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# MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD OF SUPERVISORS Lyon & Water Conservation District March 27<sup>th</sup>, 2012

Meeting was called to order by Chair Meulebroeck at 10 AM in the Conference Room of the Extension Office.

Supervisors Present: Meulebroeck, Prairie, Deutz, Crowley, Nyquist

Staff Present: Jeanette Sharp & John Biren

Others: Rick Anderson, Dave Sill, Steve Ritter & Roger Schroeder

Pledge of Allegiance lead by Prairie

A statement of conflict of interest will be acknowledged if any meeting agenda items pertain to supervisors.

Motion by Crowley and seconded by Deutz to move the April Board Meeting to 7 PM and motion by Deutz and seconded by Nyquist to have the Dec. 25<sup>th</sup> regular meeting moved to December 18<sup>th</sup>, 2012. Motion passed unanimously.

John Biren wanted to add two agenda items: Pheasants Forever job position and Environmental Fair invoice. Motion by Prairie, seconded by Nyquist to approve the agenda with the two additions. Motion was unanimously approved.

Minutes of the February 28<sup>th</sup>, 2012 we approved as presented. Motion by Prairie and seconded by Nyquist with a unanimous vote.

Jeanette reviewed the list of bills along with a Treasurer's report for the months of January and February. Motion by Deutz and seconded by Nyquist to approve the bills of \$1,473.70 and total payroll of \$1,111.75 in March. Motion passed unanimously.

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

Roberts' Rules were reviewed with John bringing materials to remind supervisors of proper meeting etiquette.

Allen updated the Board on the status of SWCD's bank account transfers and updating all the Board signatures on the accounts. The two Bremer bank accounts were moved to Wells Fargo and were set up same as they were at Bremer.

The matter of tree replacements was discussed with the decision being they would be replaced at the agreed rate of 50% of their initial cost. We will check with Laura DeBeer to see if there were any others besides the two discussed at the meeting to replace.

Motion by Prairie and seconded by Deutz to approve the reimbursement mileage rate as the same as the IRS rate which is .555 per mile. Motion passed unanimously.

Two Cost-Share Contracts were agreed to pay out at the 75% rate. Those totals are; Dan VanLeeuwe (\$10,198.80) and Bernice Wewetzer (\$11,447.00). Three other contracts were tabled until new funds are approved.

The Drainage Wetland Replacement Settlement will be looked at in April when a plan will be submitted.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Motion by Deutz and seconded by Crowley to approve the agreement between Lyon and Lincoln SWCDs for Wetland Conservation Act services. Motion passed unanimously.

The Planning Committee working with the County Commissioners presented a preliminary agreement which had been developed after their last meeting in March. Supervisors and county commissioners are very optimistic with the direction of the plan.

Roger Schroeder presented the 2012 Annual Plan for Lyon SWCD. A motion by Nyquist and seconded by Crowley to approve the Plan. Motion passed unanimously.

A Contribution Agreement between NRCS and Lyon County SWCD was presented which asked NRCS to allow a period of time for Lyon SWCD to become in compliance. Motion by Crowley and seconded by Prairie to approve the Agreement. Motion passed unanimously.

Dave Sill talked about the eLink reporting and what reports still need to be done. Some deadlines have been extended to allow for compliance.

Lyon SWCD has an opportunity to work with Pheasants Forever to have an employee to work out of this office. The consensus was very supportive for this position and the District's share of \$10,000 will possibly be shared with county sportsman's clubs. Board supervisors will contact the different Sportsman's Clubs.

A billing for the Environmental Fair at Slayton for \$500 was presented. Motion by Nyqist and seconded by Crowley to submit thru the Water Plan for funding. Motion passed unanimously.

## **District Conservationist Report:** Jamie Thomazin

The Contribution Agreement was reviewed. CSP's are being processed as well as 1026's are still coming in. It's an extremely busy time.

For informational purposes the NRCS lease agreement due in 2013 was discussed. A process needs to be followed which includes a space analysis plus the lease will need to go thru a advertised bid process.

## **Supervisors Reports:**

Board Chair – Lyon SWCD

**RCRCA:** Mark reported no funding to date. He also reviewed the area meeting which included a MPC update and in the afternoon a tree care workshop.

**Water Task Force:** Otto attended a local meeting.

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**County Commissioners** – The next Planning meeting will be April 3<sup>rd</sup>. The Commissioners appreciate the hard work the Supervisors have done and the direction all is going between the two groups.

Attest – Lyon SWCD Board Member

Motion by Crowley and seconded by Deutz to adjourn the meeting at 12:15 PM. Motion passed
unanimously.