

**DOUGLAS SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
MINUTES**

Monday, September 9, 2019 – 7:30 A.M.

The Douglas Soil & Water Conservation District Board of Supervisors met at the USDA Service Center on Monday, September 9, 2019. Chairman Barsness called the meeting to order at 7:30 a.m. Members attending were: Barsness, Rutten, Cleary, Dropik and Froemming. Also, in attendance were: Commissioner Englund, Staff attending: Haggemiller, Walker, Rice, Olson, Anderson, Albertsen and Arceneau.

Minutes of the regular August 12, 2019, **meeting** was discussed. Motion by Cleary to approve, subject to audit, seconded by Froemming. Motion carried.

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

Reports

- A. Coordinator's Report** – Haggemiller handed out his monthly report.
- B. Pomme de Terre Update** –Barsness reviewed they are interviewing for the Coordinator's position, September 20 is the next JPP meeting. Anderson and Rice gave a report on the tour that was held on August 28th.
- C. Sauk River Report** – No report was given.
- D. Douglas County WQLF** – No report was given.
- E. Douglas County Commissioner Report-** Commissioner Englund mentioned they had a successful fair this year, closing on the church property, finalizing budget, Chippewa meeting on September 20, Out for bids on Ditch 17, AMC convention at Arrowwood.
- F. Chippewa Watershed Meeting** – Cleary and Rice attended the meeting. Pope County is doing the Administrative work until further notice.

Old Business

- A. 2020 Budget Meeting**-Haggemiller attended the Commissioner's meeting to present the District's budget with no increase from last year's budget.
- B. Douglas County Fair** – 4,800 prizes were given out during the fair.
- C. Audit** – Peterson Accounting have started the 2018 Audit.

New Business

- A. Field Office Update**– Walker reviewed 4 wetland determination requests, Laura Aaberg is the new NRCS Assistant, will be doing year end reviews, CRP reviewing new contracts and one-year extensions.

- A. **Long Prairie One Watershed One Plan-** Motion by Rutten to support the starting process in 2020 for the Long Prairie One Watershed One Plan, seconded by Dropik. Motion Carried.
- B. **BWSR Academy October 29-31** Motion by Cleary to approve Arceneau, Anderson, Albertsen and Olson to attend Academy, seconded by Froemming. Motion Carried.
- C. **MN Department of Administration – Cooperative Purchasing** Motion by Cleary to approve Cooperative Purchasing Agreement, seconded by Rutten. Motion Carried.
- D. **Tree Shed Lot for Sale** Haggemiller reviewed a parcel of land across for the District's Tree Shed is for sale. Motion by Rutten to offer \$41,000 with a stipulation Haggemiller looks into the gas easement, seconded by Cleary. Motion Carried.
- E. **Chippewa River CWF Cost Share Application Gerald Thoennes Pit Closure - \$4,500 with CWF 75% Cost Share \$3,375-** Motion by Rutten to approve Gerald Thoennes application, seconded by Cleary. Motion Carried.
- F. **Area II Meeting October 16 Todd County** – Supervisor's let staff know if they are attending.
- G. **Pheasants Forever Position** – Josh Meissner has taken a job with Excel Energy, Job Posting closes September 9.
- H. **Next Meeting Tuesday, October 15 at 7:30a.m.**

Bills to Pay. During the month of September, the Douglas SWCD issued Checks #9877-9906 for a total of \$51,201.59 including eFile (State Withholding) and EFTP (Federal Withholding). Motion by Cleary to pay the bills, seconded by Rutten Motion carried.

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

Secretary,

Bill Dropik, Secretary