

Morrison SWCD Board Meeting
Thursday July 23, 2009
9:00 a.m.
USDA County Offices

Present: Supervisors Anez, Brutscher, Dahmen, Stangl, & Holmgren.
Commissioner Don Meyer. Staff: McLennan, Ringwelski, Zapzalka.

Secretary's Report: MSC Holmgren/Stangl to approve as read.
Treasurer's Report: MSC Stangl/Dahmen to approve as presented.
Staff Reports: Terry reported that 11 contracts were funded for \$880,000, as well as 4 WHIP contracts for \$34,000. He is now working on some grazing systems.

Alan said that the Sheldon Prozinski bank stabilization project will begin soon. Treve Sauer's ag waste will be starting in a week or so. Gene Retka's sed basins and terraces were completed and functioning. The Bauer feedlot project would hopefully get done in August to bring them back into compliance. The TEIP had attended the project proposal of the new airport runways that will be built in wetlands.

Helen talked about the variances that had been granted based on pending funding for ag waste storages and if the landowners weren't funded, but increased their tiers of operation, the county was going to have a lot of feedlot producers out of compliance. She suggests that the county be encouraged to incorporate language that sunsetted some permits and address lack of manure storage.

Commissioner's Report: Don shared that the hearing had been held for the nuisance ordinance and he was frustrated with some of the comments made at the hearing but also recognizes that ordinances are aimed at 10% of the population but were necessary. They also had dealt with their budget cuts and hopefully would move forward with consolidating the offices of treasurer/auditor.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Tabled item: David Stumpf application for well decommissioning MSC by Holmgren/Stangl to bring the matter back to discussion. After a lengthy discussion on the decline of state cost share dollars and the need to make better decisions on percentages and eligibility, msc by Brutscher/Dahmen to approve David Stumpf. Carried. The board then directed Helen to draft a policy that would include timelines for applying and bring it back to the August meeting.
2. RCD – Claude said that it looked like the Smokey Hills camp was successfully deeded over to a sportsmans group.

3. West Central Technical Service Area report – Marvin shared that the old Joint Powers Board had dissolved and Stearns would now be taking over the administration and fiscal responsibilities. He was upset that the board members didn't really understand nor discuss the implications down the road. Helen shared what had transpired with the pay out on vacation leave which had never come up at the board meeting. It reduced the amount she had reported as a balance to transfer significantly.
4. BWSR Unallotment impact to the district: Helen shared the figures that BWSR had sent and how it compared to 2009 allocations. The most significant implication was to state cost share which was reduced by almost 50%. Helen shared the policy statement of BWSR regarding NRGB grants and county allocations to districts.
5. Water Plan update and future of water plan staying in SWCD: Mark and Helen had discussed leaving the water plan with the district for at least the foreseeable future.
6. Cost Share Payments: MSC Brutscher/Holmgren to approve the following:

a. Eugene Retka	#11-08/319	\$6753.78	Sed Basins
b. David Schmidt	#13-08	\$655.20	Shoreline Stab
c. Doug Mielke	#22-08	\$332.62	Field Windbreak
d. Scott Prokott	#30-08	\$136.72	Field Windbreak
e. Chad Hines	#32-08	\$1,136.13	Field Windbreak
f. Kurt Goebel	#35-08	\$388.25	Well Sealing
g. Bruce Heigl	#38-08	\$259.69	Shelterbelt
8. WCA Rule Changes: Helen shared the training held recently and the effective date of Aug 1 or 8 depending when the governor signs the documents. BWSR wants copies of updated resolutions so she would be taking one to the county board in August and one before this board accepting the delegation.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Open Lot Agreement waiver – shared the announcement with the board.
2. Cost Share Applications – MSC by Stangl/Dahmen to approve

a. Dale Sauer	#01-09	ag waste	\$1,125
b. Thomas Trettel	#02-09	shoreline stab	\$2,500
c. Fr. Tim Wenzel		Well Sealing	50% rate
3. Sherburne: Helen asked the board for permission to help Sherburne SWCD with their interview process and screening the applications if requested. She suggested that if it was daytime, the district should be paid for her time at a rate of \$44/hr plus mileage. If it was evenings or weekends, they could compensate her directly. MSC by Brutscher/Stangl to approve the arrangement.

Meeting adjourned at 10:55 a.m.

Claude Dahmen