

WEST POTTAWATTAMIE SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Chairman Tiarks called the REGULAR meeting to order on Thursday, February 17, 2005 at 3:35 p.m.

Those in attendance were:

COMMISSIONERS

Allan Tiarks	Chair	Hardin Twp.
Rob Livingston		E. Lewis Twp.
Russ Goeser	Co. Treas.	Boomer Twp.
Dale Huneke		Norwalk Twp.

STAFF

Dale DuVal	DS	Co. Bluffs	Federal
Tracy Bruun	SS	Co. Bluffs	State
Tom Bottoms	SCT	Co. Bluffs	Federal

ADOPT AGENDA

- ◆ 05-82 Goeser moved to approve the agenda ; Huneke seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

ONGOING BUSINESS

2005 Cost share Policy – finalize

- ◆ 05-83 Huneke moved to approve the 2005 cost share policy; Goeser seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

2005 Annual plan – finalize

- ◆ 05-84 Livingston moved to approve the 2005 annual plan; Goeser seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

County Resource Planner

Tiarks, Fischer, Durick, DuVal and Bruun interviewed two candidates on February 10 for the County Resource Planner position. The job has been conditionally offered to Kevin Seever and accepted subject to him passing the county's required physical which was scheduled for February 16.

Contractor's Meeting Update

Reviewed the action register for the upcoming meeting March 2 at the National Guard Armory. Discussed having joint contractor meeting next year.

WSPF Grant for IC site 2 rehabilitation , re-submittal

Went over the updated application for re-submittal to IDALS.

- ◆ 05-85 Livingston moved to approve and submit the updated application; Huneke seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Arbor Day Trees.

The deadline to request arbor trees and presentation was February 16. The district received requests for 938 trees (ordered 950) from 15 schools, twelve of which would like presentations. Arbor Day is the last Friday in April (29th). We need help bagging trees that week, usually Wednesday, and making deliveries on Friday 29.

APPROVE MINUTES

- ◆ 05-86 Goeser moved to approve the minutes from January 20, 2005; Huneke seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT

District Funds				
SWCD Checking Peoples	2,036.37		Brittain	16,134.71
CD # 95099 (06/21/04)	10,099.19		District Employee (non-cash)	572.52
CD # 824018 (1/07/06)	10,021.23		District Employee Farm Bill(non-cash)	66.74
			No-Till Drill (non-cash)	8,653.96
State Funds				
1M Budget 05	0.00		3M Budget '04-05	(76.78)
3M Budget '01-02	0.00		REAP-Forestry 05	(1,875.00)
3M Budget '02-03	0.00		REAP-Practices 05	10,728.09
3M Budget '03-04	1,238.21		Revolving Loan Funds	9.80
County Funds (L.O.S.T.)				
Total LOST unobligated	241,974.70			

◆ 05-87 Livingston moved to approve the Treasurer's Report for 02 / 17 / 05; Goeser seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

CDI Spring Regional March 29, West Pottawattamie SWCD is host

West Pottawattamie Soil & Water Conservation District has been asked to host the Region 5 Spring meeting. A tentative agenda was handed out. Discussed places to have the meeting and what sites the commissioners would like to show during the afternoon tour. The commissioners prefer to have it at Hitchcock. Would like to have Kevin SeEVERS talk about GIS/GPS and then maybe something about the porous paving project proposed for there.

Cost share / Conservation Plans

Application – Spring terraces 50%									
Funds	Applicants	Cost share							
662 LOST	Bintz, Herbert	5,000.00							
661 LOST	McMullen, Patrick	5,000.00							
663 LOST	Nielsen, Robert	5,000.00							
Application – Summers 75%									
Funds	Applicants	Estimate	Cost share						
PENDING	Leaders, Charles	6,667.00	5,000.00						
Application – windbreaks 75%									
3 REAP-F/NG	Thomas, Ronald	Hardin 2	\$1,200.00						
660 LOST	Gunderson, Kevin	Boomer 12	\$1,200.00						
Vouchers									
Number	Owner	Footage	Cost-share	Tech	Front Slope	Contractor	\$/ft	Bill	NRCS Est.
657 LOST	Riddlen, Emma (Dale Huneke) & Jensen, Marian	260 ft 638	894.50	BB		Ausdemore	6.88	1,789.00	2,336.40
Urban Plan Approvals									
Owner	Twp and Sec.	# of lots	Total Acres +/-						
Western IA Land Dev	Bent Tree East Garner 24 and Hardin 19	27	36.5						
CRP Plans									
Contract #	Owner	Note							
	Williams Trust, James & Beverly	7.8 acs CRP filter strips							
	Eitmann, Thomas	3.6 acs CRP filter strips							
	Bostwick Family Ltd % Gerald Bostwick	CRP modification							

Conservation Plan Approvals		
Tract	Owner	Note
2405	Anderson, Ronald	Tract split
3603	Bach, Delbert	New owner
3772	Goldapp Estate, Ruth	Tract split
3773	Goldapp Estate, Ruth	Tract split
2075	Hines, Paul	New owner
2428	Killpack, Dean	Updated plan for terraces
3493	Knoke, Hazel % Ruth Holton	Moved from East Pott. to West Pott.
0659	Larsen, Doanld	Tract split
3579	Larsen, Doanld	Tract split
3580	Larsen, Duane	Tract split
0033	Leaders, Charles	New owner
3768	Pedersen, Dan	New owner
0586	Pedersen, Dan	Updated plan for terraces
0564	Seidler Jr., Frank	Sodbust
0879	Williams Trust, James & Beverly	Updated plan and including CRP filter strips 7.8 acs.
1430	Eitmann, Thomas	Updated plan and including CRP filter strips 3.6 acs.
1488	Bostwick Family Ltd % Gerald Bostwick	Updated plan to included CRP modification

- ◆ 05-88 Livingston moved to approve the applications, vouchers and plans; Goeser seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

EQIP Migration Report

DuVal and Bruun attended more training for EQIP on Tuesday, February 15. There was clarification on how to count the workload being provided by the State Secretary. Based on the new information, a new report was completed and submitted to IDALS. Copy provided to the commissioners for their review.

New Low Interest IDALS Loan Program

Handed out the high-lights of the program as presented by Tony Toigo with IDALS-DSC (515-281-6148).

Wayne Sell / Pat Vogel terrace repair

Mr. Vogel called in and said his terraces were fixed and wanted to sign up for cost share. He signed the application on December 16, the bill is dated December 13. (6 breaks, bill is \$510.00, cost share would be \$255.00)

- ◆ 05-89 Goeser moved to deny because the work was completed prior to signing up for assistance; Huneke seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Supplemental request IFIP funds

At the time the request was due, there were only four applications to be funded. A supplemental request was made for \$20,000.00. As of today's meeting the supplemental has not been received.

Farm Bill IV technical assistance funds

The next CDI/NRCS/IDALS contribution agreement has been announced. DuVal worked up some preliminary numbers which were presented to the commissioners. After some discussion the numbers were finalized.

- ◆ 05-90 Huneke moved to approve the application request for Farm Bill IV technical assistance funds; Livingston seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

***DuVal left the meeting.**

Golden Hills Grant – letter of support for grant

Golden Hills RC&D is applying for a grant for the enhancement of habitat for declining population species in the wetlands and Loess Hills of Western Iowa. They have requested a letter from the district stating

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their support for this work and demonstrating their support through the \$2,500 (PF money) given to the position to date from the district.

◆ 05-91 Livingston moved to ; Goeser seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE

Dec / Jan Chair to Chair
1M Funding email from Babetta Lucke

Iowa's Unique Conservation Partnerships\
Ag & The Environment March 8 – 9 .

BILLS

National Watershed Coalition \$50.00

◆ 05-92 Goeser moved to deny the bill; seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

NEXT MEETING DATES

Wednesday, March 2 Contractors' Mtg
Tuesday, March 29 Spring Regional

Proposed Regular SWCD Commissioner Meetings for 2005

Month	Date	Day	Time	Location
March	24	Thursday	3:30 PM	USDA Service Center
April	21	Thursday	7:00 PM	USDA Service Center
May	19	Thursday	7:00 PM	USDA Service Center
June	23	Thursday	3:30 PM	USDA Service Center
July	21	Thursday	3:30 PM	USDA Service Center
August	18	Thursday	3:30 PM	USDA Service Center
September	22	Thursday	7:00 PM	USDA Service Center
October	20	Thursday	7:00 PM	USDA Service Center
November	17	Thursday	3:30 PM	USDA Service Center
December	14	Wednesday	10:00 AM	USDA Service Center

ADJOURN

◆ 05-93 Livingston moved to adjourn the meeting at 5:10 PM; Huneke seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Submitted by:

Approved by:

Tracy A. Bruun, State Secretary 03 / 24 / 05
Date

Allan Tiarks, Chairperson 03 / 24 / 05
Date