



WEST POTTAWATTAMIE SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Tiarks called the regular meeting to order on Tuesday, June 20, 2006 at 7:05 PM.

Those in attendance were:

COMMISSIONERS

Allan Tiarks	Chair	Hardin Twp.
Dean Fischer	Vice-Chair	Neola Twp.
Russ Goeser	Co-treasurer	Boomer Twp.
Dale Huneke		Norwalk Twp.
Rob Livingston		E. Lewis Twp.

STAFF

Dale DuVal	DC	Co. Bluffs Federal
Rich Maaske	ES	Co. Bluffs State
Tracy Bruun	SS	Co. Bluffs State
Kevin		

ASSISTANT COMMISSIONERS:

John Hurd Garner Twp.

GUESTS

Tony Toigo IDALS-DSC Des Moines

ADOPT AGENDA

→ 06-95 Huneke moved to approve the agenda; Fischer seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVE MAY 19, 2006 MINUTES

→ 06-96 Fischer moved to approve the May 19, 2006 minutes; Huneke seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT

District Funds					
SWCD Checking Peoples	12,687.79		Brittan		14,114.21
CD #929577 (6/1/06)	0.00		District Employee Farm Bill(non-cash)		2,019.71
CD #951849 (10/17/06)	10,165.73		WIRB Grant		4,903.09
CD #969777 (07/09/07)	10,502.23		No-Till Drill (non-cash)		10,179.96
State Funds					
3M Budget '02-03	0.00		3M Budget '04-05	114.61	REAP-Practices 06 0.00
3M Budget '03-04	0.00		3M Budget '05-06	2,189.50	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	162,421.30				

→ 06-97 Fischer moved to approve the June 19, 2006 Treasurer's Report; Goeser seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

ONGOING BUSINESS

- Little Pony Creek (WIRB) – Update <Danelle>
Handed out the Little Pony Creek WIRB monthly Plan of Operations review prepared by Project Coordinator, Danelle Schmielau.
- Office Rain Garden Installation <Danelle>
The large rain garden has a hard pan that is causing water to stand too long. The other two are working well. Compost is down with grass seed. Schmielau has put together a cost estimate by the square foot.
- Joint Legislative Tour with East Pottawattamie SWCD, September <DuVal>
Discussed some dates and possible locations. September 14 is the proposed date.
- Joint terrace alteration policy with East Pottawattamie SWCD <DuVal>
Reviewed what was sent over by East Pottawattamie. The commissioners are happy with the policy they have had in place for several years. West is willing to expand upon their current policy, but is reluctant to delete anything. Bruun will email the policy over to East Pottawattamie for their thoughts.

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- Urban Pasture Grazing Plan <DuVal>
District Urban Pasture Grazing Plan:
Minimum of 8 acres; submit bills for fencing & fertilizer; status review after first year of grazing (Aug); No c/s on watering system; 2 – 4 acres / horse
\$30 / acre ≥ 4 paddocks
\$20 / acre 3 paddocks
\$0 / acre < 3 paddocks
\$20 / acre interseeding
\$33 / Cool Season planting
Must be non-Ag and not eligible for EQIP.
10-year maintenance agreement
\$2,000 c/s limit.
- 06-98 Fischer moved to approve the Urban Pasture Grazing Plan Policy; Goeser seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

- Funding for Wildlife Habitat position 8/06 to 6/07 <DuVal>
- 06-99 Livingston moved to pay \$1,900 in addition to the \$600 already there; Huneke seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

- Pony Creek (Mills) – Update <Rich>
Judge has not ruled. West Pottawattamie Soil and Water Conservation District is still involved at this point. Mills SWCD sent a letter to the other sponsors asking for a meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

- Tony Toigo - New Pilot Urban LWPP Cost Share Program
Introduced two new loan programs.

Urban program post construction urban conservation cost share.
Developer, HO Association, infiltration based stormwater practices.

8:45 Tony left the meeting

8:55 Goeser left the meeting

- Unemployment insurance
- 06-100 Livingston moved to send in the form to begin unemployment insurance January 2007; Huneke seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

- NRCS requiring background check and finger printing of all non-federal employees
Still working on the logistics of who will pay for these and if the State of Iowa employee contract allows it.

- Dick Green sodbusting 1F3
Mr. Green is sodbusting 1F3 and has requested an additional \$5,000 of cost share assistance. The technicians have looked at it and the is only about 1,000 ft at this time that will be eligible due to the slope not meeting NRCS specifications. Godwin said they can landscape at the owner's expense to bring it under 18% but it will need to sit for at least one year to allow it to settle.
- 06-101 Livingston moved to allow the original \$5,000 approved last month but deny the additional \$5,000; Huneke seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

- Cost share / Conservation Plans

Urban Plan Approvals

Owner	Twp and Sec.	# of lots	Approx. Total Acres +/-
Robert & Kay Mocha	ROCKFORD TWP 10-77-44 AUD SUB SE SE LT 4	2 SFD	7.07

Conservation Plan Approvals

Tract	Owner	Note
Non-Ag	Calvert, William	Urban prescribed grazing plan
1839	Sunny Heights Farms, Dean Jensen	New owner
1840	Sunny Heights Farms, Dean Jensen	New owner
3912	O. Dean Olson	New owner
0316	Doyle, Michael	Plan revision
0277	Comstock, John	New owner
M0175	McMullen, Patrick	CRP 6.5 ac FS
2041	RBD Farms	CRP .9 ac FS

Application – well closing 50%

Funds	Applicants	Cost share
LOST	Poole, Daniel	400.00

Amendment – Spring terraces

Funds	Applicants	Cost share
25 (04-05)	R.L. Dick Green	Additional 5,000.00*

*need to trf to LOST due to sodbusting.

Vouchers

Number	Owner	Footage	Cost share	Tech	FS	Contractor	\$ / ft	Bill	NRCS Est.
771 LOST	Marshall, Edward	4,100'NB; 1,875' 638	5,000.00	BB	n/a	C. Cashatt	1.89	11,162.50	11,614.20
774 LOST	Rollins, Eugene	3900'NB	3,482.70	BB	n/a	Moore	1.79	6,970.00	6,965.40
772 LOST	Stahlnecker, Paul	1950' NB; 4650' RNB	3,222.13	BB	n/a	Hurd	.98	6,444.25	6,588.80
775 LOST	Peterson Angus	700' BB	950.00	BB	25	Ring	2.71	1,900.00	1,994.20
776 LOST	Peterson, Dan	1675' GBS	2,512.50	BB	25	Ring	3.10	5,200.00	5,025.00
749 LOST	Williams, Randy	1400' WW	503.13	BB	n/a	Hurd	.72	1,006.25	963.95
773 LOST	Jensen, Robert I.	1400' GBS	1,513.75	BB	25	Hurd	2.16	3,027.50	3,237.00
Golden Hills	Troxel, Charles	5.1 acs prairie restoration	765.00	Abby	n/a	Owner	n/a	1,750.00	n/a

→ 06-102 Huneke moved to approve the cost share / Conservation plan items; Fischer seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

- Name Tags from CDI
 - 06-103 Fischer moved to order employee name tags from CDI for \$5 each; Huneke seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
- Drill repairs/sell
 - Have them come take a look at it and make an offer.
- Long Range Plan
 - Yes, proceed. Bruun will contact Zimprich to see what the first step is.

STAFF REPORTS

- DuVal nothing to report
- Seewers:
 - o NRCS has begun breach routes.
 - o Added map layer for gas pipeline.
 - o Meeting with Lake Manawa HO Association on lake restoration project.
 - o Carter Lake update.

