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MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
Lyon Soil & Water Conservation District
Conference Room SWCD/NRCS Office
March 25, 2008

Meeting called to order by Chairman Meulebroeck at 10 AM
Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

Supervisors present: Nyquist, Prairie, Mohn, Meulebroeck, and Crowley
Staff present: Anderson, Louwagie, DeBeer, Thomazin
Lyon County Commissioner: Rodney Stensrud

Minutes of the February meeting were read as mailed. Chair asked for any addition or corrections to the minutes, hearing none asked for motion for approval. Motion by Mohn, second by Nyquist that the minutes be accepted as presented.

Affirmative: Nyquist, Prairie, Meulebroeck, Crowley & Mohn
Opposed: None
Motion carried on a unanimous voice vote.

Treasurers Report and Bills Payable:

Anderson reviewed the Treasurer Report as mailed to the Board.
Anderson routed the bills payable to those in attendance and reviewed.

Motion by Prairie, second by Crowley that the Treasurers Report is filed for Audit and that the Bills as presented are paid.

Affirmative: Nyquist, Prairie, Meulebroeck, Crowley & Mohn
Opposed: None
Motion carried on a unanimous voice vote.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Open House: Anderson reminded the Board that the open house is Thursday March 27, 9 AM to 11 AM. Staff has several displays ready for the day.

Grazing Workshop: Anderson and Thomazin reported that the date of June 11th works for our presenters and for the Thoofits.

We have contacted organizations, other districts for support for the event as it will bring in landowners from several counties. We also will be promoting to the conservation districts in South Dakota.

The SWMN Cattleman's Association has agreed to donate \$500 toward the costs of the meal.

Other: Anderson reminded the Board that it was discussed last year that the per diem be raised to \$65.00 in 2008. The allowable rate is \$75.00 which most of the SWCD's are using.

After discussion, Motion was made by Prairie, second by Nyquist that the per diem for the Board members be raised to \$65.00.

Affirmative: Nyquist, Prairie, Meulebroeck, Crowley & Mohn

Opposed: None

Motion carried on a unanimous voice vote.

April Board meeting: Anderson asked if the Board wanted to go to the summer starting time which is 7 PM. All agreed to starting the summer meeting time as is the SWCD policy.

NEW BUSINESS

Grant Opportunity:

BWSR has offered a grant to the SWCD's for a new program "Native Buffer Cost Share Program" The grant is for \$15,000 which would be to establish Native seeding. This could be used for older RIM contract that need to be reseeded as well as other areas. Program details were given out. Staff discussed several areas that we think the landowners would be interested in this program.

After discussion, Motion was made by Crowley, second by Nyquist that the SWCD staff promote the program and work to get contracts.

Affirmative: Nyquist, Prairie, Meulebroeck, Crowley & Mohn

Opposed: None

Motion carried on a unanimous voice vote.

Chairman Meulebroeck signed the agreement form and Anderson will forward to BWSR.

Tracy Sportsman Show: April 19th and 20th. Anderson asked the Board for volunteers to assist in staffing the booth. Supervisors felt that they would be in the field and not able to assist. The staff will have to fill in the time.

Chairman Meulebroeck called for a 5 minute break. 11 AM

Chairman Meulebroeck resumed the meeting at 11:06 AM

District Conservationist Report
Jamie Thomazin

CRP new practice for promotion of pheasant habitat: several new criteria that apply to this practice that is different from other continuous practices of regular CRP practices.

Working with area staff, MN Extension and Anderson getting all the agenda items etc set-up so we can begin promoting through newsletters and posters.

Speaker, Greg Thompson, will be presenting on Rain gardens at the Fulda Community Center on March 31, at 7 PM if anyone is interested. He presented at the RC&D meeting and was a very good presentation.

We will be redoing the filing system. Have been approved to hire a WAE person. If anyone has suggestions of someone that would be good please let me know or have them come into the office. We will be organizing the files by section and township and not under the landowner name.

Mutual Agreement between the SWCD and NRCS: reviewed the agreement with the board. Motion by Mohn, second by Crowley that the SWCD approves the agreement.

Affirmative: Nyquist, Prairie, Meulebroeck, Crowley & Mohn

Opposed: None

Motion carried on a unanimous voice vote.

DISTRICT TECHNICIANS REPORT
Laura DeBeer

Spending time getting the training needed for the position. Wetland Conservation Act Tree technical training and BWSR programs

At present we have 15-16 plantings to do this spring.

Wetland Conservation Act (WCA)

We have the following applications to review:

Glen Walters: Landowner would like to excavate a wetland area deeper to create habitat for water fowl. This application has been recommended for approval by the Tech panel with the following conditions: not to exceed 5% of the total wetland area or ½ acre whichever is less. The wetland is 5 acres, 5% would be ¼ acre or 10,890 sp ft.

Excavation area can have a slope no steeper than 5:1 with an irregular edge. The excavation can be no deeper than 6 feet and it recommended that it be a depth of 4-5 feet with an unglugated bottom to produce variable water depths. Spoil (excavated material) must be placed outside of the wetland on an upland area and all disturbed land must be

seeded immediately with native seed mixture. Seed mixtures will be given to the landowner. Work will be monitored by the Lyon SWCD to ensure compliance.

Motion by Prairie, second by Mohn that the recommendation made by the Tech panel be accepted by the Lyon SWCD Board acting as the Local Government Unit for WCA.

Affirmative: Nyquist, Prairie, Meulebroeck, Crowley & Mohn

Opposed: None

Motion carried on a unanimous voice vote.

Menards/Marshall wetland banking site: The consulting firm has completed the banking plan as needed for approval. It is the recommendation of the Tech Panel that the plan be approved as corrected.

Motion by Crowley, second by Nyquist that the corrected information be accepted and recommended for approval.

Affirmative: Nyquist, Prairie, Meulebroeck, Crowley & Mohn

Opposed: None

Motion carried on a unanimous voice vote.

DISTRICT ADMINISTRATORS REPORT

Rose Anderson

Month of March 2008

- Worked on display items for the open house/Tracy show
- Training on BWSR Programs
- Area V Meeting

Month of April

- Tracy Sportsman show
- Finish planning for Grazing Day
- Update the Web site

State Cost Share contract requests:

We have the following requests for cost share funding:

- From Lyon SWCD Regular cost share funds: all are requested at 75% of eligible costs
Don Korman, farmstead windbreak contract # 6/08, total cost \$3,729 c/s request \$2,108 Kevin DeBaere, farmstead windbreak contract # 5/08, total cost \$1,106 c/s request \$695
Fran Korman, farmstead windbreak contract # 8/08, total cost \$1,576 c/s request \$1,151
Kathleen McNulty, farmstead windbreak contract # 7/08, total cost \$2,108 c/s request \$1,406.50
Dave Callens, farmstead windbreak contract # 9/08, total cost \$1,024 c/s request \$768

Motion by Nyquist, second by Mohn that the contracts are approved for cost share program.

Affirmative: Nyquist, Prairie, Meulebroeck, Crowley & Mohn

Opposed: None

Motion carried on a unanimous voice vote.

- Submitted the request to the RC&D for additional funding for the grazing day.
- WCA: Approval of the exception for the Lyon Lincoln electric line upgrade.
- Need to re-do the Board approval of staff approving applications if the deadline will be before the Board meetings.

Motion by Prairie second by Nyquist that the Lyon SWCD Administrator and Technical staff have the authority to made decisions for WCA applications if the application response dates do not fit with the regular board meeting dates. If done, a full report of the application must be given at the next SWCD Board meeting.

Affirmative: Nyquist, Prairie, Meulebroeck, Crowley & Mohn

Opposed: None

Motion carried on a unanimous voice vote.

Water plan as comprehensive 5-year plan for the district, will need to do an adoption of the extension at the April meeting as it will have gone through BWSR by that time.

Supervisors Reports

- RCRC/Meulebroeck: Lake Redwood, landowner has decided he wants more dollars for spreading on his land. As it has been determined that the project will need less acres, there may not be a problem with thank. Bids will be going out in April. Kari of the SWCD is working part time in both offices on the financial record keeping.
- Water Task Force/Nyquist: No meeting
- SW JPO/Mohn: No meeting
- RC&D/Nyquist: Meeting tomorrow
- Area V Supervisors association/Meulebroeck: Meeting June 19th.
- County/Stensrud: No additional information, April 8-9th is the county days at the capital and the association meeting.

Chairman Meulebroeck asked if there were any additional business items. Hearing none requested a motion for adjournment.

Motion made by Mohn, second by Prairie that the meeting adjourns.

Affirmative: Nyquist, Prairie, Meulebroeck, Crowley & Mohn

Opposed: None

Motion carried on a unanimous voice vote.

Next Meeting Date: April 22 at 7 PM in the conference room of the SWCD/NRCS office.

Meeting adjourned at 12:15 PM

Chairman, Lyon SWCD

Sec/Treasurer, Lyon SWCD