

Lyon Soil & Water Conservation District
Minutes of Regular Board Meeting
December 22, 2009

Meeting called to order by Vice Chairman Crowley at 10 AM
Pledge of Allegiance

Supervisors in attendance: Crowley, Nyquist, Meulebroeck, Prairie
Supervisor's absence: Mohn
Staff present: Anderson, Louwagie, DeBeer, Timmerman
Lyon County Commissioner: Rodney Stensrud

Minutes of the November Board meeting were reviewed as presented. Motion by Meulebroeck, second by Nyquist. Motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Treasurers Report: Anderson reviewed the report with the Board. Vice-Chairman Crowley accepted the report and requested that it be filled subject to audit.

Bills Payable: Anderson reviewed the current bills due with the board and provided the original invoices to support. Motion by Prairie, second by Meulebroeck that the bills are approved for payment and the Treasurer sign the checks. Motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- Budget for 2010: Stensrud reported that the County has approved an \$87,500 appropriation to the SWCD. After discussion the Board has asked that Anderson prepare a proposed budget for 2010 and the Board will meet at 8:30 AM to review before the regular board meeting time of 10 AM.

NEW BUSINESS

- Cost Share policy: Anderson asked that the Board consider review of the policy setting priority areas/projects. Our cost share allocation from the State as been reduced by 50% and we need to address to make sure that we are providing assistance to the most needed projects and priorities. The Board directed Anderson to draft and policy for review and the January 26th meeting.
- 2010 Annual Plan: Anderson is working on updating the plan for the new year. The Board requested it be available for review at the January meeting and after review will decide if there is a need to appoint a committee to work on changes.

DISTRICT CONSERVATIONIST REPORT

Jamie Thomazin absent.

Mike Timmerman provided a report on the projects that were completed in 2009 and planned projects for 2010.

DISTRICT CONSERVATION TECHNICIAN

Laura DeBeer

DeBeer reported that we have a number of Wetland Conservation Act projects etc that we are working on. We are also asking all landowners that are proposing projects that may impact wetland areas to apply for WCA permits...

Feedlot inventory: Still have a couple of sites in Rock Lake to look at, waiting for landowners to schedule site visits. Will be getting files from the County on sites in Lyons Township.

Tree sales: have a few that we are finalizing plans for.

ADMINISTRATORS REPORT

Rose Anderson

Spending time getting together information for the Annual Report, AgBMP report and application, Annual Plan updates and the financial report for 2009.

Attended a planning committee meeting for the 2010 Ladies Ag day. It will be in June in Marshall. Topics will be trees/organic growing and recycled products from wood.

The next couple of months will be filled with reports that are due, will be having a cost share audit of the 2008 cost share year as it is complete.

We have no new cost share contracts for approval and none that have requested payment.

Are preparing a mailing for the Board position Mohn is vacating. Will try to get information out to the eligible residents in January/February.

SUPERVISORS REPORTS

- RCRCA/Meulebroeck: Annual meeting was held in conjunction with Area II. Very good presentations and information. Majority of projects that were funded through RCRCA funds were located in Lyon County. Anderson reported that Timmerman had done the survey, design and construction checks on the projects. Area II did the engineering and construction checks on the small impoundment (dams) that were funded with Timmerman assisting in the survey work. DeBeer and Anderson provided assistance for WCA and during DeBeers leave, Lincoln County assisted with WCA.

January 25th will be the regular RCRCA meeting.

- Water Task Force/Nyquist: Meeting consisted of review of requests for funding. Recommendations were made and forwarded to the Lyon Co Commissioners for approval. SWCD requested funding for Alt intakes, Women's Ag Day, Earth Day, Conservation Use acres and the Environmental Fair. All were awarded either the requested amount or reduced to meet funding available.
- SW Prairies Joint Powers/Crowley: No meeting
- Area V/Meulebroeck: No meeting, next meeting will be in February
- RC&D/Nyquist: We are scheduled to have an Annual meeting in Jan on the 20th.
- Lyon County/Stensrud: Budget was approved. Wages were one of the main topics. Elected staff was given a 3% increase and other staff was given increases of 1.5 to 3%. The departments came in under budget in 2009 for expenses.

Anderson stated that once the Annual Report is completed for 2009, she will contact the Lyon County Administrator to set a time to report and present to the Commissioners.

Vice-Chair asked for any additions items of business that needed to be discussed related to the agenda. None was offered. Vice-Chair asked for a motion of adjournment.

Motion made by Prairie, second by Nyquist that the meeting adjourn. Motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Meeting adjourned at 11:30 AM

Next meeting date: January 26, 2010

Chairman, Lyon SWCD

Sec/Treasurer, Lyon SWCD