

WEST POTTAWATTAMIE SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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September 19, 2007, 1:00 pm

SPECIAL Meeting

Tiarks called the special meeting to order at 1:00 P M on September 10, 2007 the USDA Service Center.

Those in attendance were:

Commissioners

Allan Tiarks	Chair	Hardin Twp.
Dean Fischer	Vice Chair	Neola Twp.
Dale Huneke		Norwalk Twp.

Staff

Dale DuVal	DC	Co. Bluffs	Federal
Rich Maaske	US	Co. Bluffs	State
Kevin Seevers	CRP	Co. Bluffs	County
Dustin Farnsworth	PLB	Mills/Pott	District
Tom Bottoms	SCT	Co. Bluffs	Federal

ADOPT AGENDA

- **08-41** Fischer moved to adopt the agenda; Huneke seconded. Motion carried unanimously

NEW BUSINESS

- DNR Memorandum of Understanding for Private Land Biologist (Dustin / Dale)
Presented memorandum of Understanding regarding private Lands Biologist already approved.
- **08-42** Huneke moved to sign the MOU: Fischer seconded. Motion carried unanimously
- Stewardship Initiative (Dustin)
Farnsworth briefly discussed changes to the cost share rates. Will bring more information as available.
- WIRB Transfer of funds between categories and requirements
Discussed transferring funds from the bioswale category to composting. Proposed composting a town home lot with sod the next lot to do a side-by-side comparison. Both would be applied at the same time with the landowner providing water and fertilization records. No cost share on final grade; however, if the ground needs to be roughed up or aerated that would be including as part of the prep work. The compost and seed would also be included in the cost share portion. The board requested hard number for their October 15 meeting, no action taken at this time.
- Urban Conservationist
Discussed the position recently announced by Secretary of Ag Bill Northey.
- **08-43** Fischer moved to have the position as a state employee not a district; Huneke seconded. Motion carried unanimously

ADJOURN

- **08-44** Huneke moved to adjourn; Fischer seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Adjourned at 1:40 PM.

Submitted by:

Approved by:

Tracy A. Bruun, State Secretary 10 / 15 / 07
Date

Allan E. Tiarks, Chairperson 10 / 15 / 07
Date