

**DOUGLAS SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT  
MINUTES**

**Tuesday, November 12, 2019 – 8:00 A.M.**

The Douglas Soil & Water Conservation District Board of Supervisors met at the USDA Service Center on Tuesday, November 12, 2019. Chairman Barsness called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m. Members attending were: Barsness, Cleary, Rutten, Dropik and Froemming. Haggemiller absent. Also, in attendance were: Walker, Jenc, Rice, Olson, Anderson, Albertsen and Arceneau.

**Minutes** of the regular October 15, 2019, **meeting** was discussed. Motion by Cleary to approve, subject to audit, seconded by Rutten. Motion carried.

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

### Reports

- A. Coordinator's Report** – No report was given.
- B. Pomme de Terre Update** –No report was given.
- C. Sauk River Report** – No report was given.
- D. Douglas County WQLF** – Cleary handed out report
  - Reviewed 3 “pre-proposals” requests for funding
    - o SWCD - Fix erosion problem on Lake Ida
      - Project - cost \$18,508 with funding of \$13,881 (75%)
      - Requested balance of \$4,627
    - o US Fish & Wildlife - Restore 6 wetland basins totaling 12 acres
      - Project cost \$15,000 with funding of \$7,500 (50%)
      - Requested balance of \$7,500
    - o Sent a third request back to applicant for more info
  - Next step is to request detailed applications to be prepared by applicants
  - Then on to the Technical Committee for review and approval
  - Then back to the Advisory Committee for review and approval
  - Then on to West Central Initiative for review and approval
  - Hope to get full approval by December 2019

**E. Douglas County Commissioner Report-** No report was given

**F. Chippewa Watershed Meeting** – Cleary handed out report

- Holly Kovarik of Pope SWCD is serving as interim coordinator
- Primary discussion was on a new "Joint Powers Agreement"
  - Would add two counties and related SWCDs - West Ottertail and Stearns- bringing total board members to 18
  - Name change to Chippewa River Watershed Association
  - No mandatory funding required of any county or SWCD
  - Next steps are for the county attorneys to review, then the SWCD to approve - hope to get the new agreement in place by Jan, 2020
- No plans to hire a full-time coordinator for at least a year
- Work toward completing One Watershed, One Plan application by 2021

**G. BWSR Academy** – Staff reported it was a very informational Conference.

**H. Area II Meeting** – Todd SWCD hosted the meeting at the Lake Beauty Bible camp on October 16, 2019.

#### Old Business

- A. **2020 Health Insurance Rates** Haggenmiller handed out the proposed 2020 rates at the October meeting. Motion by Froemming to approve 2020 insurance rates as presented, seconded by Dropik. Motion Carried.
- B. **Pheasants Forever Position** – Welcomed Kasey Jenc the new Farm Bill Biologist.
- C. **Tree Shed Lot for Sale** – No new information has been presented.

#### New Business

- A. **Field Office Update**– Walker reviewed wetland determination requests, CSP payments are being issued, 20/20 new software for signup applications, reviewing eight or nine new contracts and one-year extensions, Will be attending the Conference.
- B. **Pomme De Terre 1 Watershed 1 Plan Informational Review.** Anderson handed out report for Supervisors to review.
- C. **2019 MASWCD Convention** – December 8-10 at the Double Tree Inn.
- D. **SWCD Leadership Summit** – Haggenmiller and Barsness may attend.
- E. **Supplemental Information by the RCPP Proposal** Motion by Cleary to sign the RCPP Proposal, seconded by Dropik. Motion Carried.
- F. **Chippewa River Watershed Association Joint Powers Agreement** Will bring back for approval at the December meeting.

G. **Amendment Extension- BWSR 2018 Buffer Cost Share** Motion by Froemming to sign the 2018 Buffer Cost Share Extension, seconded by Rutten. Motion Carried.

H. **Amendment Extension–BWSR–Soil Investigation for Liquid Manure Storage Area.** Motion by Rutten to sign the Soil Investigation for Liquid Manure Storage Area Extension, seconded by Dropik. Motion Carried.

I. **Cost Share Payments**

Gerald Suchy – Manure Pit Closure - Total Cost Share \$5,475.00 Cost Share 75% \$4,106.25  
Motion by Froemming to approve payment for Gerald Suchy Cost Share \$4,106.25, seconded by Cleary. Motion Carried.

Gerald Thoennes – Manure Pit Closure – Total Cost \$3,275.00 Cost Share 75% \$2,456.25  
Motion by Froemming to approve payment for Gerald Thoennes Cost Share \$2,456.25, seconded by Cleary. Motion Carried.

**Bills to Pay.** During the month of November, the Douglas SWCD issued Checks #9931-9959 for a total of \$58,147.79 including eFile (State Withholding) and EFTP (Federal Withholding). Motion by Dropik to pay the bills, seconded by Rutten Motion carried.

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

Secretary,

Bill Dropik, Secretary