

The Board of Supervisors of the Kandiyohi Soil and Water Conservation District held its monthly meeting on Tuesday, February 16, 2010 in the Ag Service Center.

Chairman Hanson called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m.

Chairman Hanson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present were: Doug Hanson, Sherman Mankell and Terry Schaefer. Also present were: Mary Oslund, District Manager, Mike Taylor, District Conservationist, Rick Reimer, Program Coordinator, Ryan Peterson, RIM Coordinator, Randy Nelson, Prairie Country RC&D and Steve Erickson, USF&WS. Absent: Kevin Clough and Roger Rasmussen.

Vouchers were prepared.

Secretary's Report was presented. Motion by Schaefer, second by Mankell to approve the minutes of the regular meeting on January 19, 2010. Voting in the affirmative were Hanson, Mankell and Schaefer. Motion carried.

Schaefer read through the bills for reviewal and payment and presented the revised 12/31/09 Treasurer's Report. Motion by Mankell, second by Schaefer to accept the revised 12/31/09 Treasurer's Report and pay the outstanding bills as listed in the agenda. Voting in the affirmative were Hanson, Mankell and Schaefer. Motion carried. Schaefer presented the 1/31/10 Treasurer's Report. Motion by Mankell, second by Schaefer to accept the 1/31/10 Treasurer's Report. Voting in the affirmative were Hanson, Mankell and Schaefer. Motion carried.

Taylor's NRCS Report included: 9 contracts were approved for the Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP); dates for the next CSP sign up have not been announced; Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) and other conservation programs informational brochure mailing; and there is an EQIP sign up going on until 2/26/10.

Chairman Hanson welcomed Randy Nelson.

Nelson's Prairie Country RC&D Report included an update on the following projects for 2009: Dry Hydrant Projects; Watershed Projects; Crow River Watershed Wide Cleanup; Outdoor Learning Centers; Swift SWCD Water Festival; Yellow Medicine Grazing Workshop and Tour; Clean Energy Resource Team (CERTs); Glacial Ridge Trail; Red Cedar Market Report; Mini Grant Program has been reinstated; grant assistance; and thanked the Board for their continued support of Prairie Country RC&D.

Chairman Hanson thanked Nelson for his report and attending our meeting.

Reimer presented contracts and agreements.

Motion by Schaefer, second by Mankell to approve local cost share contract aaFY10, Nathan Beier, filter fabric in the amount of \$750. Discussion was held. Voting in the affirmative were Hanson, Mankell and Schaefer. Motion carried.

Reimer presented information on the Rural Preserves Property Tax Program (RPPTP).

Motion by Mankell, second by Schaefer to approve participating in the RPPTP to write the Conservation Management Plan (CMP) for eligible landowners. Discussion was held. Voting in the affirmative were Hanson, Mankell and Schaefer. Motion carried.

Motion by Schaefer, second by Mankell to appoint Rick Reimer to write the CMP and the SWCD Board of Supervisors will approve the CMP. Discussion was held. Voting in the affirmative were Hanson, Mankell and Schaefer. Motion carried.

Motion by Schaefer, second by Mankell to set a fee of \$250 for writing a CMP. Discussion was held. Voting in the affirmative were Hanson, Mankell and Schaefer. Motion carried.

Reimer and Peterson led a discussion on the Ag Show, which is set for 3/9-10/10. Motion by Mankell, second by Schaefer to allocate \$2,000 for advertising and promotional items for the Ag Show. Discussion was held. Voting in the affirmative were Hanson, Mankell and Schaefer. Motion carried.

Reimer presented information on a grant the SWCD was approved for through the University of Minnesota Morris (UMM). Motion by Schaefer, second by Mankell to approve hiring a summer intern to assist with service programs and outreach for 20-30 hours per week, using the UMM grant. Discussion was held. Voting in the affirmative were Hanson, Mankell and Schaefer. Motion carried.

Chairman Hanson welcomed Steve Erickson.

Erickson's presented information on the following: background information on Rasmus Lake; partnership projects with Watershed Projects and other agencies; Working Lands Initiative (WLI) for Ordway Prairie; Landscape Conservation Cooperatives (LCC); RIM/WRP; stimulus funding; wetland easements; and tree removal on easements.

Chairman Hanson thanked Erickson for his report and attending our meeting.

Peterson led a discussion on hosting a Wildlife Habitat Conference.

Oslund's District Report included: financial reports; MASWCD handouts; Area 2 Meeting will be 3/18/10 in Alexandria; Legislative Days; Administrative Session; and supervisor e-mail addresses.

Motion by Mankell, second by Schaefer to approve the 2009 Financial Reports, Notes to Financial Reports and Management Discussion and Analysis. Discussion was held. Voting in the affirmative were Hanson, Mankell and Schaefer. Motion carried.

Mankell's Prairie Country RC&D Report included: annual meeting was held 2/10/10; Earth Day donation; awards; elections were held with Fred Behnke, President, Wally Strand, Vice President and Dennis Peterson, Secretary-Treasurer; and the guest speakers Jeff Vetch and Dan Tepfer gave presentations on renewable energy.

Schaefer reported on the North Fork Crow River and Grass Lake Meetings he attended.

Hanson led a discussion on curly pond leaf in area lakes and how some of the lake associations are addressing the problem.

The next regular meeting will be March 16, 2010 at 10:00 a.m. at the Ag Service Center.

Motion by Schaefer, second by Mankell to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 12:04 p.m.