

**DOUGLAS SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
MINUTES**

Monday, March 11, 2019 – 8:00 A.M.

The Douglas Soil & Water Conservation District Board of Supervisors met at the USDA Service Center on Monday, February 11, 2019. Chairman Barsness called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m. Members attending were: Barsness, Rutten, Cleary, Froemming and Dropik. Also, in attendance were: Commissioner Englund, Douglas County Lake Association Board Member Steve Henry Sr. Staff attending: Haggemiller, Dybdal, Rice, Olson, Anderson, Albertsen and Arceneau.

Minutes of the regular February 11, 2019, **meeting** was discussed. Motion by Cleary to approve, subject to audit, seconded by Rutten. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report was read. Motion by Rutten to approve, subject to audit, seconded by Dropik. Motion carried.

Reports

- A. Al Lepp- NRCS** – Lepp reviewed the new boundaries and the upcoming changes for Douglas County. The State EQIP funding could be up to 42 million.
- B. Coordinator's Report** – Haggemiller handed out his monthly report.
- C. Pomme de Terre Update** – Met February 8 in Morris. They reviewed their grants, new Clean Water Fund Grant for \$300,000, One Watershed One Plan.
- D. Sauk River Report** – No Report
- E. Douglas County WQLF** – Cleary reviewed the Advisory documents for operation and consider funding on future projects. Gene Rose updating slide presentation to ask for future funding.
- F. Douglas County Commissioner Report-** Commissioner Englund reviewed the upcoming budget meeting, Planning and Zoning meeting March 11, Chippewa meeting is on Friday March 15.

Old Business

- A. Annual Plan of Work Update** Motion by Rutten to approve the Annual Plan of Work, seconded by Cleary. Motion carried.
- B. Tree Shed Collapsed**– Staff will be working on cleaning out the shed.
- C. Tree Shed Purchase** – Waiting on building inspection before Closing on March 20th.

D. Douglas County Public Works Vehicle – Will take ownership in May or June 2019.

E. Area II Meeting – Scheduled for March 20th in Morrison SWCD.

New Business

- A. **Field Office Update**–Dybdal reported reviewed 1 wetland determination requests, 49 EQIP applications for 1.7 million, 5 CRP modification contracts, Ultima new contract for Nick Heseltine, no news on CSP contracts, reviewed Emergency Management meeting.
- B. **2018 Audit Letter of Engagement** - Motion by Dropik to sign Audit Engagement Letter, seconded by Rutten. Motion carried.
- C. **BWSR Local Capacity and Buffer Law Grant Agreement.** Motion by Cleary to approve BWSR Local Capacity and Buffer Law Grant Agreement, seconded by Dropik Motion carried.
- D. **Tree Planter Position Advertisement** Motion by Rutten to advertise the position, seconded by Cleary Motion carried.
- E. **Thank You's** – Haggenmiller passed around thank you cards from West Central Hunters for Habitat and St. Agnes School
- F. **District Self-Assessment** – The Supervisors reviewed and completed the District's Self-Assessment.

Bills to Pay. During the month of February, the Douglas SWCD issued Checks #9657-9673 for a total of \$60,808.50 including eFile (State Withholding) and EFTP (Federal Withholding). Motion by Cleary to pay the bills, seconded by Rutten. Motion carried.

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

Secretary,

Bill Dropik, Secretary