

SCOTT SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
August 12, 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 and Paul Nelson, Scott County.

Motion by Jim Fitzsimmons second by Paul Krueger to approve the minutes of July 8, 2009. Ayes: Krueger, Fitzsimmons, Schwingler, and Gruetzmacher. Nays: 0

Motion by Paul Krueger second by Jim Schwingler to approve the treasurer's report as read, subject to audit, pay the bills submitted totaling \$155,225.54 (ck #16258-ck#16292). Ayes: Krueger, Fitzsimmons, Schwingler, and Gruetzmacher. Nays: 0

Staff report given by Pete Beckius.

Emily reviewed the Leadership Institute that she attended in Grand Rapids. Emily participated in a group presentation regarding continuing the Leadership training after completing the 12 month program.

Emily reviewed with the Board of Supervisors the Lyle Kragh project. The drainage portion of the project is complete and she will inspect the project in approximately a week. Final stabilization will begin September 9th.

Motion by Jim Schwingler second by Jim Fitzsimmons to approve the FY2010 Board of Water and Soil Resources Soil and Water Conservation District Base Grant for \$44,539 which includes \$3,339 for Easement Services Base Grant, \$23,596 for General Service Base Grant and \$17,604 for State Cost Share Base Grant with 100% designated for practices and no technical and administrative funds taken. Ayes: Krueger, Fitzsimmons, Schwingler, and Gruetzmacher. Nays: 0

Motion by Jim Schwingler second by Jim Fitzsimmons to approve signing the FY2010 SWCD FarmBill Assistance Grant for \$19,834.00 when it is received. Ayes: Krueger, Fitzsimmons, Schwingler, and Gruetzmacher. Nays: 0

Pete reviewed the Metropolitan Conservation District meeting held in July. The Clark's Lake Project that was tabled at the June MCD meeting was approved contingent on an escrow establishment to insure that the project would be completed. USFWS is doing the construction for this project. The Scott SWCD will get in writing that the landowners approve USFWS onto their property for the project. Motion by Jim Fitzsimmons second by Jim Schwingler to approved Scott SWCD to provide escrow funds of \$19,186.00 for the Clark's Lake Project. Ayes: Krueger, Fitzsimmons, Schwingler, Brown and Gruetzmacher. Nays: 0

Pete reviewed the Landscape Program's JPA. The draft will be reviewed and at the September meeting the board can make a motion to designate Jim Schwingler, Scott SWCD board representative to sign the agreement.

Pete will organize a managers meeting with the MCD's managers to discuss and review NPEAP and Landscape Programs. Pete will review with the Board of Supervisors in September the outcome of the meeting.

Motion by Jim Fitzsimmons second by Jim Schwingler to approve the Washington Conservation District's NPEAP Project for Washington County Boat Launch for \$6,450.00. Ayes: Krueger, Fitzsimmons, Schwingler, Brown and Gruetzmacher. Nays: 0

Motion by Jim Fitzsimmons second by Jim Schwingler to approve Scott SWCD's NPEAP projects for the following: Paul Doucette for \$2,201.25, Chris Hagen for \$2,186.25, Ray Wittl for \$1,210.00 and Luke Friendshuh for \$2,120.00. Ayes: Krueger, Fitzsimmons, Schwingler, Brown and Gruetzmacher. Nays: 0

Paul Nelson, Scott WMO administrator reviewed the MPCA/EPA 319 Grant that was approved for \$650,000.00. The funds will be available at the beginning of next year

The Working Lands Initiative Group meeting was held on August 11, 2009 to review the applications and rank them. Dave Rickert will look at the sites of those applications that received a high application rating and give recommendations on who is the highest priority. Scott County has two projects.

Katundra Shears, BC for NRCS, reviewed the EQIP sign up which is now complete with Scott County receiving 16 applications.

Katundra reviewed the Conservation Stewardship Program. The program runs from August 10th, 2009 – September 30, 2009. The average payment is approximately \$15 per acre. Katundra will organize two informational meetings for producers. A flyer has been sent to producers in Scott County.

Pete reviewed the LCCMR Grant. The application made it through the first round. Dave Rickert and Neil Feeken will need to make a presentation in September to the LCCMR Council.

Motion by Paul Krueger second by Jim Schwingler to approve scheduling a Tree Committee Meeting. Ayes: Krueger, Fitzsimmons, Schwingler, Brown and Gruetzmacher. Nays: 0

Motion by Jim Fitzsimmons second by Jim Schwingler to approve scheduling a Personnel Committee Meeting. Pete is planning on retiring at the end of the year so the Personnel Committee will meet to discuss the transition for the District Manager's position. Ayes: Krueger, Fitzsimmons, Schwingler, Brown and Gruetzmacher. Nays: 0

Motion by Paul Krueger second by Linda Brown to approve the following District Cooperator Agreements: Carol Preuhs, Harlan Laabs, Doug Kes, Allen Menke and Larry Entinger. Ayes: Krueger, Fitzsimmons, Schwingler, Brown and Gruetzmacher. Nays: 0

Motion by Jim Fitzsimmons second by Jim Schwingler to approve the following District Escrow Agreements for: Mike Krautkremer, Larry Entinger, Harlan Laabs and Carol Preuhs. Ayes: Krueger, Fitzsimmons, Schwingler, Brown and Gruetzmacher. Nays: 0

Motion by Paul Krueger second by Jim Schwingler to approve the cancellation of Doug Belkengren, Scott WMO contract #09-34 as the well does not need to be sealed since it was returned to full service. Ayes: Krueger, Fitzsimmons, Schwingler, Brown and Gruetzmacher. Nays: 0

Motion by Jim Fitzsimmons second by Jim Schwingler to approve the following final payments for the following Scott WMO contracts: Nancy Sjoberg, contract #08-10 for \$3,846.00 and return \$1,879.00 back into the FY08 Scott WMO cost share account; Carl Schoenbauer, contract #07-20 for \$1,050.00 and return \$9,975.00 back into the FY2007 Scott WMO cost share account; Lowell Schmitz, contract #09-32 and return \$4.00 back into the FY2009 Scott WMO cost share account; Orin Kruschke, contract #08-11

for \$1,707 and return \$4.00 back into the FY2008 Scott WMO cost share account and George Pecholt, contract #09-33 for \$187.50 and return \$187.50 back into the FY2008 Scott WMO cost share account. Ayes: Krueger, Fitzsimmons, Schwingler, Brown and Gruetzmacher. Nays: 0

Motion by Jim Schwingler second by Linda Brown to approve Scott WMO Technical Assistance for Mike Krautkremer for a Grade Stabilization Project, Joseph Mark for a Well Decommission Project and Larry Plonski for a Well Decommission Project. Ayes: Krueger, Fitzsimmons, Schwingler, Brown and Gruetzmacher. Nays: 0

Motion by Jim Fitzsimmons second by Jim Schwingler to sign the Memorandum of Understanding between the Scott Watershed Management Organization and the Scott SWCD. Ayes: Krueger, Fitzsimmons, Schwingler, Brown and Gruetzmacher. Nays: 0

The Scott WMO screening committee is set up for September 9th, 2009.

Motion by Jim Schwingler second by Linda Brown to approve State Cost Share Amendment #1 for Sharon and Bob Fernholz, contract #09-10 to increase the original cost estimate from \$1,000.00 to \$1,500.00. The amount of State Cost Share would increase with additional funds \$250.00. Ayes: Krueger, Fitzsimmons, Schwingler, Brown and Gruetzmacher. Nays: 0

Motion by Paul Krueger second by Linda Brown to approve State Cost Share final payments for the following:

- Bob and Sharon Fernholz, FY2009 State Cost Share contract #09-10 for \$750.00.
- Steve Brehm, FY2009 State Cost Share contract #09-07 for \$500.00.
- Orrin Kruschke, FY2008 State Cost Share contract #08-06 for \$8,535.00 and return \$315.00 back to Board of Water and Soil Resources.
- Lowell Schmitz, FY2009 State Cost Share contract #09-03 for \$2,010.00 and return \$165.00 back into the FY2009 State Cost share account.
- Richard Grosklags, FY2009 State Cost Share contract #09-14 for \$375.00.
- George Pecholt, FY2009 State Cost Shaer contract #09-03 for \$187.50.

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

Motion by Jim Fitzsimmons second by Linda Brown to approve the State Cost Share cancellations for

- Doug Belkengren, FY2009 State Cost Share contract #09-09 and return \$375.00 back into the FY2009 State Cost Share account to be re-encumbered.
- Terry Bell, FY2009 State Cost Share contract #09-12 and return \$2,250.00 back into the FY2009 State cost Share account to be re-encumbered.
- James Geske, FY2009 State Cost Share contract #09-02 and return \$1,350.00 back into the FY2009 State Cost Share account to be re-encumbered

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

Motion by Jim Schwingler second by Paul Krueger to approve the following FY2009 State Cost Share contracts:

- Harbor Community Church, contract #09-17 for a Grade Stabilization Project. The estimate cost of the project is \$16,400.00 with the maximum cost share allowable of up to 75% of the estimated cost not to exceed \$7,380.00. The project is to start by December 15, 2009 and be completed by December 31, 2009 with Emily Javens as the District Technical Representative.
- Mike Krautkremer, contract #09-16 for a Grade Stabilization Project. The estimate cost of the project is \$1,400.00 with the maximum cost share allowable of up to 75% of the estimated cost not to exceed \$560.00. The project is to start by December 1, 2009 and be completed by December 31, 2009 with Willie Peters as the District Technical Representative.

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

Motion by Jim Schwingler second by Jim Fitzsimmons to approve final payment for Barbara Rousseau, Native Buffer Cost Share contract NB09-50 for \$1,151.00. Ayes: Krueger, Fitzsimmons, Schwingler, Brown and Gruetzmacher. Nays: 0

Motion by Jim Schwingler second by Linda Brown to approval final payment for Nancy Sjoberg, USFWS Cost Share contract #23 for \$2,647.00 and return \$215.00 back into the USFWS account to be re-encumbered. Ayes: Krueger, Fitzsimmons, Schwingler, Brown and Gruetzmacher. Nays: 0

Motion by Jim Fitzsimmons second by Jim Schwingler to approve final payment for Raymond Deutsch, VRWJPO Cost Share contract #08-01 for \$2,562.63 and return \$2,437.37 back into the VRWJPO account. Ayes: Krueger, Fitzsimmons, Schwingler, Brown and Gruetzmacher. Nays: 0

Motion by Paul Krueger second by Jim Schwingler to approve PLSLWD Technical Assistance for Harbor Community Church for a Gully Stabilization Project. Ayes: Krueger, Fitzsimmons, Schwingler, Brown and Gruetzmacher. Nays: 0

Motion by Jim Fitzsimmons second by Linda Brown to select Jesse and Judy Theis as the Scott SWCD entrant for the MASWCD Outstanding Conservationist. Ayes: Krueger, Fitzsimmons, Schwingler, Brown and Gruetzmacher. Nays: 0

Motion by Paul Kreuger second by Jim Fitzsimmons to approve purchasing a 2009 Ford F150 to replace the 1994 Ford Pick-up. Ayes: Krueger, Fitzsimmons, Schwingler, Brown and Gruetzmacher. Nays: 0

Motion by Paul Kreuger second by Linda Brown to approve comp time for staff to present at the Small Farm and Rural Living Expo on September 12, 2009. Ayes: Krueger, Fitzsimmons, Schwingler, Brown and Gruetzmacher. Nays: 0

Motion by Jim Fitzsimmons second by Linda Brown to approve the following Conservation Plans: Slack Farm, Inc., Jesse Theis, Paula Grieves, Raymond Pieper, Donald Barry and Darik Schulz. Ayes: Krueger, Fitzsimmons, Schwingler, Brown and Gruetzmacher. Nays: 0

Paul Nelson reviewed with the Board of Supervisors a meeting that was held for RIM/WRP. The metro counties sent in 20 applications to BWSR and only 1 application received funding. Paul Nelson sent a letter to BWSR regarding the scoring method.

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

The next meeting will be held on September 9th, 2009