



WEST POTTAWATTAMIE SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Tiarks called the regular meeting to order on Tuesday, February 21, 2006 at 9:40 a.m.

Those in attendance were:

COMMISSIONERS

Allan Tiarks Chair Hardin Twp.
Dean Fischer Vice-Chair Neola Twp.
Russ Goeser Co-treasurer Boomer Twp.

ASSISTANT COMMISSIONERS

Linda Durick Garner Twp.

GUESTS

Kristy York APS Federal Atlantic
Joni Sell DT Mills SWCD
Bob Waters SES State Atlantic

STAFF

Dale DuVal DC Co. Bluffs Federal
Tracy Bruun SS Co. Bluffs State
Kevin Seevers CRP Co. Bluffs County
Rich Maaske ES Co. Bluffs State
Tom Bottoms SCT Co. Bluffs Federal

ADOPT AGENDA

→ 06-58 Goeser moved to approve the agenda, Fischer seconded. Motion carried unanimously

APPROVE JANUARY 20, 2006 MINUTES

Corrected to show Linda Durick and Rich Maaske present. Also corrected John Hurd's township to Garner.

→ 06-59 Goeser moved to approve the January 20, 2006 minutes as corrected, Fischer seconded. Motion carried unanimously

TREASURER'S REPORT AS OF 2/20/06

District Funds							
SWCD Checking Peoples	10,511.19		Brittan		14,114.21		
CD # 824018 (1/07/06)	0.00		District Employee Farm Bill(non-cash)		484.96		
CD #929577 (6/1/06)	10,382.13		No-Till Drill (non-cash)		9,768.96		
CD #9*51849 (10/17/06)	10,033.80						
State Funds							
3M Budget '02-03	0.00		3M Budget '04-05	3,111.26		REAP-Practices 06	0.00
3M Budget '03-04	0.00		3M Budget '05-06	(269.07)		REAP-Forestry 06	2,010.00
1M Budget 06	2,000.00		Revolving Loan Funds	9.80			
County Funds (L.O.S.T.)							
Total LOST unobligated	115,619.61						

→ 06-60 Fischer moved to approve the February 20, 2006 treasurer's report, Goeser seconded. Motion carried unanimously

ONGOING BUSINESS

Local Option Sales Tax: Definition of Capital Improvements

Discussed where East and West Pottawattamie Soil and Water Conservation Districts are at with the definition for Capital Improvements. The West Pottawattamie SWCD commissioners are comfortable with what is written to date. This will be presented at a joint meeting of East and West following the West Pottawattamie SWCD contractor meeting March 1.

Kristy York joined the meeting at 10:00

Open House

Open house went well.

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Rain Garden Meetings

Maaske and Seevers gave a rain garden presentation to the Carter Lake group, 22 present. Maaske did one in Malvern to a group of about 40. They are scheduled to present on April 1 at Senior Center 4 classes in the am and 4 in the pm

Contractors' Meeting

Agendas and invitations have sent out for the Contractors meeting March 1. This year's list was expanded to include all conservation service providers increasing the guest list from 50 to 86.

Van Klaveren letter requesting breach routes

A letter to Mr. Van Klaveren will be sent requesting breach route maps for 11 priority watershed structures. These maps will be given to County Planning and Development to put with the FEMA maps when determining where construction may or may not take place.

Sub-Area commissioners' meeting Feb. 24

Fischer and maybe Tiarks will attend.

Regional: March 30 RSVP

DuVal, Fischer and Bruun will attend; maybe Tiarks; Goeser and Durick no.

Leo Stortenbecker

Requested to remove a 150' stub his brother left when he removed the portion of the terrace that was on his property. At one time the property was owned by the mother and is now divided between the 2 brothers. The stub that is left is causing more problems than it is solving.

→ 06-61 Fischer moved to allow Leo to remove the small portion; Goeser seconded. Motion carried unanimously

Terrace Maintenance letter

Reviewed letter from 2002 reminding landowners of their responsibility to maintain terraces. Everyone is still ok with the way it reads

NEW BUSINESS

Kristy York – Area Program Specialist

Conservation Security Program (CSP): Went through the high-lights of the program and answered questions.

Joni Sell joined the meeting 11:15

Bob Waters joined the meeting 12:00

Kristy left the meeting at 12:10

Mud Creek Development Grant

Joni Sell, Mills SWCD technician & Bob Waters, Environmental Specialist with IDALS explained what they found with the WSPF development grant they received from the State of Iowa. Mills SWCD would like to see both East and West Pottawattamie SWCD's make Mud Creek Watershed a priority for the next several years. Also did a written survey and found that the landowners in Pottawattamie county are more interested that those in Mills. The assessment is basically done and current making it a good time to go for the WSPF grant. There appeared to be only a few sections that would need to be targeted in West Pottawattamie. Seevers said he would be willing to write up the grant and present it at the next commissioners meeting.

Joni Sell & Bob Waters left the meeting at 12:45

Supplemental

Requested \$89,500, received 3,133.78. That is the maximum any district received.

Cost share / Conservation Plans

Urban Plan Approvals

Owner	Twp and Sec.	# of lots	Total Acres +/-
Reineke, Michael & Melinda	HAZEL DELL TWP 23-76-43 (PARCELA)	1 SFD	3.13

Conservation Plan Approvals

Tract	Owner	Note
T2378	Pederson, Dan	Add terraces
T2541	Pederson, Dan	Add terraces
T1632	Pederson, Dan	Add terraces
T3806	Koch, Tim	New owner

Application – Spring terraces 50%

Funds	Applicants	Cost share
747 LOST	Minton Trust, Hubert	5,000.00
748 LOST	Bladt, Larry & David	5,000.00
749 LOST	Williams, Randy	5,000.00
750 LOST	Madsen, Eddie A.	5,000.00
751 LOST	Stegeman, Janelle	5,000.00
752 LOST	Skyview Farms LTd, Doug Schnepel	5,000.00
753 LOST	Miller, Carol 638 Jt. Project with Robert F. Young	5,000.00
754 LOST	Hein, Margaret	5,000.00
755 LOST	Paulson, John	5,000.00
756 LOST	Dea, Jim subject to providing accepted purchase agreement	5,000.00
757 LOST	Schroder, Denny	5,000.00

Application – Summers 638's fenceline 75%

Funds	Applicants	Estimate	Cost share
LOST	Pederson, Dan PENDING	6,666.67	5,000.00
LOST	Shudak, Cliff PENDING	6,666.67	5,000.00
LOST	Catalpa Lane PENDING	6,666.67	5,000.00

Application – windbreaks 75%

LOST	Gibson, Corrine	1 windbreak	1,200.00 c/s
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Application – amendments

LOST	Wayne Long	400.00 c/s	Well closing
LOST	David Wohlers	400.00 c/s	Well closing
LOST	Donald Mathisen	400.00 c/s	Well closing

Vouchers

Number	Owner	Footage	Cost-share	Tech	F S	Contractor	\$/ft	Bill	NRCS Est.
KCWS	Doug Kunze	2550' NB	3,729.38	BB	n/a	Ring	1.95	4,972.50	5,027.75
24(05-06)	Wahle, Myron	5000' NB	2,724.93	TGB	n/a	Heitmann	1.10	5,950.00	5,449.85
745 LOST	Higley-Peterson-Storjohann	8300' NB	7,980.00	TGB	n/a	Plambeck	.96	7,980.00	8,210.80
744 LOST	Higley, Mary	5,850' NB	4,940.00	TGB	n/a	Plambeck	.84	4,940.00	4,218.60
723 LOST	Huskey, David	1 well closing	12.50	KS	n/a	Don's Well	n/a	425.00	800.00

→ 06-62 Goeser moved to approve the cost share; Fischer seconded. Motion carried unanimously
 Jim inquired if Joanne could also get \$5,000 of cost share. No, by policy it is 5,000 per owner/operator/year.

Funds	Applicants - Cancel	Cost share
LOST	Rupp, Richard	Done, bill was 413, not going to mess with 6.50 c/s well closing
731 LOST	Krasne, Amy	Never submitted claim to Pott cnty well closing
707 LOST	Caldwell, Charles	Cancel well closing application over a year old.
755 LOST	St. Pats.	Cancel per owner. 638 not needed at this time.

Jim Duggan – Split a short 80 into 5 tracts. Removed a top terrace (all 4 under maintenance). Non-Ag per FSA. He is applying for cost share to put in a short terrace just above the one he removed.

→ 06-63 Goeser moved to deny cost share and repay the cost share on the terraces that are still under maintenance; Fischer seconded. Motion carried unanimously

CDI Farm Bill IV Extension (CRP) Application

The district can apply for another round of money.

→ 06-64 Goeser to submit the application for funds; Fischer seconded. Motion carried unanimously

March 10th Bass Pro Carter Lake Developmental Grant Presentation

Watershed advisory group to set specific goals for the lake management plan. 10:30 am until 5:00 pm

STAFF REPORTS

DUVAL:

Western trails did receive their grant from Iowa West.

ISD wetland update.

Seevers:

Feb 27 Stormlake tour 7:30 am leave the office, Masske and Seevers will attend.

BILLS

No Frills Open House 95.99

Brockshus Year-end accounting 25.00

Best Buy CD-R 24.98

→ 06-65 Goeser moved to approve the bills; Fischer seconded. Motion carried unanimously

CORRESPONDENCE

Quality Improvement Low-Interest Loans News release

Chair to chair January 2006

Iowa Soybean Association Nitrogen Conference

Tri-State Forest Stewardship Conference

Email from Babetta Lucke

OTHER

Proposed Regular SWCD Commissioner Meetings 2006 at the USDA Service Center

Month	Date	Day	Time	Month	Date	Day	Time
March	1	Wednesday	1:30 – 2:30	August	21	Monday	9:30 – 12:00
March	20	Monday	9:30 - 12:00	September	20	Wednesday	9:30 - 12:00
April	20	Thursday	9:30 – 12:00	October	20	Friday	9:30 – 12:00
May	19	Friday	9:30 - 12:00	November	20	Monday	9:30 - 12:00
				December	13	Wednesday	

OTHER DATES TO REMEMBER:

Feb. 22 Iowa Soybean Assn. Nitrogen Conference

Feb. 24 Sub-Area commissioners' meeting (only 2)

Feb. 27: Storm Lake tour with Carter Lake group

March 1 Contractors' meeting (everyone)

March 10 Bass Pro Carter Lake Developmental Grant Presentation

March 11 Tri-State Forest Stewardship Conference

March 30 Regional

ADJOURN

1:30 PM

→ 06-66 Goeser moved to adjourn; Fischer. Motion carried unanimously

Submitted by:

Approved by:

Tracy A. Bruun, State Secretary 02 / 21 / 05
Date

Allan E. Tiarks, Chairperson 02 / 21 / 05
Date