

SCOTT SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
March 12th, 2008

Meeting convened at 8:00 a.m.

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

Others present: Shelly Tietz, Pete Beckius and Paul Nelson, Scott WMO Administrator.

Motion by Jim Fitzsimmons second by Jim Schwingler to approve the minutes of February 13th, 2008. Ayes: Tracy, Schwingler, Fitzsimmons, Krueger and Gruetzmacher. Nays: 0

Motion by Jim Schwingler second by Scott Tracy to approve the treasurer's report as read, subject to audit, pay the bills submitted totaling \$107,690.91 (ck#15546-15596). Ayes: Tracy, Schwingler, Fitzsimmons, Krueger and Gruetzmacher. Nays: 0.

Staff report given by Pete Beckius.

Pete is attending a CTAC meeting in St. Cloud today to review and rank the three alternatives for operating the NPEA program.

Motion by Paul Krueger and second by Jim Schwingler to approve a Personnel Committee Meeting to interview engineering candidates. Ayes: Tracy, Schwingler, Fitzsimmons, Krueger and Gruetzmacher. Nays: 0. Pete will ask Jason Swenson from Scott County and Craig Peterson from NRCS to be present at the interviews with potential candidates.

Discussion held on the Soil Stewardship Program that NACD sponsors. The board requested that the district choose one to two communities per year and contact the churches in those communities to determine how many program inserts they would like to order. This year the board suggested that the district contact by phone the churches in Belle Plaine and Jordan to explain the program and offer free program inserts to be delivered when they arrive. A letter will be sent to other community churches in Scott County and offer the program inserts for Soil Stewardship.

Pete informed the Board that the MNCANN Pipeline pre-construction wetland inspections have been completed.

The Scott SWCD will have three open supervisor positions that will be elected at large on November 4th, 2008. The district will write articles to local newspapers announcing the open positions and once candidates file for the open positions then we will have them complete profiles and put them on the website. The filing period is in July and interested applicants will need to complete an Affidavit of Candidacy with a \$20.00 payment.

Pete, Scott and Jim F. attended the Legislative Day at the Capitol on February 25th & 26th. They met with Senator Robling, Representative Beard, Senator Dahle and Representative Bly.

Paul Nelson, reviewed the Open House that was held in New Prague in February regarding the Sand Creek Watershed Total Maximum Daily Load Investigation Study. The meeting was held to review water quality concerns of Sand Creek as this body of water is listed as impaired by the MPCA. Approximately 20 people attended the meeting. Paul reviewed the McKnight Foundation Grant received. A portion of the funding will be used for small group meetings to pay for staff time for

BMP implementation in a targeted area. Paul reviewed the Scott WMO planning process for several water resource issues and management gaps that were identified by the Scott WMO. The issues were reviewed by the Scott WMO Technical Advisory Committee and this committee then identified what "needs" to be done to address each issue. Then the needs were assessed to identify the adequacy of the current management programs and regulations in order to identify management gaps.

Ryan Holzer reviewed with the Board of Supervisors the MECA conference that he attended with Doug Schoenecker. Workshops he attended were regarding erosion control, contractors and communication and cooperation.

The Metro Meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 26, 2008

Motion by Jim Fitzsimmons second by Jim Schwingler to approve the BWSR 2008 Metro WCA Grant Agreement for \$59,200.00. Ayes: Tracy, Schwingler, Fitzsimmons, Krueger and Gruetzmacher. Nays: 0.

Motion by Jim Schwingler second by Scott Tracy to approve Jaime Rockney's request for comp time for 2.25 hours for attending the LMRWD board meeting and 1.75 for attending the Sand Creek CWP meeting. Ayes: Tracy, Schwingler, Fitzsimmons, Krueger and Gruetzmacher. Nays: 0.

A report was given from the No-Till Drill Committee Meeting held February 13, 2008. The committee recommended keeping fees the same for all equipment. The committee also recommended eliminating the priority area on the John Deere contract, combining the drills/seeder contracts, updating the Krimper contract and creating a log sheet and creating a hand seeder contract and adding that to the fact sheet. Another recommendation of the committee was to change the name of the committee to Equipment Rental Program Committee. Motion by Jim Schwingler second by Scott Tracy to approve the recommendations of the No-Till Drill Committee. Ayes: Tracy, Schwingler, Fitzsimmons, Krueger and Gruetzmacher. Nays: 0.

Motion by Jim Fitzsimmons second by Paul Krueger to approve NPEAP Addendum #1 to extend the NPEAP Independent Contractor Agreement to June 30th, 2008 for Jack Lorentz Feedlot Improvement Project. Ayes: Tracy, Schwingler, Fitzsimmons, Krueger and Gruetzmacher. Nays: 0.

Motion by Jim Fitzsimmons second by Jim Schwingler to approve Scott WMO final payment for Dale Meierbachtol, contract #WMO 06-09 for \$1,025.00 and return \$1,450.00 to the account. Ayes: Tracy, Schwingler, Fitzsimmons, Krueger and Gruetzmacher. Nays: 0.

Motion by Jim Fitzsimmons second by Jim Schwingler to approve Scott WMO Filter Strip Contracts for Dave Theis, 5.8 acres for \$5,800.00 for a 5 year contract; Brian Weis, .8 acres for \$800.00 for a 5 year contract; John Theis, 10.7 acres for \$10,700.00 for a 5 year contract. Ayes: Tracy, Schwingler, Fitzsimmons, Krueger and Gruetzmacher. Nays: 0.

Motion by Scott Tracy second by Jim Schwingler to approve the cancellation of Randy Barranger's Scott WMO Cost Share contract #06-30 and return \$600.00 into the account. Ayes: Tracy, Schwingler, Fitzsimmons, Krueger and Gruetzmacher. Nays: 0.

Shelly reviewed the Leadership Institute trip to Washington D.C where the focus was civic leadership.

The Land Steward of the Month was Mary Dvorak and Jim Legg.

Jodi Worm presented the Scott SWCD's educational programs to the Board of Supervisors.

Motion by Scott Tracy second by Jim Fitzsimmons to approve signature on NPEAP contract on behalf of the Association of Metropolitan Soil and Water Conservation District for Briggs Green Roof. Ayes: Tracy, Schwingler, Fitzsimmons, Krueger and Gruetzmacher. Nays: 0

Motion by Jim Fitzsimmons second by Paul Krueger to adjourn the meeting at 10:00 a.m.

Next meeting will be held Wednesday, April 9th, 2008 at 8:00 a.m.