

**DOUGLAS SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
MINUTES**

Monday, February 10, 2020 – 8:00 A.M.

The Douglas Soil & Water Conservation District Board of Supervisors met at the USDA Service Center on Monday, February 10, 2020. Chairman Barsness called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m. Members attending were: Barsness, Cleary, Rutten, Froemming and Dropik. Also, in attendance were: Commissioner Englund, Staff attending: Haggenmiller, Dybdal, Rice, Olson, Anderson, Albertsen and Arceneau.

Pledge was recited

Minutes of the regular January 13, 2020, **meeting** was discussed. Motion by Rutten to approve, subject to audit, seconded by Froemming. 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** – Haggenmiller handed out his monthly report.
- B. **Pomme de Terre Update** –. Next meeting is February 14th.
- C. **Sauk River Report** – Next meeting is February 21st.
- D. **Chippewa River Report** – Still waiting on the reviews of the Joint Powers Agreement.
- E. **Douglas County Commissioner Report**- Commissioner Englund reviewed the vote on refugees, long range planning on building space needed, contract negotiations with union.

Old Business

- A. **Chippewa River Watershed Association Joint Powers Agreement** – waiting on County reviews.
- B. **Area II Meeting**- Wednesday March 11 Benton County
- C. **Tree Open House** – held on January 29, 2020. Sold over \$7,000.00.
- D. **MASWCD Legislative Day** - March 24-25
- E. **2020 Annual Plan of Work** – Haggenmiller handed out a draft to be reviewed and to call him with any changes.

New Business

- A. **Field Office Update**–Dybdal mentioned they have been busy working on the 2018-2019 Farm-Bill, CSP Payments, CRP, CSP and EQIP Renewals and 2020 new signup.
- B. **BWSR Clean Water Fund Grants Update** Construction projects within the Lake Ida. Watershed was funded. The CD 23 application was not.
- C. **BWSR FY20 Clean Water Fund Grant Agreement Lake Ida HUC 12 AIG Projects** Motion by Froemming to approve the BWSR FY20 Clean Water Fund Grant Agreement Lake Ida HUC 12 AIG Projects, seconded by Cleary. Motion carried.

- D. **Tree Shed Garage Door Opener/Water** Motion by Cleary to allocate up to \$1000 for a Garage Door Opener, seconded by Rutten. Motion carried. Haggemiller will get bids for water installation for the next meeting.
- E. **Farm Management Class** – Scheduled for March 26
- F. **Soil Health Workshop** – Scheduled for March 6
- G. **Next Board Meeting** – Rescheduled for March 12th
- H. **Drill 2020 Rates** – Motion by Rutten to increase the 2020 Drill rates to \$100 Minimum and \$9 per acre in County and \$150 Minimum and \$11per acre plus \$150 Transport Charge out of County, seconded by Dropik. Motion Carried.
- I. **Tree Planting 2020 Rates** - Motion by Cleary to increase the 2020 planting rates to \$150 Minimum in County and \$150 Minimum planting charge plus \$150 Transport Charge out of County, seconded by Dropik. Motion Carried.
- J. **Andy Rice – Four Year Review** - Motion by Cleary to increase wage by \$1.46 per hour, seconded by Dropik. Motion Carried.

Bills to Pay. During the month of February, the Douglas SWCD issued Checks #10010-10023 for a total of \$43,216.81 including eFile (State Withholding) and EFTP (Federal Withholding). Motion by Rutten to pay the bills, seconded by Cleary. Motion carried.

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

Secretary,

Bill Dropik, Secretary