

**DOUGLAS SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
MINUTES**

Monday, September 10, 2018 – 7:30 A.M.

The Douglas Soil & Water Conservation District Board of Supervisors met at the USDA Service Center on Monday September 10, 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., Mark Dybdal and Staff attending were: Haggenmiller, Albertsen, Anderson, Rice and Arceneau.

Minutes of the regular August 13, 2018 meeting were discussed. Motion by Rutten 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 Dropik. Motion carried.

Reports

- A. Coordinator's Report** – Haggenmiller handed out his monthly report.
- B. Pomme De Terre Report** – Barsness reported they reviewed their goals and the One Watershed One Plan.
- C. Sauk River Watershed Report** – Rutten reported they reviewed RESPECT contract. They will have two informational meetings to determine and address problem areas.
- D. Chippewa River Report** – Hold amendment to the Joint Powers Agreement with the Five Area Districts until record keeping can be addressed.
- E. Douglas County Commissioner Report-** Englund reported that the fair was a success with record number of attendees. Budget meetings were held.
- F. Fair Booth Report-**Albertsen reviewed that 3,492 prizes were given out during the four days. Next year's topic will focus on water again.

Old Business

- A. Chippewa River Watershed Plan Position**–Position has been posted, closes on September 21st. Supervisor's Cleary, Rutten and Thoennes will be on the interview committee.
- B. Area II Meeting** Scheduled for September 19th in Albany. All Supervisor's and Four staff members will attend.
- C. Clean Water Grant Proposals** – Two proposed application for \$718,495.00 were submitted. The District will be notified by Mid November if awarded.
- D. Commissioners Budget Meeting** – Haggenmiller presented the 2019 budget on August 21st.
- E. MASWCD Awards Nominating** –Staff's recommendation was Keven Roer's. Motion by Rutten to submit Kevin Roer's as the 2018 Outstanding Conservationist, seconded by Barsness. Motion Carried.

New Business

- A. Field Office Update**—Dybdal mentioned that twelve 1026 were received and six will need to have re-determinations, EQIP deadline has not set, payments for practices have been completed, CSP plans have been obligated, WRP status reviews, Josh and Andy have put together 8 CRP buffer contracts.
- B. Nature Conservancy- Wetland Restoration Funds** – Keith Wilson Sec 27 Ida Twp. Total Cost \$8,000 TNC Funds \$3,000, Chuck Betterman Sec 20 Ida Twp. Total Cost \$43,094 TNC Funds \$5,000, Eric Gravley Sec 3 Lake Mary Twp. Total Cost \$9,500 TNC Funds \$2,000, Shane Johnston Sec 4 LaGrande Twp. Total Cost \$11,500 TNC Funds \$4,500, Travis Ahrendt Sec 28 Moe Twp. Total Cost \$8,000 TNC Funds \$3,000, Sam Converse Sec 36 Carlos Twp. Total Cost \$9,000 TNC Funds \$2,500 Motion by Rutten to allocate funds to Keith Wilson-\$3,000, Chuck Betterman-\$5,000, Eric Gravley-\$2,000, Shane Johnston-\$4,500, Travis Ahrendt-\$3,000, Sam Converse-\$2,500, seconded by Dropik. Motion Carried.
- C. Cost Share Amendments** – Reid Anderson-Sediment Basin, Increase Cost Share amount by \$215.45 – Due to frozen conditions last fall. Motion by Barsness to approve amendment for Reid Anderson Sediment Basin Cost Share by \$215.45, seconded by Dropik. Motion Carried. Jerry Boerboom–Lake Shore Restoration increase Cost Share amount by \$753.75 because of original bid from fall of 2016. Motion by Cleary to approve amendment for Jerry Boerboom Lake Shore Restoration Cost Share by \$753.75, seconded by Dropik. Motion Carried.
- D. Cost Share Applications** - Bret Elmer – Wetland Restoration Section 5 Ida Township Total Cost \$9,000 with State Cost Share at \$2,500 based on 75% total Cost Share with US Fish and Wildlife Service, Motion by Barsness to approve Bret Elmer application of \$9,000, seconded by Rutten. Motion Carried. John Olson-Wetland Section 27 Lund Township. Total cost \$6,900 with Cost Share at \$2,500 based on 75% Total Cost Share with US Fish and Wildlife Service, Motion by Rutten to approve John Olson’s application of \$2,500, seconded by Dropik. Motion Carried. Todd Otterness- Wetland Restoration Section 25 Holmes City Township Total Cost \$6,950 with Cost Share at \$2,700 based on 75% Total Cost Share with US Fish and Wildlife Service Motion by Barsness to approve Todd Otterness application for \$2,700, seconded by Cleary. Motion Carried.
- E. Cost Share Payments** - Reid Anderson-Sediment Basin, total cost \$3,688.07 with Cost Share at \$1,445.45 based on 75% with EQIP Cost Share. Motion by Barsness to approve payment for Reid Anderson Sediment Basin Cost Share for \$1,445.45, seconded by Cleary. Motion Carried. Jerry Boerboom – Lake Shore Restoration total cost \$20,661 with Cost Share at \$15,495.75 Based on 75% Motion by Barsness to approve payment for Jerry Boerboom Lake Shore Restoration Cost Share for \$15,495.75, seconded by Cleary. Motion Carried.

F. BWSR Grant Agreement Local Capacity and Buffer Grant - Motion by Dropik to sign the BWSR Grant Agreement for the Local Capacity and Buffer Grant, seconded by Cleary. Motion Carried.

G. Tree Shed Property Discussion – Haggenmiller reviewed two potential sights the District could purchase to build a new tree shed or purchase the existing shed where the existing shed is. Supervisor Cleary and Haggenmiller will review and bring recommendations back to the October meeting.

Bills to Pay. During the month of September, the Douglas SWCD issued Checks #9526-9558 for a total of \$88,415.89 including eFile (State Withholding) and EFTP (Federal Withholding). Motion by Rutten to pay the bills, seconded by Dropik. Motion carried.

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

Secretary,

Bill Dropik, Secretary