



WEST POTTAWATTAMIE SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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September 27, 2005
 Scheduled time 7:00 PM
 Regular Meeting



Meeting called to order by:	Chairperson Allan Tiarks		
Called to order / adjourned at:	7:10 PM – 9:15 PM		
Recorder:	Tracy A. Bruun, State Secretary		
Attendees:	<u>COMMISSIONERS</u>		
	Allan Tiarks	Chair	Hardin Twp.
	Russ Goeser	Co-Treas.	Boomer Twp.
	Rob Livingston		East Lewis twp.
	<u>ASS'T. COMMISSIONERS</u>		
	John Hurd		Garner Twp.
	Linda Durick		Garner Twp.
	<u>STAFF</u>		
	Dale DuVal	DC	Co. Bluffs
	Tracy Bruun	SS	Co. Bluffs
			Federal State

ADOPT AGENDA

06 - 15 Goeser moved to approve the agenda; Livingston seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVE MINUTES

06 - 16 Goeser moved to approve the minutes from August 19, 2005; Livingston seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT

District Funds				
SWCD Checking Peoples	13,367.73		Brittan	16,134.71
CD # 824018 (1/07/06)	10,145.85		District Employee Farm Bill(non-cash)	912.37
CD #929577 (6/1/06)	10,237.55		No-Till Drill (non-cash)	9,768.96
State Funds				
1M Budget 06	2,000.00		3M Budget '05-06	12,530.32
3M Budget '02-03	0.00		REAP-Forestry 06	2,010.00
3M Budget '03-04	0.00		REAP-Practices 06	(16,959.00)
3M Budget '04-05	7,530.32		Revolving Loan Funds	9.80
County Funds (L.O.S.T.)				
Total LOST unobligated	136,045.91			

06 - 17 Livingston moved to approve the Treasurer's Report as of 9 / 16 / 05; Goeser seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

06 - 18 Livingston moved to send a letter to Dave Dorff asking for the plan of restitution from the criminal file which should be filed as a civil judgment; Goeser seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS

Tiarks: DuVal and Tiarks attended the fall regional and gave the West Pottawattamie Soil and Water Conservation District state of address. Most other counties had 5 commissioners there.

Food for thought: Terraces that are there now; how many more do we need, how many need rebuilt, where do we go from here thinking of 5-year plan.

BILLS

Verizon Cell Phone 57.40 NACD 775.00
 Westfair booth materials reimburse Bruun \$47.40 CDI 700.00
 (Landscaping demonstration plots \$2,500 approved + 1,200 – donations? Pending until spring 06)
 ➔ 06 – 19 Livingston moved to approve the bills excluding NACD; Goeser seconded. Motion carried unanimously

CORRESPONDENCE

Chair to chair July / Aug CDI meeting minutes – Babetta Lucke
 Area 4 Regional Meeting Minutes IDALS-DSC Buffer Programs (emails)
 Omaha World Herald Article *Buffers' Benefits Clear to Iowans*

NEXT MEETING DATES

Proposed Regular SWCD Commissioner Meetings for 2005

Month	Date	Day	Time	Location
September	28	Wednesday	10:00 AM	Board of Supervisors
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

NEW BUSINESS

Cancel Cell phone: Most employees have their own cell phone that they use. Staff that do not have a cell phone do not usually take the District phones. Lewis Central Schools collects used cell phones and turns them in for cash as a school fundraiser. Do the commissioners mind if Bruun turns them in at the school?

➔ 06 – 20 Livingston moved to cancel cell phones and donate them to Lewis Central Schools; Goeser seconded. Motion carried unanimously

Open House for new building: There was discussion about having an open house and trying to get the media and Chamber of Commerce involved. Is this still an objective? Yes. Staff will begin the preparatory work for mid January.

Ken Hekter: Terrace repairs from last year

➔ 06 – 21 Goeser moved to deny Hekter's request for cost share assistance on terrace repair; Livingston seconded. Motion carried unanimously

SWCD Annual Conference Nov. 16-17; Reservations and resolutions

Tiarks yes, maybe Fischer. Handed out the resolutions for review, to be voted on at October meeting.

➔ 06 – 22 Livingston moved to approve sending 2 to Annual Conference; Goeser seconded. Motion carried unanimously

Darrell Danker waterway:

DuVal reviewed the project with the commissioners. This waterway will Finish up the farm. Current tile is plugged and is the old clay tile. good conservation project. Tile work will have to be done this fall to allow the area to dry enough for a dozer to get in to shape the waterway. The estimate for the entire project is just over \$10,000.

Cost share / Conservation Plans

Cancellations		
Funds	Applicants - Cancel	Cost share
LOST	Gary Larson – summer not started	5,000.00
LOST	Wahle, Rodney – Summer not started	5,000.00
663LOST	Nielsen, Robert	5,000.00

Urban Plan Approvals

Owner	Twp and Sec.	# of lots	Total Acres +/-
Johnson Ent. Ltd.	16-74-43	1	84.4
Norman Hansmeyer (Bob Sherwood)	Sherwood Country Estate 35-76-43 Hazel Dell	54	90.22 +/-

Conservation Plan & CRP Plans

Tract #	Contract #	Owner	Note	Cons. Plan	CRP Plan
1112	n/a	Schultz, Alan E.	New owner.	X	--
942	386 & 389	Henningsen, Robert	CP3A Tree planting & CP21/CP4 General	X	X
755	n/a	Ron Larson	New owner	X	--
2617	n/a	Eitmann, Tom	Transferred from East Pott.	X	--
2293	n/a	Pedersen, Dan	New owner	X	--

Application – Fall terraces 50%

Funds	Applicants	Cost share
19(04-05)	Kathman, Martin	5,000.00
20(04-05)	Wellman, Fred	5,000.00
21(04-05)	Leaders, Charles	5,000.00
14(05-06)	Dorothy Stortenbecker Life Estate	5,000.00
15(05-06)	Duane Witt	5,000.00
705/706LOST	Larry & David Bladt	5,000.00
712 LOST	Roger Schmidt	5,000.00
711 LOST	Oswald Schmidt Trust	5,000.00
720LOST	McDonald, Robert	1,500.00
721LOST	Pedersen, Dan	5,000.00
722LOST	Pedersen, Clarence	3,000.00
728LOST	Q-Tip Trust, Fisher-Magnussen T. Klotz TTEE	5,000.00
729 LOST	Harman, Francis	3,000.00
730LOST	Goos, Emmett	2,000.00
713 LOST	Darrell Danker Waterway	5,000.00
723LOST	Huskey, David WELL CLOSING	400.00
726A LOST	Driver Trust, Arlene 638	2,500.00
726B LOST	Thomas, Nomr 638	2,500.00
727A LOST	Driver Trust, Arlene 638	2,500.00
727B LOST	Witt, Estella 638	2,500.00

Vouchers

Number	Owner	Footage	Cost-share	Tech	Front Slope	Contractor	\$/ft	Bill	NRCS Est.
Golden Hills RC&D	Dr. James Goodman	12.0 acs prairie	3600.00?	n/a	n/a	Owner	n/a	11,500.00	n/a
661 LOST	McMullen, Patrick	5050 NB	1,845.38	BB	n/a	McMullen	.82	4,140.00	3,690.75
716 LOST	Bill Bracker	1875' GBS	4,696.31	BB	25	Hurd	3.34	6,261.75	7,176.65
717 LOST	Katzer, James	1750' GBS	3,063.45	BB	25	Hurd	2.55	4,463.25	4,084.60
724B LOST	Shudak, Cliff Bladt, Wayne	175' 638	557.96	BB		Hurd	8.50	1,487.90	1,951.80
724A LOST			557.96						
725 LOST	Shudak, Cliff	1350' GBS	4,442.04	BB	25	Hurd	3.29	6,071.00	5,942.30
719A LOST	Larson, Ron 75%	2950' GBS	5,000.00	BB	25	Hurd	2.30	6,787.75	6,706.05
719B LOST	Larson, Ron 50%	480' 638	1,417.50	BB	25	Hurd	5.10	2,446.10	2,835.00
718 LOST	Dan Pedersen	1350' GBS	5,000.00	TGB		French	5.24	7,074.60	7,594.60
714 LOST	Husz Brothers	4375' NB	4,522.50	BB	n/a	Blue Spruce	1.35	6,030.00	7,154.55
703A LOST	DLJ 75%	2150' GBS	5,000.00	BB		Ausdemore	3.11	6,696.00	7,751.25
703B LOST	DLJ 50%	700' GBS	1,441.50	BB		Ausdemore	4.12	2,883.00	2,858.05
715A LOST	R. Klabzuba	600' 638	3,598.20	BB	25	Ausdemore	8.02	4,814.00	4,797.60
715B LOST	C. Fischer	700' tile	715.43			Wellman	2.73	1,795.00	1,795.00
701A LOST	Dea, Mike 75%	1100' GBS 150' BB	3,855.65	BB	25	Ausdemore	4.82	5,539.62	5,401.75
701B LOST	Dea, Mike 50%	850' GBS	2,229.19	BB	25	Ausdemore	5.71	4,857.14	4,682.20

Note: Roger Schmidt was approved last fall for terrace cost share. He used two contractors, one to do the rebuilds and one to do the new terraces. The rebuilds were completed last fall; however, the new ones were not completed until this spring. We have had the bill for the rebuilds since last fall, but still do not have the bill for the new ones. Mr. Schmidt and Bruun have contacted Ken Osborn on several occasions. The most recent was a letter dated September 19, 2005

directing Mr. Osborn to submit a bill by October 10 as this application will be presented for payment at the October commissioners' meeting with or without his portion. The letter was copied to Mr. Schmidt. Hurd suggested that in the past they have taken the yardage and calculated a bill from that. If Mr. Osborn doesn't get his own bill in by October 10, Bruun will prepare one on the state's form using the yardage and send it to him for his signature.

➡ 06 – 23 Livingston moved to approve the conservation plans, applications, and voucher; Goeser seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Leo and Larry Stortenbecker

Leo has most of the terrace; Larry took out part of the terrace that is under a maintenance agreement. Contact Dave Dorff for his input. Who gets the letter? How do we handle it? The District would like to send a letter asking that the terrace be replaced.

06 – 24 Livingston moved to send a letter after getting Mr. Dorff's opinion; Goeser seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

ONGOING BUSINESS

Indian Creek Site 2 Final Agreement Approval

Met with the Board of Supervisors yesterday. The County Attorney requested a wording change referencing upgrade of structure so as not to prohibit building below the structure. New agreements are being drawn up and another meeting is scheduled for tomorrow with the Board of Supervisors. Bid letting is expected fall of 2006 with construction in 2007.

➡ 06 – 25 Livingston moved to sign the agreement; Goeser seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Western Heritage Trails Museum Project

Plan includes reseeding current prairie with plants more native to Iowa and seeding adding additional acres currently in crop. The site includes 89.7 acres of crop and 46.9 acres of prairie. Average of three bids is \$47,000. KC Hummel, Director, is applying for Iowa West Foundation Grant. She is seeking additional funds from the District. Sponsors will have their name placed on a sign after the project is completed. DuVal has received word that Pheasant Forever will contribute up to \$5,000 if matched by other entities.

➡ 06 – 26 Livingston moved to pay up to \$5,000 matching PF contingent upon full funding for the project; Goeser seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Hitchcock Nature Center: Porous Paving and Education

Looking at funds to help with educational signage.

➡ 06 – 27 Livingston moved to donate \$1,000; Goeser seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

District Equipment needs: Computer memory, projector, etc. (2,085.02 remaining balance)

Motion 05-13 set aside funds to purchase computers, computer projector and software. NRCS is having a contract on high end computers; however, Seevers doesn't think this particular one best suits the districts needs at this time. Wait on the high end. Go ahead on projector and memory as these can be purchased with the funds all ready approved for these items.

STAFF REPORTS

DuVal:

- PF outdoor show Jan 13, 14, 15. Booth rent \$300; NRCS, East and West each pay \$100. 8,000 people went through it last year at Mid-America Center. The district will approve the \$100 if East Pott and NRCS each match it.

Bruun:

- Was able to obtain IFIP supplemental. Asked for \$30,000, received 29,618.60.
- Danelle will be done Sept. 30 with this round of grant money.

ADJOURN

➡ 06 – 28 Goeser moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:15 PM; Livingston seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Submitted by:

Approved by:

Tracy A. Bruun, State Secretary 10 / 20 / 05
Date

Allan Tiarks, Chairperson 10 / 20 / 05
Date