



WEST POTTAWATTAMIE SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Tiarks called the regular meeting to order on Thursday, March 15, 2007, at 1:30 PM following the contractor meeting.

Those in attendance were:

COMMISSIONERS

Allan Tiarks Chair Hardin Twp.
Dean Fischer Vice Chair
Dale Huneke Norwalk Twp.

Assistant Commissioner

Steve Killpack
John Hurd Garner Twp.

STAFF

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

ADOPT AGENDA

→ **07-80** Huneke moved to approve the March 15, 2007 agenda; Fischer seconded. Motion carried unanimously

APPROVE FEBRUARY 15, 2007 MINUTES

→ **07-81 Huneke** moved to approve the February 15, 2007 minutes; Fischer seconded. Motion carried unanimously

APPROVE FEBRUARY 28, 2007 TREASURER'S REPORT

→ **07-82** Huneke moved to approve the February 28, 2007 Treasurer's Report; Fischer seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

ONGOING BUSINESS

- CDI Spring Regional Tuesday, March 27, 2007
Allan Tiarks may attend no plan to go at this time.
- Home Show update
Blizzard drastically lowered attendance. Normally 10 – 12 thousand down to 6,000; of 180 booths 20 did not make it.
- Board of Supervisors' meeting
They did approve Seevers' raise.
- REAP (Maaske)
CDI did a one-day REAP congress.
- Audit
Fischer and Hurd conducted the audit. Went well, fine tuned a few things for clarity.
- Carter Lake Extension (sign letter)
- **07-83** Huneke moved to send letter requesting an extension; Fischer seconded. Motion carried unanimously
- Sell Drill?
Fischer had a person inquire but decided to purchase a different brand. Discussed the pros and cons of selling. Bruun will pull together information requested so the commissioners may determine if they want to sell.

NEW BUSINESS

- Capital Improvements:
Computer for County Resource Planner with county options. Purchase of the computer and provide a stand alone (monthly) phone line. <DSL line \$50/month +med band width \$3,000 estimated.
- **07-84** Fischer moved to approve the DSL line and computer; Huneke seconded. Motion carried unanimously
\$1,000 DNR grant for ISD students + \$40 from SWCD: Hip waders, rubber boots, microscopes and printed materials for classroom. The prices went up \$40 in the time it took to get the grant approved.
- **07-85** Huneke moved to approve spending the extra to cover the difference between the bill and the \$1,000 grant; Fischer seconded. Motion carried unanimously
Root System Poster \$20 electronic version and North American Wildflowers Poster \$10 for staff to use during presentations.
- **07-86** Fischer moved to approve the Root system and Wildflower posters; Huneke seconded. Motion carried unanimously

Booth Display board \$1,100 no header or \$1,300 with header
 Table with skirt \$ 510.00 Skirt only \$ 150.00

→ **07-87** Huneke moved to spend \$1,810 for booth display with header and table with skirt; Fischer seconded. Motion carried unanimously

Soil Compaction Tester \$206.00 - TABLED, offered to purchase Seever's.

Women, Land and Legacy request for \$300.

All the four counties have put in \$300; the \$1,200 will be divided up if the groups split.

Level one will be held together (Harrison, Shelby, West Pottawattamie and Audubon) April 3rd in Harlan at the Baptist Church; then decide if meetings thereafter will be held together.

→ **07-88** Fischer moved to donate \$300 toward the Women Land and Legacy Meeting; Huneke seconded. Motion carried unanimously

o Urban Plan background:

Brokman lot plan

Three lots, 3 acres total? Corn-bean rotation already causing ditch to the south in field on other side of road. When these are seeded to grass lawns, assuming one house and one out building per lot the run off will be reduced. This will be the last year for crop.

MidAmerican Energy

Coal combustion monofill out on the bottoms. Wind erosion is the main concern and they have addressed this with seedings.

• Cost Share

Urban Plan Approvals			
Owner	Twp and Sec.	# of lots	Total Acres +/-
Brokman Lot plans	Fischer abstained, Huneke & Tiarks approved.		
MidAmerican Energy			

Fischer was not in favor of the Brokman lots abstaining from motioning.

→ **7-89** Huneke moved to approve the Brokman Urban Erosion Plan; Tiarks seconded. Motion carried with Huneke and Tiarks in favor and Fischer opposed.

Robert Jensen called in on 3/19 stating he had water and sediment in his terraces. Holly Vandemark, IA-DNR was on site 03/15/07. She is writing a letter to Ron Moyer, Agent and Norm Hansmeyer, owner. DuVal and Maaske were on site this morning and silt fence in need of maintenance, utility line that has settled needing maintenance and the south ditch has not been touched or the basin cleaned out.

CRP, Conservation Plan Approvals		
Tract	Owner	Note
1269	Hein, Dennis & Margaret	Updated plan

Application – Spring 50%			
Funds	Applicants		Cost share
	Darrington Rev. Trust, Harley		5,000.00
	Marshall, Ed		5,000.00
	Becker, Joyce & Larson, Ruth	25% c/s on 628	5,000.00
	Wilson, Robert		2,500.00
	Floerchinger, Rodney	25% on sodbuster	5,000.00
	Pursell, Jerry	25% c/s on sodbuster	5,000.00
	Powell, Cecilia		5,000.00

Application – Summer terraces 75%		
Funds	Applicants	Cost share
L.O.S.T.	Scott, David R.	6,000.00
L.O.S.T.	Wahle Trust, Karen & Rodney	6,000.00
L.O.S.T.	DLJ Farms LLC	6,000.00
L.O.S.T.	Beck, Gene	6,000.00
L.O.S.T.	Shudak, Cliff (Kathryn Shudak)	6,000.00
L.O.S.T.	Sunny Heights LLC Dean Jensen (75% on terrace; 25% on 628)	6,000.00
L.O.S.T.	Larson, Gary	6,000.00
L.O.S.T.	Larson, Rick	6,000.00
L.O.S.T.	Pedersen, Dan	6,000.00
	TOTAL	54,000.00

Application – No-interest loan		
Funds	Applicants	Cost share
	Floerchinger, Rodney	10,000.00

Application – well closing		
Funds	Applicants	Cost share
LOST	Messerschmidt, Steven	200.00

Application – windbreak		
Funds	Applicants	Cost share
REAP	Powell, Cecilia	1,200.00

- **07-90** Fischer moved to approve the cost share items except Brokman erosion plan (see note above); Huneke seconded. Motion carried unanimously
- Abbie's Last Day: April 13
 - ScourStop®
36" \$1, 500 materials and labor.
Table for now, sites don't fit.

STAFF REPORTS

- Schmielau
Reviewed March 2007 WIRB report.
- Seevers
IC site 2 May to let the contracto Sept build.
Arbor day April 27 TREES arrive 23/24 TRYING for Burr Oak. 1,075 trees so far
Iowa State alumni requested a presentation on LID and rain gardens
O&M starting up for the spring.
- DuVal
Working with Rick Bednarek on Region 5 soil judging contest.
NRCS looking for people to seed a terrace to native grasses to see if the natives will handle round up better.
Seevers / DuVal attending the emergency management plan for IC site 2. They have requested the breach routing be extended to the point where water gets back into IC instead of stopping at the Omni Center.
- Maaske
LID meeting this afternoon. Couple more ½ day seminars (May & August) with a one-day in October with James Phaggett the main speaker.
- Bruun
Received \$4,973.90 fro District / Buffer Initiative FY'07
January 2007 supplemental \$25,000

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

BILLS

DISTRICT BILLS 3:30 – 3:45

Laminate materials for MAC booth: \$22.25

OTHER PAYMENTS:

WIRB

		West Pottawattamie			
02/02/07	alloc	SWCD	81461964	5002-001	\$ 5,600.00
02/16/07	2050	Schmielau, Danelle	PP ending	02/08/07	\$ (395.52)

Carter Lake

- **07-91** Fischer moved to approve the bills; Huneke seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE

DATES TO REMEMBER

Proposed Regular SWCD Commissioner Meetings 2007 at the USDA Service Center

Month	Date	Day	Time	Month	Date	Day	Time
				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 3rd, Harlan Baptist Church Hall 5 – 10PM

Spring Regional March 27, Nathaniel Hamlin Park & Museum, Audubon.

ADJOURN

→ **07-92** Huneke moved to adjourn; Fischer seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 3:45 PM

Submitted by:

Tracy A. Bruun, State Secretary 04 / 26 / 07
Date

Approved by: _____
Allan E. Tiarks, Chairperson 04 / 26 / 07
Date