report

Otto has been appointed the Interim Watersheds Coordinator.

The Water Plan extension has been approved by the Regional BWSR Board and has been recommended for approval at the State BWSR Board meeting on December 14, 2011.

District Report

Evenson and Pioske looked at Bob Fischer's problem and they don't believe a berm should be constructed.

Evenson, Pioske, Sullivan and Dylla visited with Dr. Gupta, U of M, and Doug Miller, NRCS at some high bluff areas on the Rush River. Dr. Gupta wants to study them concerning erosion from the banks and sediment going into the river.

Old Business

There was no old business to report.

New Business

Motion by Wiemann; seconded by Nielsen, to pay the fourth quarter supervisor per diems and expenses. Yeas: all; nays: none. Motion carried.

Motion by Nielsen; seconded by Schafer, to approve a State Cost-Share practice application of Charles Johnson, Alfsborg Township for the sealing of an unused well. Yeas: all; Nays: none. Motion carried. Cost-share funding in the amount to \$400.00 will be encumbered from 2012 funds (Contract #FY12-2). The District will retain \$100.00 in technical assistance funding for the project.

Motion by Wiemann; seconded by Nielsen, to approve a State Cost-Share practice application of Mark Weber, Arlington Township for the sealing of an unused well. Yeas: all; Nays: none. Motion carried. Cost-share funding in the amount to \$400.00 will be encumbered from 2012 funds (Contract #FY12-3). The District will retain \$100.00 in technical assistance funding for the project.

Motion by Schafer; seconded by Wiemann, to approve a State Cost-Share practice application of Jon Forst, Moltke Township for the sealing of an unused well. Yeas: all; Nays: none. Motion carried. Cost-share funding in the amount to \$400.00 will be encumbered from 2012 funds (Contract # FY12-4). The District will retain \$100.00 in technical assistance funding for the project.

Motion by Schafer; seconded by Nielsen, to approve the purchase of a nursery license for \$175.00 from the State Of Minnesota. Yeas: all; nays: none. Motion carried.

New Business (Continued)

The supervisors discussed the State Convention auction and want to remember suggestions when it is Area 6's turn to host it. The auction netted just short of \$7,000.00.

Other Business

After discussion it was decided to hold the Sibley SWCD Producer Appreciation Night at the RoadHaus in Henderson on January 12, 2012. Social hour will be from 6:00 – 7:00 P.M., with the meal at 7:00 P.M. Sullivan and Nielsen will continue to work on details.

Schafer would like to attend the National Convention in Las Vegas in January 29, 2012 – February 1, 2012. Schafer suggested the board approve paying per diem and registration.

Motion by Nielsen; seconded by Wiemann, to approve paying the registration and per diem for Schafer to attend the NACD Annual Meeting. Yeas: Nielsen, Trebelhorn and Wiemann; Nays: none; Abstained: Schafer. Motion carried.

Scafer left the meeting at 5:30 P.M.

Wiemann attended The RC&D meeting on December 12th. He reported the Watonwan County will no longer be a part of the RC&D. There was no quorum at the meeting so all business discussed were recommendations. There was discussion that RC7D would run the Mankato Farmers Market for \$6,000.00

Motion by Nielsen; seconded by Wiemann, to move the board meetings to the FSA lunch room. Yeas: all; Nays: none. Motion carried.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Wieman; seconded by Nielsen, to adjourn the meeting. Yeas: all; nays: none. Motion carried. The meeting was concluded at 5:45 P.M. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, January10, 2012, at 4:00 P.M., at the Agricultural Service Center.
