

**LYON SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING
March 23, 2010**

Meeting called to order by Chairman Crowley at 2 PM
Pledge of Allegiance
Supervisors Present: Crowley, Nyquist, Prairie & Meulebroeck
Supervisors Absent: District II position vacant
Staff Present: Anderson, Louwagie, DeBeer, Thomazin
Lyon County Commissioner: Steve Ritter

Chairman asked for any additions to the agenda. Anderson asked that the DC report be moved up on the agenda a Thomazin needed to leave the office earlier. Report moved after bills payable.

Minutes of the February meeting were reviewed as mailed. Chairman asked for any discussion, hearing none requested a motion for approval.

Motion to approve the minutes as presented made by Nyquist, second offered by Meulebroeck. Chair requested a voice vote. Motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Treasurers Report and Bills Payable:

Anderson reviewed the Treasurers Report for the month of February. Chair opened for discussion. Hearing no discussion offered, requested the Treasurers' Report be filed subject to audit.

Anderson reviewed the Bills Payable and gave copies to those in attendance as well as the invoices. Anderson reviewed the Bills Payable. Chairman asked for any discussion, hearing none requested a motion for payment.

Motion made by Prairie, second by Nyquist that the bills be paid and checks signed. Motion carried on a unanimous voice vote.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- Open Board Position: Allan Deutz has expressed an interest in the position and had planned on attending the February meeting but due to the birth of a child that day was not able to attend. He has asked if the Board would like a couple of members to meet with him to discuss the position. Board indicated that they think it would be fine if he attends the March meeting. Anderson is to contact him.

NEW BUSINESS

- Recognition for the Weedman family: Discussion was held on a date and location. Dates to ask Weedmans to decide on: April 6th or 7th or the 13th. Location: "This Ol Place" in Garvin. Time 6 PM.

Anderson will contact the Weedmans for a date and notify the staff and Board. Board asked the staff to prepare a presentation for the event also.

- Web Site: Anderson showed the Board the process of designing the web site and the information needed on the site. The web site needs to be updated monthly with minutes, agenda's and programs.

DISTRICT CONSERVATIONIST REPORT

Jamie Thomazin

- EQUIP: 25 applications were received, 3 canceled total dollars \$425,000 will know in the next couple of weeks those that were accepted
- CSP: 13 applications were forwarded, will be hearing from the state on those that were funded
- 1026's: receiving several a day
- Tracy Sportsman Show: all the time slots are covered. Area office will be assisting also as is a recognition of the 75th Anniversary of NRCS, is the 65th for the SWCD
- City of Ghent: City representatives have expressed a concern for an area and flooding. The area is next to a new housing development and some of the existing homes are in the new flood plain mapping. They are wondering what they can do. Will be meeting at the site with representatives from BWSR/SWCD (part of the area is in a CREP easement) and others to discuss options and where they may need to go from here.
- Nathan Blankers: Will start working in our office this month as a Soil Conservationist

DISTRICT TECHNICIANS REPORT

Laura DeBeer

- Trees: still finishing up some tree plans
- Living Snowfence: hosted a forum with MNDOT and the U of MN with people in our county that have utilized this program. Discussion was held on what changes they would like, how the plantings are working and if they are happy or not with the program. Very good turn out and received a lot of good input. Information will be used to address any possible changes in the program.
- WCA: Our work load is increased also due to those landowners that bring in 1026 requests are also asked to complete the State WCA forms for review.
- Stream bank Stabilization: looking at a site in Marshall that landowner has concerns about eroding.
- Feedlot inventory: have worked on some but trees and WCA have also taken a lot of time.

ADMINISTRATORS REPORT

Rose Anderson

- Completed addition of Budget to financial program for 2010
- Updated SWCD inventory of Assets, submitted to MCIT for insurance coverage and into the SWCD Asset depreciation list
- Nearly finished with Annual report that will be presented to the Commissioners
- Met with the Marshall Area Environmental Education Committee on March 9th, completing plans for events etc for 2010
- Attended MN River advisory committee meeting yesterday in Olivia, working on revamping how set up
- Mailed financial reports, Annual Plan and Report to BWSR state and local
- Have not heard if we will be getting AgBMP additional funds
- Submitted vouchers for WCA funding, E. Fair funds and Feedlots completed, (received funds on March 22)
- Tracy Sportsman Show manned by NRCS & SWCD staff. If supervisors want to come in you can but not needed to fill spots.
- Redwood River Gabon Project: Funding through RCRC? Visited with Doug and some questions on project. Discuss was held on the project and all felt it would be worthwhile. Meulebroeck will follow up on.
- Need to do a short write-up on the FEMA living snow fence project we did in 1999-2001 for a SW Regional Development study.
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▪ State Cost Share Contracts:

1) Requests for SWCD Board:

Contract #	Name	Type	Encumbered amount
Contract Cancel			
5/09	Chuck Scott	Shelterbelt	\$1950.00
New Requests			
20/09&3/10	Brad Thooft	Shelterbelt	FY 09 \$915.00 FY10 \$385.00
19/09	Adrianna Serreyn	Shelterbelt	\$1,658.00

The above cost share amounts are based on 75% of eligible costs of the project or the allowable rate as set by Cost Share rules and Lyon SWCD policy.

Motion for approval, payments and made by Prairie, second made by Meulebroeck. Motion carried on a unanimous voice vote.

SUPERVISORS REPORTS

- RCRC/Meulebroeck: Funding has been received from MPCA for the Cottonwood and Redwood watershed areas.
- Water Task Force/Nyquist: no meeting
- SW JPO/Crowley: meeting will be in April
- RC&D/Nyquist: Members have been asked to write letters to Senators to support the funding of RC&D. There will be a meeting on March 31 in Slayton
- Area V Supervisors Association/Meulebroeck: Meeting will be March 23rd.
- County: No questions or new issues

NEXT MEETING DATE & TIME: April 27th, meeting will switch to summer time of 7 PM.

Chair asked for a motion to adjourn.

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

Meeting adjourned at 4:10 PM

Chairman, Lyon SWCD

Sec/Treasurer, Lyon SWCD