

**BIG STONE SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
SUPERVISORS' MEETING – APRIL 5TH, 2011
AG SERVICE CENTER, ORTONVILLE MN**

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Gillespie at 3:03 p.m.

Supervisors present: Moen, Gillespie, Jorgenson, Johnson, Wellendorf
Supervisors absent: none

Others present – Randy Nelson, RC & D; Welle and Neubauer, SWCD

Secretary's Minutes – motion Moen second Johnson to approve Secretary's Minutes of March 1st, 2011, meeting. All in favor. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report – motion Wellendorf second Johnson to approve Treasurer's Report and pay all bills presented. All in favor. Motion carried.

BSC Commissioners' Report – none

NRCS Report – in the absence of Krecia Leddy, Neubauer distributed the NRCS Report (attached).

SWCD Report – Darrin Welle presented the SWCD Report (attached).

Pheasants Forever Report – in the absence of Travis Issendorf, Neubauer distributed the PF Report (attached).

OLD BUSINESS

- District Credit Card – Neubauer explained that the options for the District are back to a debit card vs. a credit card. Per the Supervisors, Neubauer is to discuss daily limits, PINs, etc. with Welle and go forward with the application for the Minnwest Bank debit card.
- Direct Deposit – after discussion, motion Jorgenson second Moen to proceed with application process for direct deposit for the District employees. All in favor. Motion carried.
- Drill Operator – Welle discussed that Leon Kellen has contacted him with interest in operating the drill for the District this season. Welle will research the drill and tractor rates that the University of Minnesota posts. Moen says he will talk with Titan Machinery about possibly renting a tractor, if the need arises.

NEW BUSINESS

- RC & D – Randy Nelson gave an overview of the Prairie Country RC & D's 2010 accomplishments and distributed compiled information.
- Fair Booth – motion Jorgenson second Gillespie to approve having a booth at the Big Stone County fair and have drawing for 5 spruce trees. All in favor. Motion carried.
- Cost-Share Application – motion Johnson second Jorgenson to approve cost-share application #03-10 Big Stone Colony to install a farmstead shelterbelt; total cost-share contract approve \$4,200.00, cost-share assistance cannot exceed \$2,985.00, or 75%, whichever is less. All in favor. Motion carried.

- Walk-In Access Program – after discussion of the program, motion Johnson second Jorgenson to give authority to Neubauer and Welle to sign the grant agreement when it arrives. All in favor. Motion carried.
- Intern for CWMA – motion Wellendorf second Moen for Welle to hire Jeff Berens as the summer intern. All in favor. Motion carried.
- Farm Bill Assistance Grant – the Supervisors discussed the position description and funding for the next fiscal year. Motion Johnson second Moen to accept and sign Phase X Farm Bill Assistance Grant for 2011-2012, and hold until permission from Supervisors to forward. All in favor. Motion carried.

Randy Nelson left the meeting at 4:20 p.m.

- Well Sealing Contract – motion Jorgenson second Wellendorf to approve well sealing cost-share contract to Jim Jensen #11-01. All in favor. Motion carried.

Welle informed the Supervisors that he is on the agenda to meet with the Big Stone County Commissioners on April 19th at 9:30 a.m. He would appreciate any support from Supervisors as he presents information regarding the SWCD and its programs, the benefits of conservation programs that the District brings to the County , etc.

The meeting was closed at 4:25 p.m. to conduct employee reviews.

The next regular Board meeting is scheduled for May 3rd, 2011, at 3:00 p.m.

Being there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

Sincerely,

Tammy Neubauer

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Admin. Asst.