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MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING
Lyon Soil & Water Conservation District
March 24, 2009

Meeting called to order by Chairman Mohn at 10 AM

Pledge of Allegiance recited

Supervisors Present: Mohn, Prairie, Meulebroeck, Crowley

Supervisors Absent: Nyquist

Staff Present: Anderson, Thomazin, Louwagie

Lyon County Commissioner: Steve Ritter

Others: NRCS Asst. State Conservationist, Gary Watson

Chairman Mohn asked for any additions to the Agenda. None were presented.

Minutes of the February regular board meeting were reviewed as mailed.

Motion by Meulebroeck, second by Crowley that the minutes be approved as presented.

Motion carried on a unanimous voice vote.

Treasurers Report and Bills Payable:

- Treasures' Report was reviewed by Anderson as it was mailed.

Motion by Prairie, second by Meulebroeck that the Treasurers Report be accepted as presented and filed for audit.

Motion carried on a unanimous voice vote.

- Bills Payable:

Anderson passed out copies of the bills as due to date and reviewed them with the Board.

Motion by Prairie, second by Meulebroeck that the Treasurers Report be accepted as presented and filed for audit.

Motion carried on a unanimous voice vote.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Feedlot work agreement with Lyon County: Anderson gave a copy of the agreement as was completed at a meeting attended by: Crowley, Nyquist (SWCD Board) Anderson and John Biren.

Motion by Crowley, second by Meulebroeck that the agreement be submitted to the County.

Anderson will be attending the meeting of the Commissioners and will let Crowley and Meulebroeck know when the time is.

NEW BUSINESS

Ideas for the 3/8 tax amendment dollars: Discussed various tiling pilot projects that have been used and the benefits and drawbacks.

SW Prairie JPO agreement: Anderson gave copies to the Board members to review. Anderson has forwarded to the County attorney via e-mail but has not heard back.

Mohn will not be able to attend the April 1st meeting, Anderson will attend.

DISTRICT CONSERVATIONIST REPORT

Jamie Thomazin

Thomazin reviewed the FOIA agreement with the Board. The Board members will need to sign attachment C. Thomazin asked them to read everything over and that it is put on the April agenda.

There will need to be some sort of form for landowners to sign that will allow information to be shared with the SWCD and/or others in order for some of the projects to go forward.

We will also be reviewing the Mutual Agreement between the SWCD and NRCS in April

EQIP/CSP: May through July looks like the sign-up period for these programs. This will be a busy time for the office.

RC&D: Anderson submitted a proposal for hiring additional staff person through economic stimulus funding available to the RC&D. It will probably be awhile before we know anything. Also received an application from Murray County.

The Executive Committee for RC&D will be meeting on April 15th to review new project applications. The regular meeting will be April 22 in Slayton.

1026 requests: getting applications for tiling.

Shallow Lakes forum will be held again in April. Looking at the possibility of holding something similar down here as our lakes are all shallow.

Gary Watson: the state budget is 2.7 million in the red. Looking at cutting, layoffs or not filling vacancies. Audits done in the past year show that the NRCS staff need to be better in record keeping.

Looks as though the SWCD will be receiving bills for computer assistance for two years.

DISTRICT TECHNICIAN REPORT

Laura DeBeer (Laura is at Nutrient Management training)

Anderson updated: looking at 15,000 feet of matting sold
2,500 trees

Have 6-7 sites that have not yet confirmed or have not developed plans

DeLanghe WCA no-loss wetland request:

We have a wetland request that the Technical Panel has reviewed and denied. A letter will be going out to the landowner. There may be an area that could be maintained but a new application will need to be submitted with just that area. The landowner will have the option of appealing the determination. If that takes place, the SWCD Board will act as the appeals board. If the landowner does not agree with the SWCD Board decision, he can appeal to the State BWSR.

ADMINISTRATORS REPORT

Rose Anderson

- Annual Report completed, reported to BWSR and on the web site
- Worked on the Agreement for the Feedlot inventory,
- WCA Administrative Training, outcome of the new revisions show more accountability and of course more paper work.
- Bernie and I completed and mailed our information to schools on the Poster contest and the Environmental Fair registrations
- Meeting the March 31 and April 6 to discuss ideas on the 3/8th sales tax amendment funds.
- April 14th will be attending a training committee meeting for Area V. Will be deciding what training everyone will be able to attend, what maybe offered on the area level
- W-4 forms for Supervisors have added information from last year, can change if you want and they need your signature

- Completed request forms for RC&D on the Environmental Fair, and Women's Ag day that Lincoln County will be submitting.

Motion by Prairie, second by Meulebroeck that the SWCD support the requested and sign the RC&D applications. Motion approved on a unanimous voice vote.

State Cost Share Contracts New applications:

1. 1/09YMCWL: Darrel Olson, Alternative Intake, Yellow Medicine SWCD project. Requesting \$600
2. RCRCAs, Brent Johnson, 638 requesting funding though RCRCAs funds \$11,101.00

State Cost Share payment request:

1. 04/07 FWQ: Allan Telste, feedlot update 25% of eligible costs amount requested \$27,664.00

RCRCAs Contracts:

And Amendment for Bloome/Doom projects: The landowner attended the RCRCAs meeting and appealed the decision not to grant the amendment for funds. The Board has changed the decision and will now fund the requests. We have the voucher prepared and it requires approval from this Board to be submitted to the RCRCAs Board for payment.

Total new cost share approved the payment on this project is \$18,360.00

Motion by Crowley, second by Meulebroeck that the voucher for RCRCAs contract #AP-319-09-03 be signed by the RCRCAs representative. Motion carried on a unanimous voice vote.

SUPERVISORS REPORTS:

RCRCAs/Meulebroeck: Bill Molstad reviewed tabled until the April meeting
WATER TASK Force/Nyquist: Anderson reported that there will be a meeting on Thursday at 7:30 PM. Anderson will attend
SWJPO/Mohn: meeting is April 1, Anderson will be attending
RC&D/Nyquist: Thomazin reported
Area V Supervisors/Meulebroeck: Meeting in June, Pipestone County
County/Ritter: nothing new to report

Chairman Mohn asked for any additional items of business ~

The April meeting will be on the summer time schedule: 7 PM date: April 28th.

Motion by Prairie, second by Crowley that the meeting be adjourned. Motion passed on a unanimous voice vote. Meeting adjourned at 12 noon.

Chairman, Lyon SWCD

Sec/Treasurer, Lyon SWCD