

**BIG STONE SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT**

**SUPERVISORS' MEETING – JUNE 13<sup>TH</sup>, 2011**

**AG SERVICE CENTER, ORTONVILLE MN**

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Gillespie at 3:04 p.m.

Supervisors present: Wellendorf, Gillespie, Johnson, Moen

Supervisors absent: Jorgenson

Others present – Travis Issendorf, PF; Krecia Leddy, NRCS; Welle & Neubauer, SWCD; Jeff Berens, CWMA Intern

**Secretary's Minutes** – motion Moen second Wellendorf to approve Secretary's Minutes of May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2011, meeting. All in favor. Motion carried.

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

**BSC Commissioners' Report** – none.

**NRCS Report** – Krecia Leddy presented the NRCS Report (attached).

**SWCD Report** – Darrin Welle presented the SWCD Report (attached). Welle also introduced the CWMA intern, Jeff Berens.

Darren Wilke, BSC Environmental Officer, arrived at the meeting at 3:34 p.m.

**Pheasants Forever Report** – Travis Issendorf presented the PF Report (attached).

**OLD BUSINESS**

None

**NEW BUSINESS**

- Contribution Agreement for Cert. Wetland Determinations with NRCS – the NRCS has proposed a contribution agreement that would include SWCDs doing certified wetland determinations and 1026s. Darren Wilke is the LGU for the County and would work with Darrin Welle, SWCD. After discussion, the issue would be the workload. The Board has documented that the SWCD remains interested in the possible contribution agreement with NRCS.

Darren Wilke left the meeting at 4:10 p.m.

- Environmental Fair – Neubauer states that an Ortonville teacher contacted the Area V Environmental Fair Committee inquiring why Ortonville students had not been included in participating in 2010. The SWCD has been re-located to Area II, which does not include the Environmental Fair in Marshall. Neubauer has researched and the Area II also does an environmental fair in Spicer in the spring. The Environmental Fair in Area V has requested that the SWCD pay \$500 in dues to allow for the Ortonville students to attend. After discussion, the Board has decided that the SWCD will not pay dues to Area V Environmental Fair and continue to research the Area II fair. Neubauer will notify the school of the Board's decision.

Krecia Leddy left the meeting at 4:16 p.m.

- Walk In Access Contract – Issendorf and Welle discussed the BWSR Walk In Access program. Motion Johnson second Wellendorf to sign Walk In Access contract. All in favor. Motion carried.
- CD Maturity – Neubauer reminded the Board that the Employee Payout CD at Minnwest Bank reached maturity today, June 13<sup>th</sup>. Moen will talk with Minnwest Bank to reinvest the CD at a better rate. Motion Wellendorf second Johnson to return 2010 wages payout to the SWCD general fund with funds from the CD and reinvest the remaining amount. All in favor. Motion carried.
- Well Sealing Payment – motion Johnson second Wellendorf to issue payment for 50% well sealing cost share to Jim Jensen in the amount of \$275. Funds are from the BSC Water Plan. All in favor. Motion carried.
- Beautiful Farmstead and Conservation Farmer for 2011 – after discussion, motion Johnson second Moen to award 2011 Conservation Farmer to Scott Doschadis. All in favor. Motion carried. Beautiful Farmstead award has been tabled until July’s meeting.
- WLI Payments – motion Johnson second Wellendorf to approve the following WLI payments :
 

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| #03-11 Mike and Kathy Jorgenson        | \$ 8,580.00 |
| #04-11 Ruth Hansen                     | 12,809.48   |
| #05-11 Marsh Ridge Ranch/Scott Bonnema | 6,516.59    |

 All in favor. Motion carried.
- Ground Water Level Monitoring Well Agreement – motion Wellendorf second Johnson to sign ground water level monitoring well agreement and continue monitoring wells. All in favor. Motion carried.
- Tree Program Evaluation – Welle presented a tree program evaluation issued by MASWCD. The evaluation encourages the Board to supervise and ensure that staff have reviewed goals and outcomes of the District’s tree program. Be it noted that the Board of Supervisors reviewed the SWCD tree program.
- Phase XI Farm Bill Assistance Grant – motion Johnson second Wellendorf to accept and sign Farm Bill Assistance grant for Travis Issendorf’s position. All in favor. Motion carried.

The next regular Board meeting is scheduled for July 5<sup>th</sup>, 2011, at 3:00 p.m.

Being there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:40 p.m.

Sincerely,

*Tammy Neubauer*

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