

**BIG STONE SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
SUPERVISORS' MEETING – MARCH 1ST, 2011
AG SERVICE CENTER, ORTONVILLE MN**

The meeting was call to order by Vice Chairman Johnson at 3:00 p.m.

Supervisors present: Johnson, Moen, Jorgenson, Wellendorf
Supervisors absent: Gillespie

Others present: Krecia Leddy and Tony Wild, NRCS; Travis Issendorf, PF; Nick Anderson, BSC Highway Dept.; Neubauer, SWCD

Secretary's Minutes – motion Wellendorf second Jorgenson to approve Secretary's Minutes of February 8th, 2011, meeting. All in favor. Motion carried.

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

Nick Anderson with the BSC Highway Dept. was present to discuss the possibility of having the District seed buffers along County ditches. Anderson had given specifics to Welle and the Board discussed the time and equipment that would be involved. Welle will put together a proposal for the Highway Dept. with the Board's approval.

Nick Anderson left the meeting at 3:14 p.m.

BSC Commissioners' Report – none.

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

SWCD Report – Neubauer presented a very brief SWCD Report in the absence of Darrin Welle.

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

OLD BUSINESS

- District Credit Card – Neubauer gave information regarding a District credit card. Some of the information does not seem applicable, so Neubauer will go to the bank and meet with someone to discuss the application.
- Direct Deposit – Neubauer discussed the fees and process of setting up direct deposit for the employees. After discussion, the Supervisors would like to research this further and table until April's meeting.
- Drill Operator – the Supervisors had previously reviewed Welle's advertisement for the local papers for a drill operator for the spring. The Supervisors made a couple of changes and advised Neubauer to forward to the papers. The Supervisors also discussed the idea of a drill operator having his/her own tractor for seeding.
- End of Lease Notice – the Supervisors have opted not to sign the Notice at this time.
- Neubauer discussed the June 13th, 2011, maturity date of the CD. The Supervisors will revisit this issue at June's meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

- Well Sealing Applications – 2 well sealing applications were received in February. The Supervisors approved these 2 applications – Neubauer will contact the applicants to obtain 2 estimates for each well sealing before a contract will be issued.
- Soil Stewardship – Neubauer will be contacting the area churches for interest in Stewardship materials.
- Reviews – Neubauer discussed that annual employee reviews were previously conducted in April. The annual reviews for Welle and Neubauer will take place at the April meeting.
- Administrative Training – the Board gave Neubauer permission to attend the admin training March 23-24 in Onamia if she chooses to go.
- State of Minnesota Walk-On Program – Issendorf discussed the Walk-On Program and how the funds will be channeled through the District.
- WCTSA Contribution – Neubauer discussed that some Area II districts have given monitory funds to the WCTSA. The other Districts have contributed in-kind, and that is what Big Stone is doing at this time.

- Cost-Share Application – motion Jorgenson second Wellendorf to approve cost-share application #02-10 for Brad Vold to install a farmstead shelterbelt; total cost-share contract approved \$1250.00, cost-share assistance cannot exceed \$937.50 or 75%, whichever is less. All in favor. Motion carried.

Wellendorf gave a brief report on the RC & D meeting she attended in February.

COMING EVENTS

- Area II meeting – March 3rd in Long Prairie
- Ortonville Sports & Leisure Show – March 19-20
- Admin. Training – March 23-24 in Onamia

The next Board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 5th, 2011, at 3:00 p.m.

Being there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:48 p.m.

Sincerely,

Tammy Neubauer

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Admin. Asst.