

SCOTT SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
May 14, 2008

Meeting convened at 8:00 a.m.

Members present: Jim Schwingler, Scott Tracy, Jim Fitzsimmons, Ewald Gruetzmacher and Paul Krueger.

Others present: Shelly Tietz, Pete Beckius, Katundra Shears and Tim Wilson, Assistant State Conservationist with NRCS, arrived at 8:45 am

Motion by Jim Fitzsimmons second by Jim Schwingler to approve the minutes of April 9th, 2008. Ayes: Tracy, Schwingler, Fitzsimmons, Krueger and Gruetzmacher. Nays: 0

Motion by Paul Krueger second by Jim Fitzsimmons to approve the treasurer's report as read, subject to audit, pay the bills submitted totaling \$97,671.52 (ck#15641-15673). Ayes: Tracy, Schwingler, Fitzsimmons, Krueger and Gruetzmacher. Nays:

Staff report given by Pete Beckius.

A personnel committee meeting was held on May 14, 2008 to review the 38 applications for the Secretary/Communication Specialist position that were submitted. Motion by Jim Fitzsimmons second by Jim Schwingler to schedule a Personnel Committee meeting to interview candidates for this position. Ayes: Tracy, Schwingler, Fitzsimmons, Krueger and Gruetzmacher. Nays:

The next Metro Meeting is scheduled for May 28th, 2008. The Non-Point Engineering Assistance Program will be selecting a Host Fiscal Agent for 2008/2009. Pete met with the Dakota County Attorney to review drafting the supplemental agreements to the JPA's for the Metro Association. Anoka Conservation District sent the Joint Powers Agreement to a private attorney and the proposed changes will be discussed at the Metro Meeting.

The Scott Watershed Planning Commission Meeting is scheduled for Monday, May 19th, 2008 at 4:00 p.m.

Emily Javens, District Engineer, introduced herself to the Board of Supervisors.

Motion by Jim Schwingler second by Jim Fitzsimmons to approve the following amounts to be paid to the winners of the Poster/Essay Contest: Posters: 1st Place: \$40.00, 2nd Place: \$25.00; 3rd Place: \$20.00; Essays: 1st Place: \$40.00, 2nd Place \$25.00; Murals: 1st Place: \$50.00, 2nd Place \$30.00; Video's: 1st Place: \$50.00, 2nd Place: \$35.00. Ayes: Gruetzmacher, Tracy, Schwingler, Fitzsimmons and Krueger.

A tree program report was given. 375 trees were donated to four organizations. A total of 36,975 trees were sold.

Motion by Jim Fitzsimmons second by Paul Krueger to approve Dennis Walchal State Cost Share Amendment #2 for contract #06-12 to increase the cost estimate to \$14,576.00 therefore increasing the state cost share funds by \$788.00. Ayes: Gruetzmacher, Tracy, Schwingler, Fitzsimmons and Krueger.

Motion by Jim Fitzsimmons second by Jim Schwingler to approve Dan Smith State Cost Share contract #07-02 cancellation per the landowner's request and return \$3,735.00 back into FY07 Regular State Cost Share to be re-encumbered. Ayes: Gruetzmacher, Tracy, Schwingler, Fitzsimmons and Krueger.

Motion by Jim Schwingler second by Jim Fitzsimmons to approve Jill Leonard, State Cost Share Contract #07-12 for a Shelterbelt project with FY07 & FY08 State Cost Share funds not to exceed \$937.50. The start of the project is 12/1/08 and it will be completed by 12/31/08 and Willie Peters is assigned the Conservation District Technical Representative. Ayes: Gruetzmacher, Tracy, Schwingler, Fitzsimmons and Krueger

Motion by Jim Fitzsimmons second by Jim Schwingler to approve Tim Breeggemann State Cost Share Contract #07-13 for a Grassed Waterway & Critical Area Planting and Mulching Project with FY07 State Cost Share funds not to exceed 1,653.00. The start of the project is 12/1/08 and it will be completed by 12/31/08 and Willie Peters is assigned the Conservation District Technical Representative. Ayes: Gruetzmacher, Tracy, Schwingler, Fitzsimmons and Krueger.

Motion by Paul Krueger second by Jim Fitzsimmons to approve Dan Smith Scott WMO Contract #06-28 cancellation per the landowner's request and return \$3,735.00 back into the FY06 Scott WMO Cost Share account. Ayes: Gruetzmacher, Tracy, Schwingler, Fitzsimmons and Krueger.

Motion by Jim Schwingler second by Jim Fitzsimmons to approve Mark Simcox Scott WMO Filter Strip Contract #FS08-18 for \$2,643.00 for 2.5 acres. Ayes: Gruetzmacher, Tracy, Schwingler, Fitzsimmons and Krueger.

Motion by Jim Schwingler second by Paul Krueger to approve District Escrow Agreements for Dorothy Shimota, Andrew Schmitz and Alan Malecha. Ayes: Gruetzmacher, Tracy, Schwingler, Fitzsimmons and Krueger.

Shelly reviewed the Supervisor Election process. The filing period is from July 1st-15th.

The Board of Supervisors received the resolution process guidelines and they were notified that July 21st, 2008 is the deadline for Area resolutions to be received in the MASWCD office.

Pete reviewed the Koda Energy Meeting. Koda will build, own and operate a biomass fueled CHP plant in Shakopee. The biomass fuels will be supplied by Rahr Malting Company, local agric-businesses and farmers within a 50 mile radius. The Board of Water and Soil Resources has provided a \$57,500.00 grant to establish and/or maintain restored native prairie and restore prairie using seeds of ecotype Native Grass. It was discussed at the meeting if landowners who establish Native Prairie Buffers will be able to sell their product to Koda energy.

Motion by Jim Fitzsimmons second by Jim Schwingler to approve any supervisors and staff to attend the MASWCD Area IV Meeting and Summer Tour on June 26th, 2008. Ayes: Gruetzmacher, Tracy, Schwingler, Fitzsimmons and Krueger.

Tim Wilson reviewed the Farm Bill.

Motion by Scott Tracy second by Jim Fitzsimmons to schedule a Finance Committee Meeting to be held at the end of May or early June to review a 2009 Budget. Ayes: Gruetzmacher, Tracy, Schwingler, Fitzsimmons and Krueger.

Motion by Paul Krueger second by Scott Tracy to approve up to four staff to attend the MACDE conference in Breezy Point on June 23-25. Ayes: Gruetzmacher, Tracy, Schwingler, and Krueger.

Program presentation of the Filter Strip Programs was presented by Ryan Holzer.

Land Steward of the Month is Geckler & Associates.

Motion by Scott Tracy second by Jim Schwingler to sign the following CRP Conservation Mid-Contract Management Plan Modifications for the following: Mueller Farm Partnership, Audrey Speiker, Gerald Sandey, Chad Sandey, Carol Mechtel, Joe McAndrews, Kevin Koepp, Larry Entinger, John Busacker. Also the following 2008 EQIP Conservation Plans were signed: Raymond Deutsch, Jon Dvorak, Mark Koepp, Daniel Kreuser, Alan Malecha, Robert Nytes, Joseph O'Brien, R & R Farms, Robling Farm, Inc., Steve Schwalwig, Andrew Schmitz, Robert Seifert, Dorothy Shimota, Dale Stender, Richard Stocker, Ernie Stumpf, Vernon Wick, and Jon Zweber. Conservation Plans signed: David Mayer, Brian Schmitz and Andrew Schmitz. Ayes: Gruetzmacher, Tracy, Schwingler, and Krueger.

Motion by Paul Krueger second by Jim Schwingler to adjourn the meeting at 9:50 a.m. Ayes: Gruetzmacher, Tracy, Schwingler, and Krueger.

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 11th, 2008 at 8:00 a.m.