



## WEST POTTAWATTAMIE SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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### MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Tiarks called the REGULAR meeting to order on Tuesday, February 16, 2007, at 5:30 PM.

Those in attendance were:

#### COMMISSIONERS

Allan Tiarks      Chair              Hardin Twp.  
David Dittmer                      Minden Twp.  
Dale Huneke                      Norwalk Twp.

#### Assistant Commissioner

John Hurd              Garner Twp.

#### STAFF

Tracy Bruun      SS      Co. Bluffs, State  
Kevin Seevers  
Rich Maaske

### ADOPT AGENDA

→ **07-69** Huneke moved to approve the February 15, 2007 agenda; Dittmer seconded. Motion carried unanimously

### APPROVE JANUARY 16, 2007 MINUTES

→ **07-70** Huneke moved to approve the January 16, 2007 minutes, adding Motion Number "68" to the motion to adjourn; Dittmer seconded. Motion carried unanimously

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### APPROVE JANUARY 30, 2007 TREASURER'S REPORT

→ **07-71** Dittmer moved to approve the January 30, 2007 Treasurer's Report; Huneke seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

### ONGOING BUSINESS

- Women, Land and Legacy Meeting (WLL)

West Pottawattamie, Harrison, Audubon and Shelby Counties have chosen to participate in the USDA State Outreach Council project entitled Women, Land, and Legacy: Building Your Farm's Future Today. The 2002 Census of Agriculture shows that the number of women principal farm operators increased 12.62% from 1997 to 2002. In most Iowa counties, the percentage of women landowners is close to 46% or more.

The WLL project works from a grassroots approach. The local team includes Soil and Water Conservation Districts, ISU Extension Service, USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA), USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), and Golden Hills Resource Conservation and Development (RC&D).

On April 3, 2007, the first meeting will take place at the First Baptist Church in Harlan 6:00 P.M. 8:30 P.M. The ultimate goal of WLL is to build a support network for women interested in the land.

- Contractors' Meeting  
Over 130 invitations have been sent out. The RSVP's are starting to come in and all the sponsors have been lined up.

- Farm Bill / CDI FY07 funding  
Another round of Farm Bill funding is available. Presented the request.

→ **07-72** Huneke moved to send in the Farm Bill FY07 request; Dittmer seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

- F.A.R.M.S Training update  
Training went well today. It will change to order of things some and more planning ahead of time, but will be for better in the long run.

- Spring Regional  
Spring Regional March 27, Nathaniel Hamlin Park & Museum, Audubon. RSVP by March 22.

- WIRB letter 01/04/07 & USGS agreement  
Handed out a letter from the WRIB that had a concerns. These have been addressed. The USGS agreement was received, signed and sent back. Waiting for billing.

### NEW BUSINESS

- FY07 County Budget request  
Discussed the great job Kevin Seevers has been doing and what an asset he is to the district and county. Would like to ask the Board of Supervisors to authorize a pay increase from 15-3 to 15-5. He will automatically get his annual raise to 15-4 without this request.

→ **07-73** Huneke moved to request the Board or Supervisors authorize a pay increase from 15-3 to 15-5 for Kevin Seevers, County Resource Planner; Dittmer seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

- Cost Share

Urban Plan Approvals			
Owner	Twp and Sec.	# of lots	Total Acres +/-
Robert & Kathryn Brokman	Sec 26 Hazel Dell	3	9

Tabled, information he submitted does agree with Pottawattamie County Planning & Zoning documents.

CRP, Conservation Plan Approvals		
Tract	Owner	Note
T-0299	Olson, Dorothy	CRP – CP33
T-0203	Kundel, Ray L.	CRP – CP33
T-3987	Miller, Matthew	New Owner
T-1790	Fischer, Ben	New Owner
T-2449	Pfanstiel, Christopher	New Owner
T-3986	Miller, Andrew	New Owner
T-	O'Neill, Elizabeth	?
T-3994	Genereux, Michael	New Owner
T-3935	Sonderoth, Ted	New Owner
T-3936	Andersen, Roger & Paap, Randy	New Owners
T-235	Barrier, Bill	

Application – Spring terraces 50%		
Funds	Applicants	Cost share
	O'Neill, Elizabeth: Bruce Guill POA	5,000.00
	Tiarks, Maxine	2,000.00

Application – well closing		
Funds	Applicants	Cost share
LOST	Chambers, Roger	62.25

Vouchers									
Number	Owner	Footage	C/S	Tech	FS	Contractor	\$/ft	Bill	NRCS Est.
Golden Hills	Troxel, Chuck	10.3 Acs Brush Mgmt	1854.00	AM	n/a	Owner	n/a		3090.00
Golden Hills	Goodman, Jim	6.2 acs. Brush Mgmt	772.86	AM	n/a	Owner	n/a		1288.10
LOST	Dau, Merlin	900' NBR	180.00	BB	n/a	Ring	.44	396.00	360.00
LOST	Skyview Farms, Doug Schnepel	700' NB	434.20	BB	n/a	Casson	1.58	1,105.00	868.40
LOST	Lynn Kline Ken Kline	2300' NB	3,107.78	TGB	n/a	Wellman	2.82	6,482.60	6,855.55
(04-05)	Hein, Margaret	8620' NB	2,312.50	TGB	n/a	Rieken	.54	4,625.0	4,656.70
(04-05)	Handbury, Julia	5950' NB	2,141.25	TGB	n/a	Wellman	.84	5,017.90	4,352.50

→ **07-74** Dittmer moved approve the cost share items; Huneke seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

- DNR Grant

Danelle Schmielau wrote and received a \$1,000 grant from the DNR to get microscopes and boots for the kids at IDS to do water sampling; however, the DNR will send \$500 now and \$500 in July. Danelle would like to know if the commissioners would front the money so she can go ahead and order everything.

→ **07-75** Huneke moved front the money and place the entire order; Dittmer seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

- Require seed bills be presented

It was suggested to require seed bills to be presented before vouchers are approved to help ensure that seeding is being done even though there is no cost share on the seed portion.

→ **07-76** Huneke moved add this to the 2007 Policy; Dittmer seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

**STAFF REPORTS**

SEEVERS

- o List of projects for PL566 O & M part of \$30,000 by June 30, 2007.
- o Development grant for Carter Lake - Storm Water testing: 7 samples sites, 6 events. Grant is due end Feb 28. Do the commissioners wish to apply for an extension or put on account at Midwest Labs.

→ **07-77** Dittmer moved apply for an extension; Huneke seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

MAASKE

- o Tony Toigo came and talked to some developers about the new revolving SRF. Expect 2 applications for BMPs. Kevin, Rich, Tony went to Carter Lake in the afternoon and talked to Carter Lake about an SRF loan for municipalities.
- o REAP legislative meeting next Wednesday. Need commissioners to go talk to legislators.
- o Urban BMP meeting yesterday at ISU expected 10-15 actual was 33. Engineering firms, extension offices from both sides of the river, other SWCD office staff.

**COMMISSIONER REPORTS (BRING DATES AND MILEAGE FOR ANY SWCD ACTIVITIES YOU ATTENDED SINCE JANUARY 2, 2007.)**

Who needs a name tag? Dave Dittmer, Dale Huneke, Steve Killpack,

**BILLS**

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Midwest lab \$13.12 (Carter Lake Grant)	Iowa Show Productions \$250.00 (WIRB)
ACE Business Equipment \$150.00 (Envirothon donation Died)	Forest Supplies Boots & Microscopes \$1,000.00

→ **07-78** Huneke moved to approve the bills; Dittmer seconded. Huneke Motion carried unanimously.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

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**DATES TO REMEMBER**

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Proposed Regular SWCD Commissioner Meetings 2007 at the USDA Service Center

Month	Date	Day	Time	Month	Date	Day	Time
March	15	Thursday	1:00 – 3:00	August	15	Wednesday	5:15 – 7:00
April	16	Monday	5:15 – 7:00	September	17	Monday	5:15 – 7:00
May	15	Tuesday	5:15 – 7:00	October	15	Monday	5:15 – 7:00
June	18	Monday	5:15 – 7:00	November	15	Thursday	5:15 – 7:00
July	16	Monday	5:15 – 7:00	December	6	Thursday	5:15 – 7:00

**OTHER DATES**

WLL April 3<sup>rd</sup>, Harlan Baptist Church Hall 5 - 10PM      Contractors' meeting March 15  
 Spring Regional March 27, Nathaniel Hamlin Park & Museum, Audubon.  
 MAC Home Show March 2, 3, 4  
 Dean & John Audit accounts Feb 28<sup>th</sup> 9:00 am

**ADJOURN**

→ **07-79** Huneke moved to adjourn; Dittmer seconded. Motion carried unanimously.  
 Meeting adjourned at 7:20PM

Submitted by:

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 Tracy A. Bruun, State Secretary      03 / 15 / 07  
 Date

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 Approved by:      03 / 15 / 07  
 Allan E. Tiarks, Chairperson      Date