

**DOUGLAS SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
MINUTES**

Monday August 10, 2020 – 7:30 A.M.

The Douglas Soil & Water Conservation District Board of Supervisors met on Monday, August 10, 2020 at the District's tree shed. Chairman Barsness called the meeting to order at 7:30 a.m. Members attending were: Barsness, Cleary, Froemming and Rutten. Dropik was absent. Also, in attendance were: Commissioner Englund, Staff attending: Dybdal, Haggemiller, Rice, Olson, Albertsen and Arceneau.

Pledge was recited

Minutes of the regular July 13, 2020, **meeting** was discussed. Motion by Rutten to approve, subject to audit, seconded by Cleary. Motion Carried.

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

Reports

- A. Coordinator's Report** – Haggemiller read his monthly report.
- B. Pomme De Terre Update**-Informational Meeting, N Region Committee, 1 Watershed1 Plan, sent to BWSR for 90-day review.
- C. Sauk River Report** – 1 Watershed1 Plan draft ready for review.
- D. Chippewa River Report** – Reviewed Budget, Joint Powers Agreement still not signed.
- E. Water Quality Legacy Fund** – Zoom Meeting reviewed projects. Dean Beck retiring but will remain on Committee.
- F. DCLA Meeting** – Scheduled for August 12
- G. Area II Meeting** – Zoom Meeting- 3 Resolutions passed the District's Resolution failed.
- H. Douglas County Commissioner Report**- Commissioner Englund mentioned the Round About Open House on August 20th, the Open House at the church on August 13, County looking into purchasing Pilgrim Point Bible Camp 50 acres.

Old Business

- A. COVID 19**- Office in Level 1 with office still closed to the public.

New Business

- A. Field Office Update**–Dybdal mentioned EQIP 10 contracts 3 for pastureland, 4 Ag Waste for over 1 million in funding, completed over 100 CRP contracts, WRP contracts funded for maintenance,
- B. MCIT Dividends** -\$1550 Total -\$1330 Workers Compensation \$220 Property/Casualty
- C. Computer Replacements** Motion by Rutten to approve purchasing two laptops totaling \$2,100 for the office staff, seconded by Cleary. Motion carried.
- D. MASWCD State Convention** – Looking into virtual Convention

- E. **2020 Conservation Cooperator** – Staff will review and make recommendations at the next meeting.
- F. **MN BWSR CREP Outreach & Implementation Grant Agreement** -Motion by Cleary to approve the MN BWSR CREP Outreach & Implementation Grant Agreement, seconded by Cleary. Motion carried.
- G. **Douglas County 2021 Budget** – Scheduled to meet with Commissioners on August 18th.
- H. **Low Income Septic Cost Share Application – Melissa Daniels Alex Township Total Cost \$13,650.00 Cost Share Flat Rate \$7,500** Motion by Rutten to approve Melissa Daniels Cost Share Flat Rate Application for \$7,500, seconded by Cleary. Motion carried.
- I. **Cost Share Payment – Mike Fernholz Watershed Control Basin Total Cost \$7,423.00 Cost Share \$2,343.00** Motion by Rutten to approve Mike Fernholz \$7,423.00, seconded by Froemming. Motion carried.

Bills to Pay. During the month of August, the Douglas SWCD issued Checks #10141-10163 for a total of \$52,443.66 eFile (State Withholding) and EFTP (Federal Withholding). Motion by Froemming 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