

MINUTES OF JEFFERSON SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
Rigby Service Center  
May 13<sup>th</sup>, 2010

Supervisors Present: Mel Briggs, Richard Jacobson, Shane Shippen, Jason Ferguson, Jerry Foster  
Others Present: Howard Johnson, District Conservationist; Becky Crystal, District Employee, Jon Hogge, Rigby High School FFA Teacher, Joseph Hale, Student Rigby FFA, Tanner Foncesbeck, Student Rigby FFA, Chase Hines, Student Rigby FFA, James Smith, Student Rigby FFA  
Mel Briggs, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 8:05 p.m.  
Supervisors Absent: none

Minutes of the April 8th 2010 Jefferson S.W.C.D. Board Meeting was mailed out earlier for review. Richard asked Becky to fix some information in the NRCS Section. Minutes need to read 10% increase instead of 10% incline. **Richard made a motion, seconded by Jerry, to dispense from reading the minutes and accept them as written. Motion passed.**

Financial Report for April 2010 Jerry made a motion seconded by Shane to accept the April 2010 Financial Report. Motion passed. Mel asked the board what they thought of pulling their savings account from the LGIP in Boise and shopping around for a better interest rate locally. The board discussed this in length and agreed this would be a good idea. Mel asked Becky to look into different banks and see what they have to offer for rates.

### Bills

The following bills were discussed:

- Becky Crystal - \$545.72 - Payroll 4/1/10 - 4/15/10
- Meranda Jacobson - \$90.00 - Tree Help
- Geraldine's Bake Shop & Deli - \$50.00 - Brian McLain's gift card
- Joseph Hale - \$30.00 - Tree Help
- Trevor Jackson - \$30.00 - Tree Help
- Skyler Rockwood - \$30.00 - Tree Help
- Jack Taylor - \$30.00 - Tree Help
- Becky Crystal - \$163.78 - Reimburse for Tree stakes for Jefferson Elementary Lunch for tree Sale
- Becky Crystal - \$1000.05 - Payroll for 4/16/10 - 4/30/10
- Double Aarow Farms, Inc - \$5.30 - Overpayment for Fabric
- UI Pitkin Forest Nursery - \$13,040.00 - Seedling Trees
- Abbotts - \$29.91 - Tree sale supplies, & Envirothon Poster supplies
- Broulims - \$139.43 - April board meeting, & Tree sale supplies
- Scotty's - \$42.48 - Garbage Can & Secretary Day Gift
- Jon Hogge - \$283.40 - Mileage for Envirothon and Monday food for Breakfast & Lunch
- Rigby FFA - \$955.00 - Tree Help
- Speedy's CPS - \$4.74 - Pictures for the Envirothon Poster
- Crestwood Growers - \$1669.80 - Apple trees for tree sale
- Lumite Inc. - \$15,784.48 - Fabric for Tree Sale
- ICRWMP - \$425.00 - Pro rated Insurance for 4/30/10 - 9/30/10
- Dewitt - \$1,058.10 - Staples for tree sale
- Byron Nursery - \$2,960.00 - Poplars for tree sale
- Cash - \$150.00 - Petty Cash for Tree sale
- Loy Pehrson - \$1,160.25 - Seedlings for tree sale

Becky added the following bills: Sester Farms - \$27,468.25 –2010 Tree Sales, Becky Crystal - \$582.59 – Payroll 5/1/10 – 5/15/10. **Richard made a motion, seconded by Jerry to pay the above bills. Motion passed.**

#### NRCS Updates

Howard let the board know that they were done funding the EQIP for this year. They received six contracts for \$375,000.00. Howard said they took all the funding under irrigated cropland; this funding went to No-till. Howard let the board know that there was no funding for sprinklers this year but they did receive funding for one Afo-Cafo. The CSP signups deadline is June 11<sup>th</sup>. Howard also let the board know that each year the State Conservationist sets aside some money for grants. Howard said this is something the District may want to look into for next year. Through this grant program you can receive a max of \$75,000.00 and the funding would be for one to three years. Howard and the board talked in length about the AWEF program. The deadline is May 28<sup>th</sup> for individuals to sign up. Howard talked in length about a few more programs available for producers, Ground Water Conversion & the Aquifer demand reduction program.

#### Rigby FFA Boys Envirothon

Mr. Hogge and the envirothon team came to give a report on how they did at the Envirothon. Overall the boys took 4<sup>th</sup> place. They received many plaques and metals. They also received 1<sup>st</sup> place in Forestry. Mr. Hogge said they had a great time, learned a lot and would love to attend this again next year. The board talked about this in length and was very pleased with the outcome and is looking forward to sending a team again next year.

#### Tree Sale Update/ Jefferson & Midway Windbreak Update

Becky let the board know that the tree sale was looking good. She said they are almost out of the ball and burlap trees and only have a few poplars and fabric left. Becky said after everything is sold this year's trees sale should bring in roughly \$8,200.00. Becky also let the board know how the tree planting went at Midway Middle School, and Jefferson Elementary School. Both projects are almost complete and should be finished by early next week. Both windbreaks look great.

#### FY- 2012 Annual Plan

Becky let the board know that it was time to update their annual plan. Mel read through their last year plan and discussed this with the board. The board felt that they still have the same priorities as last year and discussed these in detail.

#### Annual Tour

Becky asked the board if they had any ideas for their annual tour. The board talked about going to the Plants Material Center in Aberdeen, Wayne Robinson who restores old tractors, & Litty Hot Springs Geo thermal project. Mel said to think about these different options and they would decide on one next month.

#### Directors Reports

Jason asked how the Mud Lake consolidation was moving along. Mel let the board know that they were just waiting for a few more signatures from the Mud Lake district and then they would send the information to the SCC on June 30<sup>th</sup>. Mel said after they send in the signatures we will have to wait & see what happens next.

Next board meeting will be decided on by phone to plan the annual tour.

**Shane made a motion, seconded by Jerry, to adjourn.** Meeting adjourned at 9:40 p.m.

Minutes taken and typed by Becky Crystal.