

SCOTT SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
April 8th, 2009

Meeting convened at 8:00 a.m.

Members present: Paul Krueger, Linda Brown, Jim Fitzsimmons, Jim Schwingler and Ewald Gruetzmacher.

Others present: Shelly Tietz, Pete Beckius, Katundra Shears

Motion by Jim Fitzsimmons second by Linda Brown to approve the minutes of March 11, 2009. Ayes: Krueger, Fitzsimmons, Schwingler, Gruetzmacher and Brown. Nays: 0

Motion by Paul Krueger second by Linda Brown to approve the treasurer's report as read, subject to audit, pay the bills submitted totaling \$59,776.19 (ck #16085-ck#16122). Ayes: Krueger, Fitzsimmons, Schwingler, Gruetzmacher and Brown. Nays: 0

Staff report given by Pete Beckius.

Doug Schoenecker attended the Area IV Meeting on March 12th, 2009. The tour will be June 11th at Anoka Conservation District. This summer there will not be a MACDE convention but BWSR will be holding Academy training for two to three days. The MACDE has a scholarship available for anyone wanting to attend the NRCS Conference in Washington DC. Discussion was held on the awareness of supervisor elections.

Motion by Jim Fitzsimmons second by Jim Schwingler to approve FY2010 NRCS Conservation Partners Training Request's for Emily Javens, Willie Peters and Dave Rickert. Ayes: Krueger, Fitzsimmons, Schwingler, Gruetzmacher and Brown. Nays: 0

Motion by Jim Fitzsimmons second by Jim Schwingler to approve a training request for Emily Javens to attend Difficult to Delineate Wetlands for a cost of \$325.00. Ayes: Krueger, Fitzsimmons, Schwingler, Gruetzmacher and Brown. Nays: 0

Motion by Paul Krueger second by Linda Brown to approve comp time for Diane H. to participate in an Environmental Sunday event at St. Wenceslaus Church on Sunday, April 19th, 2009. Ayes: Krueger, Fitzsimmons, Schwingler, Gruetzmacher and Brown. Nays: 0

Motion by Linda Brown second by Paul Krueger to approve any supervisor to attend the Future of Farming in Scott County Meeting held on April 9th, 2009. Ayes: Krueger, Fitzsimmons, Schwingler, Gruetzmacher and Brown. Nays: 0

Pete reviewed a potential resolution regarding the Landscape Restoration Program. Chris Lord, ACD District Manager, introduced a concept to the state legislators to hire 12 FTE landscape staff with the funds to be channeled through AMSWCD or ACD. Pete will keep the board informed on the progress on this proposed concept.

Motion by Jim Fitzsimmons second by Jim Schwingler to approve the 2009 contract between the Lower Minnesota River Watershed District and the Scott SWCD for Water/Well Monitoring and Technical Assistance. Ayes: Krueger, Fitzsimmons, Schwingler, Gruetzmacher and Brown. Nays: 0

Motion by Jim Schwingler second by Paul Krueger to approve the 2009 Joint Powers Agreement between the Vermillion River Watershed JPB and the Scott SWCD. Ayes: Krueger, Fitzsimmons, Schwingler, Gruetzmacher and Brown. Nays: 0

Motion by Jim Schwingler second by Linda Brown to approve the Scott County Feedlot Program Agreement from January 1, 2009 through December 31, 2011. Ayes: Krueger, Fitzsimmons, Schwingler, Gruetzmacher and Brown. Nays: 0

Motion by Jim Fitzsimmons second by Linda Brown to approve Jim Schwingler, to sign on behalf of the AMSWCD, a NPEAP contract for John Henly Bank Stabilization Project. Ayes: Krueger, Fitzsimmons, Schwingler, Gruetzmacher and Brown. Nays: 0

Motion by Jim Schwingler second by Linda Brown to approve District Cooperator Agreements for the following: Ron Marshall, Meierbachtol Bros., Pauline Grieves, Donald Breegemann, Francis Weldon, James Spieker, Bob & Sharon Fernholz, Mark Dawald, Carl Schoenbauer. Ayes: Krueger, Fitzsimmons, Schwingler, Gruetzmacher and Brown. Nays: 0

Motion by Jim Fitzsimmons second by Linda Brown to approve PLSLWD Cost Share Contract Technical/Assistance Approval for Steve Nelson, Well Decommission project and Eugene Hauer, Filter Strip project. Ayes: Krueger, Fitzsimmons, Schwingler, Gruetzmacher and Brown. Nays: 0

Motion by Paul Krueger second by Linda Brown to approve the following state cost share contract:

- Steve Nelson, contract #09-11 for an Unused Well Sealing project with a cost estimate of \$1,000.00 and approved FY09 state cost share funds not to exceed \$375.00. The start date is December 15, 2009 and the completion date is December 31, 2009 with Emily Javens as District Technical Representative.
- Bob and Sharon Fernholz, contract #09-10 for an Unused Well Sealing project with a cost estimate \$1,000.00 and approved FY09 state cost share funds not to exceed \$500.00. The start date is August 1st, 2009 and the completion date is August 14, 2009 with Emily Javens as the District Technical Representative.

Ayes: Krueger, Fitzsimmons, Schwingler, Gruetzmacher and Brown. Nays: 0

Motion by Paul Krueger second by Linda Brown to approve Scott WMO Cost Share Contract Technical/Assistance Approval for City of Prior Lake for an Innovative practice. Ayes: Krueger, Fitzsimmons, Schwingler, Gruetzmacher and Brown. Nays: 0

Motion by Jim Fitzsimmons second by Jim Schwingler to approve District Escrow Agreements for Lowell Schmitz, Richard Krentz, John Nagel, Donald Breeggemann, Don Meierbachtol and R & R Farms. Ayes: Krueger, Fitzsimmons, Schwingler, Gruetzmacher and Brown. Nays: 0

Motion by Linda Brown second by Jim Schwingler to approve Scott WMO Filter Strip applications for Gene Hauer Farms, FS09-24 for \$3,941.00 for 4.1 acres and Joe Adams, FS09-23 for \$3,203.00 for 3.3 acres. Ayes: Krueger, Fitzsimmons, Schwingler, Gruetzmacher and Brown. Nays: 0

Discussion held on the Lyle Kragh project. The Kragh's sent a letter to Rachel Contracting, LLC requesting repairs be done to their project.

Land Steward of the Month is Vogel, Shari and Silas Grote.

The district received a letter from the MASWCD regarding the 2009 Resolution Process. The MASWCD office needs to receive the Area resolutions by July 21. If the Scott SWCD has any resolutions that they want to present, the proposed resolutions will need to be ready for the Area Meeting in June.

Motion by Jim Fitzsimmons second by Jim Schwingler to approve comp time for Pete Beckius to attend the meeting for the West Raven Creek Agricultural Watershed Restoration Project. Ayes: Krueger, Fitzsimmons, Schwingler, Gruetzmacher and Brown. Nays: 0

The district will be selling prepaid Rain Barrels to be delivered in May.

Katundra Shears, NRCS, reviewed the National Environmental Policy Act. As part of the training for NEPA, several staff will need to complete 14 computer modules. Once the training is complete, staff will need to complete an Evaluation Form for any projects that are federally funded.

Motion by Jim Schwingler second by Jim Fitzsimmons to adjourn the meeting at 9:40 a.m. Ayes: Krueger, Fitzsimmons, Schwingler, Gruetzmacher and Brown. Nays: 0