

Dakota County Rural Water Minutes February 12,2003

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MINUTES OF THE  
 DAKOTA COUNTY RURAL WATER  
 ADVISORY BOARD  
 FEBRUARY 12,2003

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The Rural Water Dakota County Advisory Committee Meeting was called to order by Vice-Chairman, Bill Rohde at 7:30 P.M. on February 12,2003.

MEMBERS

<b>PRESENT</b>	<b>ABSENT</b>	<b>OTHERS PRESENT</b>
Bill Rohde	Dave Soelberg*	Randy Hummel P-MR NRD
Dennis Kirkholm	Mick Samuelson*	Margie Stark P-MR NRD
Pat Green		Dick Sklenar P-MR NRD
Hank Hurley		
Bill Haafke		
Bryce Andersen		
Gail Jensen		

\*Denotes excused absence

CONSIDERATION OF JANUARY 08TH, 2003 ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES FOR APPROVAL.

**Motion #1** A motion was made by Bill Haafke and seconded by Pat Green to approve the January 08th., Rural Water Advisory Board Meeting Minutes. On roll call vote, all yes. Motion carried 7-0.

FINANCIAL REPORT/ACTION.

A. BILLS B. REVIEW REV/EXP WITH ANNUAL BUDGET

Randy gave the Financial Report for the month of January and review of the Budget. Checks for the month of February (\$23,204.65), and Manual Checks for the month of January (\$1,780.06) were presented.

**Motion #2** A motion was made by Bryce Andersen and seconded by Dennis Kirkholm to recommend to the District to accept the Financial Report and checks paid. On roll call vote, all yes. Motion carried. 7-0.

WATER USE REPORT/DELINQUENT ACCOUNTS

The water use report was given. Use for December 2002 water was 98.8% with the year 2002 average at 92.0%. There were 27 customers on the certified/shut-off list. Two customers were dis-connected, all others made payment or arrangements to make payment.

CONSIDERATION OF NEW HOOK-UPS AND TRANSFERS

There were no Hook-ups.

There were four Transfers. Benefit Unit #506 Howard & Betty Osterholt to Richard & Michelle Koch, #539 Pearson/Mary Kelly to Vincent G. Kavanaugh, #703 Dale Masters to Donald & Rhonda Hilton, and #663 Paula Meilleur to Brian Muellier.

**Motion #3.** A motion was made by Dennis Kirkholm and seconded by Gail Jensen to approve the above transfers. On roll call vote, all yes. Motion carried 7-0.

MANAGERS REPORT

Randy gave the Manager's report. Regular rural water maintenance was done for the month.

**A** water line Valve, West on Wiggle Creek Road was repaired.

Job Applications are being reviewed for Maintenance, correlating with Dakota County Rural Water and Walthill NRD.

The City of Dakota City is rebuilding one of their two wells..

Bids **are** out on the 8-inch waterline on the Hwy 20 Trailer Court connection. Bids will be opened on the 27th of February at the NRD office in Omaha.

Randy and Dick Sklenar attended the 26th Annual Joint City-School-County ~~Meeting~~ Monday, February ~~10th.~~, at the So. Sioux City Marina Inn.

OTHER BUSINESS

Dick Sklenar presented and discussed with the Advisory Board the refinancing of the GMAC Loans to Bonds with Ameritas for a lower interest rate.

Motion #4 A motion ~~was~~ made by Bryce Andersen and seconded by Hank Hurley to recommend that the District refinance existing Loans and that the firm of Ameritas Investments Corp., be hired for the Bond issuance. On roll call, all yes. Motion carried 7-0.

ADJOURN

There being no other business, the Rural Water Advisory Board adjourned at 8:50 P.M.

Margie Stark -- Rural Water, Sec.

**NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION SERVICE**  
**ACTIVITY REPORT within the P-MRNRD**  
**FEBRUARY 2003**

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**CONSERVATION PLANNING/APPLICATION**

- ❖ Thurston County completed seven plan revisions.
- ❖ Thurston County completed two converted wetland appeals and one wetland determination.
- ❖ Two tree plans have been completed in Thurston County.
- ❖ South **Sioux** City field office has received orders for 2000 trees to date. Two NKD tree plantings are scheduled for spring.
- ❖ South Sioux City field office has received **2** applications for fall construction in Dakota County. Construction **has** been completed, and they will be submitted for payment upon receipt of bills.
- ❖ Sixteen spring terrace projects have been approved for the LENRD and the P-MRNRD accounting for \$1 10,000 in cost-share funds.
- ❖ Burt County completed 4 HFL/WC determinations in February along with associated conservation planning.
- ❖ In Burt County a producer requested development of a conservation plan that would meet Conservation Security Program (CSP) criteria. **The** plan was developed as a template for CSP planning. A Resource Management System (KMS) plan was completed for one tract encompassing approximately 150 acres of cropland.
- ❖ Blair field office has received **14** HFL/Wetland Determination/ASCS-569 requests for FY2003.
- ❖ Blair field office has received 14 applications for spring construction in Washington County.
- ❖ Blair field office **has** received 66 orders for 15,600 trees to be planted in spring 2003; 9,000 trees are to be planted **by** NRD staff.

**PIGEON/JONES CREEK WATERSHED**

- ❖ Vern Dean, NRCS South **Sioux** City, Jim Kennedy, NRCS Omaha, and Dennis Cady, NRCS Walthill, commenced the **survey** of structures 4 and 5 in the Pigeon/Jones Creek Watershed.
- ❖ A brochure highlighting *the* federal conservation programs available and a brochure of programs available through the Pappio-Missouri River NRD was mailed out by the South Sioux City field office to each of the producers in the Pigeon/Jones Creek Watershed.
- ❖ The South Sioux City field office updated the Pigeon/Jones Creek information packet **that** will provide the producers with information on conservation practices currently available to producers.

### **WETLAND RESERVE PROGRAM (WHP)**

- ❖ A successful bid was selected for construction of a 5.2 acre wetland in Burt County; construction is scheduled for early spring 2003.
- ❖ Paulson and Dixon wetland restoration projects in Washington County have been completed.

### **CONSERVATION RESERVE PROGRAM (CRP)**

#### **CONSERVATION RESERVE ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM (CREP)**

- ❖ Two filter strip plans and contracts were completed in Thurston County.
- ❖ Two site visits to determine eligibility have been completed for pending CREP filter strip applications.
- ❖ Steve Rasmussen (Northeast Extension Forester) completed a site visit with NRCS to develop a conservation plan for establishment of a CRP Riparian Buffer encompassing approximately 10 acres in Burt County.
- ❖ One CRP waterway application was received in Washington County in February.

### **WATER QUALITY**

- ❖ Douglas/Sarpy Counties had 6 applications for wells to be abandoned; 1 well was completed and submitted for payment; 5 wells are pending.
- ❖ Washington County has 11 applications for wells to be abandoned.

### **TRIBAL ASSISTANCE**

- ❖ Don Atkinson gave Jason McCauley (BIA) technical assistance regarding pasture management guidelines.
- ❖ Don Atkinson, RC Walthill, consulted with Andy Baker (BIA, Natural Resources Officer) regarding shrubs scheduled to be planted spring 2003 on the Omaha and Winnebago reservations.
- ❖ Jason McCauley (BIA) visited with Don Atkinson regarding a complaint of waterways being too deep.
- ❖ Don Atkinson, RC Walthill, talked with Jerry Heinsheid (01' employee) regarding NRD cost-share assistance involving the Town of Macy.

### **INFORMATION/EDUCATION**

- ❖ The South Sioux City field office provided news items and photos with captions for the NKD Share Page published in the *South Sioux City Star* for the month of February. The news items were on the EQIP program, the Continuous CRP Program, the annual meeting of the Scenic Byway, the 2003 Mid-States Community Development Conference scheduled for March 25, and the availability of trees for sale. Photos with captions were of Jim Kennedy and Dennis Cady surveying Structure 5, a local filter strip and a local contour buffer strip system.

### **MEETINGS**

- ❖ All staff attended the All Employees Meeting at Tekamah and also received Civil Rights training by staff from the NRCS State Office.
- ❖ Don Atkinson and Dennis Cady, Walthill NRCS staff, met with the Thurston County FSA County Committee to make recommendations regarding revision of soil rental rates.
- ❖ Blair Gaer, NRCS Walthill, attended a no-till meeting in Norfolk.
- ❖ Program Appraisals were conducted in all NRCS field offices in the Papio-Missouri River NRD throughout the month of February. The NRCS and NRD staff in the

District spent several days assisting in review of program and administrative activities as part of the Field Office Appraisal procedure.

### **TRAINING**

- ❖ Don Atkinson, RC Walthill, attended a nutrient management workshop.
- ❖ Greg Weber, NRCS Tekamah, attended a two-day ArcView Toolkit training session in Wahoo.
- ❖ Lee Appleby, NKCS Tekamah, attended a UICA meeting in Norfolk.
- ❖ Blair field office staff received training in ArcView and Toolkit from Neil Jensen.
- ❖ Robert Hall and Don Doty, NRCS Omaha, and Neil Jensen, NRCS Blair, attended training at Seward for Comprehensive Nutrient Management Planning.

### **DISTRICT INFORMATION**

- ❖ NRD staff in Walthill, Denny Piper and Rod Kinning, have been conducting drill maintenance.
- ❖ Denny Piper and Kandy Hummel interviewed several applicants and hired an **employee** to work part time at Walthill and **part time** for the rural water district.

Reported by: Robert Hall, Resource Conservationist, NKCS, Omaha  
March 13, 2003

#### **Cc:**

Steve Chick, State Conservationist, NRCS, Lincoln  
Ken Noonan, ASTC/FO, NRCS, Lincoln  
RHlc Activity Report