

**DOUGLAS SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT  
MINUTES**

**Monday, August 13, 2018 – 7:30 A.M.**

The Douglas Soil & Water Conservation District Board of Supervisors met at the USDA Service Center on Monday August 13, 2018. Chairman Thoennes called the meeting to order at 7:30 a.m. Members attending were: Thoennes, Barsness, Cleary, Rutten, and Dropik. Also, in attendance were: Commissioner Englund, Douglas County Lake Association Board Members, Jan Beliveau, Linda McFann, Steve Henry Sr. Gene Rose, Mark Dybdal and Staff attending were: Haggmiller, Albertsen, Anderson, Rice and Arceneau.

**Minutes** of the regular July 8, 2018 meeting were discussed. Motion by Barsness to approve, subject to audit, seconded by Cleary. Motion carried.

**Treasurer's Report** was reviewed. Motion by Cleary to approve all paid bills, subject to audit, seconded by Rutten. Motion carried.

**Reports**

- A. Coordinator's Report** – Haggmiller handed out his monthly report.
- B. Pomme De Terre Report** – Barsness reported they met on July 13th. They reviewed the grants, Paddle Down the River was held on July 20<sup>th</sup>.
- C. Sauk River Watershed Report** – Rutten reported they interviewed the final two firms for the Proposals for One Watershed One Plan. They approved RESPECT.
- D. Chippewa River Report** – Reviewed the Joint Powers Agreement with the Five Area Districts.
- E. Douglas County Commissioner Report-** Englund reported that the fair is this week, budget meetings and that there are three Commissioners terms are up.

**Old Business**

- A. Chippewa River Watershed Plan Position**–Motion by Barsness to post the Job Description, seconded by Rutten. Motion carried.
- B. Gas Theft on District Vehicles** – Thieves hit the District twice within two weeks. They drill a hole in the top of gas tanks and drain the gas. Each tank replacement cost was around \$700.
- C. Support letter for Douglas County Local Water Plan Extension**–Motion by Barsness to write letter of support, seconded by Dropik. Motion Carried.
- D. Low Income Septic Cost Share payment Sonja Thompson Total Cost \$11,000 Cost Share Flat Rate \$7,500.** Motion by Rutten to approve \$7,500 Sonja Thompson, seconded by Cleary. Motion Carried.
- E. MASWCD Awards Nominating** – The staff will review and bring recommendations to the next meeting.
- F. Fair Schedule**–Supervisor's and Staff will work the booth August 16-19.

## New Business

- A. Field Office Update**—Dybdal mentioned they have been working on CSP plans, 23 CRP contracts have been re-enrolled. The new State Conservationist, Troy Daniell has started. Have not heard on the help with the 1026's. Finishing up WRP contracts.
- B. Area II Meeting** Scheduled for September 19<sup>th</sup> in Albany.
- C. Clean Water Grant Proposals** – The proposals are due the end of August. Motion by Cleary to write a letter of support for WTSA application, seconded by Barsness. Motion Carried.
- D. Commissioners Budget Meeting** – Scheduled for August 21<sup>st</sup>.
- E. Cost Share Review** – The Board of Water and Soil Resources will be here to audit the Cost Share documents from 2015-2018.
- F. Creating Productive Lake Association Government Interaction Workshop**- September 25<sup>th</sup>
- G. Audit** – is scheduled for August 26<sup>th</sup>

Steve Henry Sr. voiced his concerns regarding the water quality in Douglas County Lakes.

**Bills to Pay.** During the month of August, the Douglas SWCD issued Checks #9500-9525 for a total of \$59,516.79 including eFile (State Withholding) and EFTP (Federal Withholding). Motion by Rutten to pay the bills, seconded by Cleary. Motion carried.

**Adjournment.** Motion by Barsness to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Rutten. Motion carried.

Secretary,

Bill Dropik, Secretary