

MASON CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Board of Supervisors Meeting

May 16, 2013

The regular meeting of the Mason Conservation District Board of Supervisors was called to order by Chairman Bill Burrows at 4:00 p.m. There was no quorum at this time and Chairman Burrows stated that no business would be transacted until a quorum was present. He then modified the agenda to move staff reports to the beginning of the meeting. A quorum was in place by 4:10 p.m. with Jason Ragan arriving and Adam James calling in.

Board Members present: Bonnie Hall and Jason Ragan, Adam James by teleconference. Associate Supervisors Larry Boltz and David Mackey were also present.

Staff present: John Bolender, Linda Gott, Jen Thurman-Williams, Evan Bauder, Brandee Gregory, Ron Cummings, Erik Hagan, and Rich Geiger.

Others present: No others present.

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Staff Reports – Those staff members present gave brief reports on the status of various projects and activities.

MCDPH – None

NRCS Report – None

WSCC Report – None

Minutes – The minutes of March 21, 2013 were approved.

(M-Hall, S-Ragan, P-Unanimously)

Financial Report – The financial reports for March and April were reviewed by Board Treasurer Linda Gott in the absence of Auditor Michelle McCallum.

(M-Ragan, S-Hall), P-Unanimously

Old Business

WACD Dues – John reported that the WACD dues request had been received for the next fiscal year. The calculation places MCD in the highest or next to highest category of dues. More discussion will follow when the dues statement is received.

New Business

Conservation Steward Awards – Jen Thurman-Williams presented a Conservation Steward of the Year award to Associate Supervisor Larry Boltz for exemplary stewardship of farmland and leadership in small farming in Mason County. A second award will be presented to Mason County PUD #3 for the conservation efforts undertaken at the Johns Prairie Operations Center project.

Cost Share Applications – Ron Cummings summarized 6 cost share applications and Erik Hagan summarized 1 application. These individual applications are anticipated to be funded by the Dept. of Ecology, the American Farmland Trust, NRCS, or the State Conservation Commission. Because the funding levels are not known at this time, Ron and Erik are asking for approval as a group with individual funding levels to be determined as resources become available.

(M-Ragan, S-Hall, P-Unanimously)

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Annual Plan of Work – John presented and summarized the proposed Annual Plan of Work. The May staff meeting time was allocated to refining and finalizing the plan. Adam asked a question about how the data was stored and presented. This led to a discussion of how we might better consolidate information to make it easily and readily available to anyone looking find information on what we are accomplishing. After review and discussion the board moved to approve it.

(M-Hall, S- James, P-Unanimously)

With all business concluded, Chairman Burrows adjourned the meeting at 5:25 p.m.

Minutes Approved: _____

William E Burrows

Date: _____

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