



WEST POTTAWATTAMIE SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Tiarks called the regular meeting to order on Monday, August 21, 2006 at 5:20 PM.

Those in attendance were:

COMMISSIONERS

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

STAFF

Dale DuVal	DC	Co. Bluffs, Fed.
Rich Maaske	ES	Co. Bluffs, State
Tracy Bruun	SS	Co. Bluffs, State
Danelle Schmielau	DT	Co. Bluffs, District
Abbie Meyer	PLC	Malvern

ASSISTANT COMMISSIONERS:

John Hurd	Garner Twp.
Linda Durick	Garner Twp.

ADOPT AGENDA

→ 07-10 Goeser moved to approve the August 21, 2006 agenda; Fischer seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVE JULY 20, 2006 MINUTES

→ 07-11 Goeser moved to approve the July 20, 2006 minutes; Fischer seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT 07/31/06

District Funds					
SWCD Checking Peoples	5,572.99		Brittan		14,114.21
CD #951849 (08/17/06)	10,198.98		District Employee Farm Bill(non-cash)		966.08
CD #969777 (07/07/07)	10,544.87		WIRB Grant (non-cash)		2,163.71
			No-Till Drill (non-cash)		10,062.28
State Funds					
3M Budget '03-04	0.00		3M Budget '05-06	2,189.50	REAP-Practices 07 0.00
3M Budget '04-05	0.00		3M Budget '06-07	1,046.00	REAP-Forestry 07 0.00
1M Budget 06	(748.19)		Revolving Loan Funds	9.80	
County Funds (L.O.S.T.)					
Total LOST unobligated	152,577.99				

→ 07-12 Fischer moved to approve the July 31, 2006 Treasurer's Report; Goeser seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

- CD951849 matures Aug. 17. Balance 10,198.98 (7 mos. new maturity 3/17/07 if rolled.)

Roll the principal at Peoples if they will match the 5mos at 5.25% or MSN. Put interest in checking. 07-12 Fischer moved to approve the July 31, 2006 Treasurer's Report; Goeser seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

→ 07-13 Goeser moved to roll the principal into a new CD at Peoples if they match the better rate and put the interest in checking; Fischer seconded. Motion carried unanimously

- 1M Final FY06 report / FY07

Handed out the final FY06 1M report. Received an initial FY07 allocation of \$2,100, August 14.

- 06-07 3M IFIP budget allocation; supplemental

Initial allocation 31,046; no supplemental requested as we did not meet the minimum requirements.

REAP allocation just came out. REAP-P \$7,369.29 & REAP-F/NG \$2,456.43. Practices is down about \$700; F/NG is up about \$450 from last year.

ONGOING BUSINESS

- Westfair - Fair booth <Schmielau>

Reviewed attendance and how the fair went; very disappointed in the crowd drawn on Sunday by the types of bands at the concert. The staff had to take down the booth early Sunday to keep items from being stolen and vandalized. If this continues to be an issue, may not wish to have a booth at fair in the future. Talked about home shows or other type booths to hit more urban folks.

- WIRB Little Pony <Schmielau>

Schmielau attended the meeting to answer any questions the commissioners had on Little Pony Creek WIRB grant. The most recent Plan of Operations was handed out and reviewed, as was the financial report. Schmielau also talked about upcoming items regarding WIRB goals. i.e. Risen Son and the Council Bluffs Airport Authority about WASCB.

5:40 Livingston joined the meeting.

- Pony Creek <Maaske>
Maaske and Tiarks attended the Pony Creek sub-committee meeting on August 16. Dave Dorff says that West Pottawattamie Soil and Water Conservation District is not involved. The judge still has not made any decision. A letter was sent to the DNR with some "temporary" solutions. The feeling is that DNR will not act until the judge makes a decision on the case currently before the court. There will be no further meetings of the sub-committee until the court and DNR act.
- Lake Manawa Update <Maaske>
August 9 met with Angle Biggs, Shelby; Russ Kurth, Harrison, John, DNR lake Manawa; Bob Waters, Cathie Graves, DuVal, Maaske. Had a brainstorming meeting on issues dealing with volume and quality of water from Mosquito Creek into Lake Manawa. The watershed is long and narrow; runoff gets to the creek quickly. There are 1 to 1.5 million visitors per year to Lake Manawa. Looking at the possibility of a WSPF grant. Because the watershed is so big, 180,000 +/- acres, it will be a long process. In 2008 dredging will begin in Lake Manawa for fill material on the I-80 expansion project.
- Human Beaver activity on PL566's <DuVal>
IC site 5: More boards put around the principal spillway as well as dirt. Cattle are being fed in the emergency spillway. A letter needs to be sent to the landowner stating both these activities need to stop. SeEVERS and DuVal will touch base with the Board of Supervisors since they are cosponsors.
→ 07-14 Goeser moved to write and send a letter; Fischer seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
- Memorandum of Agreement with DNR <DuVal>
The commissioners received a copy of the Memorandum of Agreement with the DNR for the PLC position. Meyers reviewed the technical assistance she has been providing to landowners. To date all have been within the Loess Hills landform.
→ 07-15 Goeser moved to sign the agreement; Fischer seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

- Cost Share / Conservation Plans / Urban Plans

Urban Plan Approvals

Owner	Twp and Sec.	# of lots	Total Acres +/-
Jerry Mortensen	W of L-34 SW1/4 NE1/4 NW1/4 Sec 11 Hazel Dell Twp. 76-43	1 SFD	4.0

Conservation Plan Approvals / CRP Plans

Tract	Owner	Note			
0599	Pursell, Jerry	Sodbust 21.2 acs.	3284	Strom, Joe	CRP 11.2 acs
3476	Pursell, Jerry	Sodbust 17.4 acs.	1319	Wahle, Rodney	66.0 acs plan update
0413	Bracker Farm Crop	CRP 113.5 acs	3798	Wahle, Rodney	54.3 acs plan update
2677	Salem, Terrence	CRP 35 acs.	3207	Wahle, Rodney	13.8 acs plan update
7603	Thompson, Donald	Sodbust old CRP 20 acs	3091	Kaufman, Steven	CRP 20.9 acs

Application – Fall 50%

Funds	Applicants	Cost share
	Fischer, Ben (Jt project with D. Jennings) 638	3,000.00
	Young, Robert F. Waterway	3,700.00
	Darrington Rev Trust, Owen & Darrington, Neil	5,000.00
	Goodman, Mike	5,000.00
	Rice, Gene well closing	200.00
	Chanland Ent., Dennis Cleaveland terraces sodbuster	5,000.00

Vouchers

Number	Owner	Footage	Cost-share	Tech	Front Slope	Contractor	\$/ft	Bill	NRCS Est.
794 LOST	RMJ Jensen	775' GBS	1,743.75	BB		Ausdemore	3.00	2,327.00	2,325.00
795 LOST	Larson, Ron	750' GBS	1,621.88	BB		Hurd	2.88	2,162.50	2,206.75
796 LOST	Wagner, David	2950' NB 300' tile + 1 intake	4,160.33 377.50	BB	n/a	Casson Pierce/Casson	2.16	6,375.00 847.00	5,547.10 755.00
797 LOST	Fischer, Con	2950' GBS	4987.50	TGB	25	Ausdemore	2.25	6,650.00	9,660.95

Vouchers										
Number	Owner	Footage	Cost-share	Tech	Front Slope	Contractor	\$/ft	Bill	NRCS eligible	NRCS Est.
798 LOST	Fischer, John	1350' GBS	3,037.50	TGB	25	Ausdemore	2.63	4,213.00	4,050.00	5,070.00
OR *										
		1600' GBS	3,159.75					4,213.00	4,800.00	6,127.50

*Contractor added 250 feet to a terrace to catch a draw without contacting the office. It wasn't until the checkout notes were turned in that the office knew about the change.

- 07-16 Livingston moved to pay John Fischer on the 1350' GBS not the 1600 because the office was not notified prior to the change; Fischer seconded. Motion carried unanimously
- 07-17 Fischer/ Goeser move to approve the cost share items; Goeser seconded. Motion carried unanimously

Other:

Jerry Pursell: Non-CRP Buffer Initiative:

Sodbusted 21.2 acs plus 17.4 acs that is not eligible for CRP filter strips because it does not have a crop history. Mr. Pursell wants to apply for Buffer Initiative. Tabled until Mr. Pursell makes an application.

STAFF REPORTS

- DuVal
 - Country Ridge Estates (Now Norvern LLC, Norman Hansmeyer, 112 S Locust Winfield, IA 52659)
Discussed the removal of terraces and the sediment basins put in to capture the storm water and the pipes put in to release the storm water. The concern of adjoining landowners is that their terraces are under an active maintenance agreement and the release of this volume of water will cause them to break or fill with sediment. The landowner is requesting help with getting the developer to reduce the volume of water. DuVal has talked with Holly Vandemark with the DNR to see what avenues are available to help this landowner. At this time there is no policy in place for the SWCD to assist this landowner. Is it possible to work with Planning and Development to put verbiage in the county code to address flow, volume, velocity. Invite Kay to next meeting, Sept. 20.>
 - Dick Green is clearing approximately 30 acres of trees and grass. The slope is over 18%, that is beyond the NRCS specifications and therefore not eligible for cost share. Another concern is the possibility that terraces under maintenance have been removed and there are terraces down slope that are under maintenance but not designed for the change going on above.
- Bruun
 - Reminder about nomination papers for elections.

BILLS

\$15 for 3 staff name tags

NACD Dues \$775 min.

- 07-18 Livingston moved to approve the name tags only; Fischer seconded. Motion carried unanimously

DATES TO REMEMBER

Proposed Regular SWCD Commissioner Meetings 2006 - USDA Service Center

Month	Date	Day	Time
September	20	Wednesday	7:00pm – 9:30
October	23	Monday	7:00pm – 9:30
November	20	Monday	5:00pm – 7:30
December	13	Wednesday	9:30am – 12:00

Other dates

- August 24 (Thursday) Fall Regional Villager in Walnut \$12.75, 4:30 registration
- August 30 (Wednesday) Deadline to file nomination papers for SWCD commissioner
- September 14 (Thursday) Legislative Tour – tentatively
- September 14 (Thursday) Initial Long Range Planning mtg with Zimprich & Graves
- September 19 (Tuesday) CB Trade Assn; Maaske, Schmielau & DuVal

ADJOURN

- 07-19 Goeser moved to adjourn; Fischer seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
Meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm.

Submitted by:

Approved by:

Tracy A. Bruun, State Secretary

09 / 20 / 06
Date

Allan E. Tiarks, Chairperson

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Date