

POPE SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT MINUTES
Supervisory Board Meeting 7:00 am September 17, 2013
Meeting Site; USDA Service Ctr, 1680 No Franklin Glenwood, MN 56334

Supervisors: Nygaard, Reents, Pederson, Talle
SWCD Staff: Erickson, Bullemer
Guests: Hellermann, Gerde

Chairman Nygaard called the meeting to order at 7:10 am. Erickson requested an agenda amendment for a signature needed on BWSR Grant application for Conservation Delivery Easements. Motion to the effect made by Reents and seconded by Talle, followed by a motion to accept the agenda as amended by Talle and seconded by Pederson

August 20, 2013 minutes were reviewed. A motion was made by Talle and seconded by Reents to table Financial reports. These were later mailed to supervisors from Luan Johnsrud.

Old Business: The manager position and hire was discussed and the likelihood of another year of funding for the cooperative weed management program (CWMA).

Reports: Paul Gerde informed us of continuing union negotiations, the upcoming Truth in Taxation meeting on Dec 5th 2013, and his attendance at Ag/Natural Resources policy programming at Arrowwood recently. Kelly reported that Mr. Modlin has filed more papers with the Court; three inquiries have come in on ag drainage and he entertained a motion to have Grant Bullemer approved as a TEP; Reents so moved, seconded by Talle, motion carried and Grant accepted. An open house with PLC was held at the Rosholt Farm on August 29, 2013, including a show and tell day for legislators last Thursday. Reporting on the sales program, the drills are still being rented for alfalfa interseeding, he is still working on billings, and has rented a large tractor and Wishic disk for a project in Lake Johanna Twshp from Red Horizon. Finally he has measured the observation wells for September and has the rainfall data for August, and as discussed previously has changed the cell phone to his own plan. Jeff Hellermann, NRCS-DC reported completing another 7 1026 compliance records since August which are now being entered into a new data base accessible nationwide. 32 CRP plans have been completed by the September 13 deadline, 2013 CStP

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contracts as well, 7 payment applications for WRP work completed. There are 34 active contracts under EQIP, 13 applications received for 2014 and 18 requests for AO assistance. Finally, the survey results of the Local Work Group meeting were prioritized as follows: Water Resource Protection, Erosion Control, Grazing, Wildlife Habitat, Air Quality, and Forest Management. Grant Herfindahl reminded us all that today is the 226th anniversary of the ratification of the US Constitution.

New Business: BWSR Academy is open for registration to be held in mid to late October at Cragun's. A motion was made by Reents and seconded by Pederson to encourage any willing staff to attend.

At 8:20 the meeting was closed to SWCD staff at which time Paul Gerde and Jeff Hellermann left. The selection and hiring of Holly Kovarik as DM/OM was announced. Kelly will notify the administrative assistant applicants of the position restructuring. Meeting was reopened at 8:38 am and motion to adjourn was made by Talle and seconded by Reents.

Respectfully submitted,

Randall E Pederson