

**Minutes of the Renville Soil & Water Conservation District Board of Supervisors
Regular meeting held on Monday, March 12, 2007 at the Ag Services Building in
Olivia MN.**

Present: Loyal Fisher **Absent:** Marc Iverson
 Kathryn Kelly
 Bill Radermacher
 Jim Schafer

Also Present: John Stahl, Renville County Board; Tom Fischer, BWSR Board
Conservationist; and Renville SWCD staff.

Meeting was **called to order** by Chair, Loyal Fisher at 7:02 a.m.

MSC (Bill, Kathryn) to **approve the minutes of the February 12, 2007 regular
meeting.**

MSC (Kathryn, Jim) to **approve the February 2007 Treasurer's Report subject to
audit.**

MSC (Bill, Jim) to **approve the February 2007 bills as presented (see attached copy).**

Karen Flom, Office Manager presented a request for 2007 Dues from NACD. Minimum
request is for \$775 with maximum being 1% of annual budget. Last year Renville
SWCD paid \$1,200. **MSC (Loyal, Jim) to pay \$1,200 in NACD dues for 2007.** Loyal
also indicated that he would be paying individual dues of \$100.

2006 Annual Financial Report: Karen requested that the annual report, which was
distributed for review at the last meeting, be approved. MSC (Kathryn, Bill) to **approve
the 2006 Renville SWCD Financial Report and to submit to BWSR as required.**

Karen reminded the Supervisors that the Renville SWCD is due for an audit for the
period ending December 31, 2006. MSC (Kathryn, Bill) to authorize Karen Flom to
request at least two bids for audit.

Karen also requested approval of the 2007 Annual Plan which had also been distributed
for review at the last meeting. She noted that changes were made according to
suggestions from Loyal Fisher. MSC (Kathryn, Jim) to **approve the 2007 Renville
SWCd Annual Plan and to submit copies to BWSR as required.**

Staff Reports: See attached written report

Board Reports: Kathryn reported that she had just returned from Washington DC with
the Leadership class. They met with Congressman Peterson while in DC and she
distributed a handout about the new farm bill. She reported that it was an excellent trip
and very beneficial.

State Cost-Share Program:

Joe presented one new contract for contract #5-07 with Jason Weinzetal in Sec. 9 of Camp Twp. This is a Farmstead shelterbelt renovation (practice D4 or 380). Total cost of the project is \$3,450 with a cost-share request of \$1,162 not to exceed 75% and TA of \$290.50. MSC (Bill, Kathryn) to **approve Contract #5-07 with Jason Weinzetal as presented.**

Joe reported that when the Feedlot Water Quality Management contract with Jason Lang (FWQM #01-07) was approved, the Technical Assistance was not approved. He requested approval of \$1,000 in TA monies for the contract FWQM #01-07 and for approval of \$631.71 in partial TA for the partial payment already paid to Mr. Lang. **MSC (Jim, Kathryn) to approve \$1,000 technical assistance funds for the Jason Lang project with \$631.71 to be transferred to the District for work on the partially completed project which was approved for payment in January 2007.**

Joe reported to the board that he **filed in District Court against Sarah Nelson** for the overdue tree bill from 2005. We now have a judgment against her for this bill.

BWSR Report – Tom Fischer

- Tom brought up several things that are coming up—both meetings and deadlines.
- There is an application period for Local Water Management Challenge Grant.
- A new round of applications for Feedlot Water Quality Management grants.
- WCA training will be held in two different locations. Joe stated that he will be attending the March 21st session in Redwood Falls.
- The annual Minnesota River Banquet is March 21st in New Ulm.
- Wetland Delineation Refresher course will be in New Ulm on April 2nd.
- The Shallow Lakes Conference is a one day session this year on April 4th.
- New Supervisors/New Employee session in New Ulm on March 27th.
- Area VI MASWCD meeting will be March 16th in St. James.

Tom mentioned that Renville County is required to do a five year update for their implementation plan for the Local Water Management Plan. This was written as a ten year plan but with the stipulation that a five year update would be submitted by December 31, 2007.

Randy Nelson joined the meeting and gave an annual report for the Prairie Country RC&D.

Glenn Carlson and Paul Toft joined the meeting and gave their **annual report** using powerpoint presentation on the **Minnesota River Source Technical Service Area** which highlighted an ag waste project done in Pope County in 2006.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:30 p.m.