

**BIG STONE SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
SUPERVISORS' MEETING – SEPTEMBER 8TH, 2010
AG SERVICE CENTER, ORTONVILLE MN**

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Gillespie at 7:03 a.m.

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

Supervisors absent: none

Others present: Travis Issendorf, PF; Krecia Leddy and Tony Wild, NRCS; Neubauer and Welle, SWCD

Secretary's Minutes – Motion Moen second Jorgenson to approve Secretary's Minutes of August 3rd, 2010, meeting. All in favor. Motion carried.

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

BSC Commissioners' Report – none

NRCS Report – Krecia Leddy and Tony Wild presented the NRCS Report (attached).

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

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

OLD BUSINESS

- Policy Book Changes – Wellendorf brought with a copy of the new policy book with recommended changes. Neubauer will review with Wellendorf, and if acceptable to the Board, will be acted upon at the October meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

- Native Buffer Grant Funds Return – Neubauer presented Native Buffer Grant Funds Return to BWSR in the amount of \$10,000.00. The funds were not encumbered or spent on native buffers in the time allotted for the grant.
- Drill/Tree/Fabric Rates for 2011 – Welle presented and discussed his rates proposal for the 2011 season. Motion Jorgenson second Wellendorf to approve and accept proposed drill/tree/fabric rates. All in favor. Motion carried.
- PlantSkydd Animal Repellant – Welle discussed the possibility of the District handling and selling PlantSkydd animal repellant. Motion Johnson second Jorgenson to approve the initial purchase and promotion of PlantSkydd animal repellant. All in favor. Motion carried.
- Practice Priorities for State Cost-Share – Welle discussed with the Supervisors that the District's Annual Plan includes certain practice priorities for State Cost-Share. The Board of Supervisors sets the District's practice priorities. Welle and Neubauer are not certain how to set these priorities and will research the process with the Board Conservationist. Welle believes the priorities could be changed to better apply more cost-share funds.

- Notary – Neubauer discussed that since Gary Hoffman left, there is not a notary available within the District office. Motion Wellendorf second Jorgenson for Neubauer to research who would be best candidate for becoming a notary and proceed with the application. All in favor. Motion carried.
- WLI Payment – Issendorf presented WLI payment #06-10 Otrey Lake Farms for \$6,629.78. Motion Johnson second Wellendorf to approve WLI payment for \$6,629.78 to Otrey Lake Farms. All in favor. Motion carried.
- Cost-Share Payment – Motion Jorgenson second Wellendorf to approve cost-share payment to #09-09 Kenny Hendricks farmstead shelterbelt; total eligible cost is \$1,336.88; cost-share payment at 75% is \$1,002.66. All in favor. Motion carried.
- Space Arrangement – Moen had mentioned that in the office where Neubauer is positioned, it can be very distracting with cross-talk and traffic when he is having a discussion with the District employees. One solution may be for Neubauer to move her desk to the north corner where the NRCS Soil Con. Techn. is now. Neubauer will work out something with the other staff to possibly make the office arrangement more conducive.
- FSA & NRCS will be advertising for new building space soon. The District will need to be at the FAC meetings to be sure that these entities know what space the District will need, for planning purposes.
- Welle asked the Supervisors if they had come to an agreement on whether to rent the no-till drill out without an operator from the District. Welle has a couple interested producers to rent the drill for this fall, and also purchase seed from the District. Welle has prepared a contract for the rental of the drill. Neubauer will check the insurance liability.

EVENTS

- RC & D – Willmar, today. no one will be attending.
- Dinner for Gary Hoffman – Club 7-75 on Thursday September 9th.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 5th, 2010, at 7:00 a.m.

Being there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:47 a.m.

Sincerely,

Tammy Neubauer

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District Admin. Asst.