

**DOUGLAS SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
MINUTES**

Tuesday, October 9, 2018 – 7:30 A.M.

The Douglas Soil & Water Conservation District Board of Supervisors met at the USDA Service Center on Tuesday October 9, 2018. Chairman Thoennes called the meeting to order at 7:30 a.m. Members attending were: Thoennes, Cleary, Rutten, and Dropik. Barsness was absent. Also, in attendance were: Commissioner Englund, Douglas County Lake Association Board Member, Jan Beliveau, Mark Dybdal and Staff attending were: Haggemiller, Albertsen, Anderson, Rice and Arceneau.

Minutes of the regular September 13, 2018 meeting were discussed. Motion by Cleary to approve, subject to audit, seconded by Rutten. Motion carried.

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

Reports

- A. Coordinator's Report** – Haggemiller handed out his monthly report.
- B. Pomme De Terre Report** – The next meeting will be on October 12, 2018
- C. Sauk River Watershed Report** – No scheduled meeting has been setup.
- D. Chippewa River Report** – England reported they received a MPCA grant for \$175,000, next meeting is scheduled for October 19.
- E. Area II meeting** – Legislative Candidates attended to discuss strategies to conserve the natural resources and visions for SWCD's. Barsness was elected as the Treasurer/Secretary to the MASWCD Board.
- F. Douglas County Commissioner Report-** Englund reported the Preliminary Budget has an increase of 2.9%. They are looking for a new building for the Horizon Public Health Department.

G. Old Business

- A. Chippewa River Watershed Plan Position**– two candidates will be interviewed after meeting.
- B. Tree Shed Property Discussion** – Supervisors Cleary and Rutten along with Haggemiller will meet with Zacher and bring recommendations back to the November meeting.

New Business

- A. Field Office Update**–Dybdal mentioned he will be acting DC in Elbow Lake and that NRCS Area II district areas are now Douglas, Grant, Pope, Stevens and Traverse. They continue to work on EQIP applications and CRP payments.
- B. 2018 Resolution Packet and 2018 Convention** – The Convention is scheduled for December 9-11. Staff and Supervisor's will attend.

- C. Cost Share Applications** – Andrew Carlson – Wetland Restoration Total Cost \$7,500 with State Cost Share at \$2,000 based on 75% total Cost Share with US Fish and Wildlife Service, Motion by Rutten to approve Andrew Carlson application of \$2,000, seconded by Cleary. Motion Carried.
- D. Low Income Septic Application** – Roxanne Sorenson Total Cost \$11,000 with State Cost Share Flat Rate \$5,422.00, Motion by Rutten to approve Roxanne Sorenson application of \$5,422.00, seconded by Dropik. Motion Carried.
- E. Pit Investigation-Cost Share Applications** – Jeff Boesl and Scott Boesl Total Cost \$6,000 with Cost Share of \$4,500. Motion by Dropik to approve Jeff Boesl and Scott Boesl applications for \$4,500, seconded by Cleary. Motion Carried.
- F. Understanding Groundwater in Sauk River Watershed** – November 14 at the Crooked Willow Event Center from 9-4.
- G. AIS Discussion** – Was requested to be on the agenda but no concerns were addressed.
- H. Health Insurance** - Haggemiller will review the new plans when available.
- I. Monitoring Plan for Buffer Compliance** - Motion by Cleary to approve Buffer Monitoring Plan, seconded by Rutten. Motion Carried.
- J. Tree Planter** - Motion by Rutten to purchase Kandiyohi SWCD's tree planter for \$300, seconded by Dropik. Motion Carried.

Bills to Pay. During the month of October, the Douglas SWCD issued Checks #9559-9579 for a total of \$43,378.10 including eFile (State Withholding) and EFTP (Federal Withholding). Motion by Rutten to pay the bills, seconded by Cleary. Motion carried.

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

Secretary,

Bill Dropik, Secretary