

**MINNEHAHA CONSERVATION DISTRICT SUPERVISORS
RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS**

DATE – TIME – LOCATION

April 8, 2013, USDA Service Center, 3:00 PM

CALLED TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Minnehaha Conservation District Supervisors was called to order by Chairman Pfeifer.

SUPERVISORS PRESENT

Jim Pfeifer, Jeff Oyen, Tom Wolles, Ronald Johnson

SUPERVISORS ABSENT

Reid Christopherson

OTHERS PRESENT

Amy Van Dam, Melanie Raine, John Parker, Gordon Heber, Jim Jackson, Brian Top, Mark Perry, Jack Majeres

AGENDA

The agenda was mailed out prior to the Board Meeting.

MOTION by Oyen; seconded by Wolles to approve the agenda as printed. Four ayes.

MINUTES

The minutes of the regular March meeting were emailed or mailed out prior to the Board Meeting.

MOTION by Johnson; seconded by Oyen to approve the minutes of the regular March board meeting as submitted. Four ayes.

TREASURER'S REPORT

MOTION by Oyen; seconded by Johnson to approve the Treasurer's Report as printed. Four ayes.

APRIL BILLS APPROVED

MOTION by Oyen; seconded by Wolles to accept the bills as presented. Four ayes.

ACTIVITIES REPORT

WETLANDS:

- Our backlog is at 77 outstanding requests for determinations on file.
- April 15th NRCS will be going through a Wetland Operations and Evaluation Review. This will be a review on completed work by NRCS Wetland Specialist and Consultant Work.
- Nathan has been assigned to work in McCook County for next 30 days. I will be contacting management on what Minnehaha County is to do???

CONSERVATION RESERVE PROGRAM (CRP):

- Still Waiting!
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ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY INCENTIVE PROGRAM (EQIP):

- Currently working on planning/ranking 7 applications for EQIP – National Water Quality Initiative. Funding level is only at \$497,000.
- NRCS – Assisted Edge-of-Field Water Quality Monitoring. Funding for monitoring through EQIP. EQIP requires that the payments be made to participants (but they can assign these payments to other who is doing the work, if they chose.)

OTHER NOTES:

- DVD – Field Office of the Future – would like to review at next MCD Board Meeting.
- Tillage Transect Survey will be completed spring 2013. This is where we drive a predetermine route through the county and record crops/tillage systems.
- FSA Compliance Reviews: Dan Mehlhaf, Salem, will be conducting our reviews. I will be completing the reviews in Lake County.

OLD BUSINESS

GRANTS:

- **MOTION** by Johnson; seconded by Oyen to approve the grant application for the Resource Technician. Four ayes.
- **MOTION** by Wolles; seconded by Johnson to approve the grant application for the State Education Grant. Four ayes.

SECOG/RIVER PROJECT:

- John met with Jeremy on the monitoring easements. There are 24 sites that need to be monitored. This is a 5 year contract.

NEW BUSINESS

HANDPLANT ORDERS:

- To date we have sold about \$24,100 in hand plant orders.

MACHINE PLANTINGS:

- To date we have \$6250 in down payments for machine plantings.

MOWING REPORT:

- To date we have 7.5 acres to mow which will bring in \$450

DRILL REPORT

- To date we have 20 acres for the 6' drill, 328 acres for the 10' drill and 315 acres for the 15' drill which will bring in \$6210

JOHN DEERE DRILL ~ CUSTOMER PICK-UP:

- It was discussed whether to have the customer pick up the drill or continue to deliver it. We would need to change the policy stating that the customer has to pick-up and drop off the drill, unless prior arrangements are made with the district. We would also have in the agreement that the customer grease the drill when done and/or every 100 acres. The district will periodically inspect the equipment. They need to have at a tractor or at least a ¾ ton pick-up. If we deliver there will be a \$100 delivery charge. **MOTION** by Pfeifer; seconded by Wolles to change the policy as stated above and re-write the agreement. Four ayes.

NWQI UPDATE

- Jack Majeres gave an update on NWQI. Moody has written a grant for a ½ time position to work on this project. A plan needs to be established for Cental Big Sioux.

QUICKBOOKS:

- QuickBooks training was held April 2nd at the Sioux Falls USDA Service Center. Cec Johnson from the Dept. of Ag was the trainer.

BIO-SOLIDS PROGRAM:

- Jeff Oyen, Jim Pfeifer and Brian Top met with Trent Lubbers and Mark Perry from City of Sioux Falls Water Reclamation to discuss our working for the city on the Bio-Solids program. Mark Perry attended the board meeting to discuss what our involvement would be. We would have to take shallow soil sampling yearly and deep soil sampling every 5 years. We would have to attend weekly meetings and communicate with landowners on which sites they want the application on. According to Mark we this would need a person to work on this project ½ to ¾ time. **MOTION** by Oyen; seconded by Wolles to work on the agreement with the city & then present it to the States Attorney. Four ayes. John will look into insurance requirements.

COUNTY FUNDING:

- The application for 2014 funding is April 30.

OTHER BUSINESS / ANNOUNCEMENTS

- It was requested that the board have copies of the last 12 months put in their folders.
- The board wants to know what our responsibility is on silt fencing/erosion control.
- The board wants to know what our responsibility is on Mining Reclamation.
- The board wants John and Amy to look up old minutes to see when Bly Bros. VTS grant was discussed at board meetings so we can send a request for reimbursement.
- The board wants more detailed time sheets.

CONSERVATION PLAN APPROVALS

NONE

NEXT MEETING DATE -- May 13, 2013 AT 3:00PM

MOTION by Oyen to adjourn; seconded by Johnson. Four ayes. Amy Van Dam, Recording Secretary