

**DOUGLAS SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
MINUTES**

Thursday, March 12, 2020 – 8:00 A.M.

The Douglas Soil & Water Conservation District Board of Supervisors met at the USDA Service Center on Monday, March 12, 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, Rice, Olson, Anderson and Arceneau.

Pledge was recited

Minutes of the regular February 10, 2020, **meeting** was discussed. Motion by Dropik 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 Cleary. Motion carried.

Reports

- A. Coordinator's Report** – Haggenmiller handed out his monthly report.
- B. Pomme De Terre Update** – the meeting was on February 14th. Had Election of Officers and Committees; Reviewed timeline of the One Watershed One Plan, Next meeting is scheduled for March 13 at 9:30.
- C. Sauk River Report** – The meeting was on February 21st. They reviewed the options for the One Watershed One Plan Agreements. They are looking more towards the Joint Powers Coloration Agreement.
- D. Chippewa River Report** – The Meeting was on February 21st. Reviewed changes in allocation due to the addition of 40,000 acres to the watershed.
- E. Douglas County Commissioner Report-** Commissioner Englund reviewed Rainbow Riders and the City of Alexandria, Fire at Rappers- Emergency Management, Pomme de Terre Meeting on Friday, Interviewing 4 applicants for the County Engineers position. Next meeting is March 18.
- F. Area II Meeting-** Staff and Supervisors reported on the March 11 meeting in Foley.

Old Business

- A. Chippewa River Watershed Association Joint Powers Agreement** – Motion by Rutten to approve the Chippewa River Watershed Association Joint Powers Agreement, seconded by Cleary. Motion carried.
- B. 2020 Annual Plan of Work** Motion by Cleary to approve the 2020 Annual Plan of Work, seconded by Rutten. Motion carried.
- C. Tree Shed Garage Door Opener/Water-** \$815.00 for the Garage Door Opener, Haggenmiller is still waiting on bids for water installation.
- D. MASWCD Legislative Day** - March 24-25

New Business

- A. **Field Office Update**—Rice mentioned they have been busy working on the 2018-2019 Farm-Bill, CSP Payments, CRP, CSP and EQIP Renewals and 2020 new signup.
- B. **Cost Share Payment** – Scott Boesl CNMP Total Cost \$4,452.50 Cost Share from FY17 CWF Pit Investigation Grant 75% \$3,339.38 Motion by Dropik to approve Scott Boesl payment for \$3,339.38, seconded by Cleary. Motion Carried.
- C. **Jack Schouweiler Ag Waste System Sec 24 Millerville Township Total Cost \$187,650 Cost Share FY19 Upper Chippewa Watershed 75% \$140,737.50** Motion by Cleary to approve Jack Schouweiler Ag Waste System Sec 24 Millerville Township Total Cost \$187,650 Cost Share FY19 Upper Chippewa Watershed 75% \$140,737.50, seconded by Froemming. Motion Carried.
- D. **Farm Management Class** – March 26
- E. **2020 Election**- Cleary, Dropik and Rutten are up for election this year. Cleary told the Supervisors that he will not be running this year.
- F. **Set Tree Planters & Drill Delivery Persons Wages** Motion by Cleary to leave the wage increase decision to Haggemiller and Rice, seconded by Rutten. Motion Carried.
- G. **West Central Hunters for Habitat** – Thank You was handed out.
- H. **Cell – Update – Rice & Haggemiller** Motion by Rutten to upgrade their phones, seconded by Cleary. Motion Carried.

Bills to Pay. During the month of March, the Douglas SWCD issued Checks #10024-10052 for a total of \$55,839.34 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