

**DOUGLAS SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION
DISTRICT MINUTES**

Monday, June 14, 2021 – 7:30 A.M.

The Douglas Soil & Water Conservation District Board of Supervisors met at the Douglas County Public Works Meeting Room on Monday, June 14, 2021. Chairman Barsness called the meeting to order at 7:30 a.m. Members attending were: Barsness, Cleary, Rutten, and Froemming. Dropik absent. Also, in attendance were: Commissioner Englund, Mark Dybdal, Staff attending: Haggemiller, Albertsen, Arceneau, Olson and Rice.

Pledge was recited

Minutes of the regular May 10, 2021, meeting was discussed. Motion by Rutten to approve, subject to audit, seconded by Cleary. 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** – Haggemiller handed out his monthly report.
- B. Pomme de Terre Update** – Barsness reported they reviewed Grants, Coordinator's Report and Salary Review.
- C. Sauk River Report** – No Meeting. Waiting on the BWSR 120-day review of the 1W1P.
- D. Chippewa River Report** - Meeting May 21 to process RFP's, filing the applicants for funding.
- E. E. Water Quality Legacy Fund** –They met on May 25. Request WSN Stormwater Study for the City of Brandon Discussed CD23 project matching funds.
- F. Douglas County Commissioner Report**- Commissioner Englund mentioned their next meeting is on June 10, Ottetail water discussion, equalization meeting at 3:00 today,
- G. Long Prairie Report** – No Meeting.
- H. DCLA Report** – Zoom meeting on May 12. Big discussion on Ottetail drains towards Douglas, reviewed Storm Water Ordinances.

Old Business

- A. Covid-19 Office Opening preparedness plan** -Barsness moved to allow people in the office, seconded by Rutten,
- B. Area II Meeting** – To be held in Willmar on June 22, 2021

New Business

- A. Field Office Update**–Dybdal gave the NRCS Report. Introduced Lukasz Spiewla, who will be a student trainee this summer. 5% of compliance reviews are completed, EQIP

Obligations are pre-approved, CSP contract folders to keep on schedule, Cory will be on leave for 12 weeks.

B. Cost Share Applications –

- Harold Guenther Leaf Valley Township Section 14 Low Income Septic Flat Rate Cost Share - \$7,500 Motion by Rutten to approve Harold Guenther Septic Cost Share, seconded by Cleary. Motion carried.

C. Cost Share Payments

- Robert Gibson Section 23 Alex Township Lake Shore Restoration Total Cost \$11,758.00 Cost Share \$7,054.80 from 319 Grant, \$763.70 State Cost Share, \$1,000.00 Douglas County Legacy Fund for total of 75% \$8,818.50 Motion by Rutten to approve - Robert Gibson Lake Shore Restoration Cost Share Payments, seconded by Cleary. Motion carried.
- Randy Utgaard Section 23 Alex Township Lake Shore Restoration Total Cost \$12,160.00 Cost Share \$7,296.00 from 319 Grant, \$824.00 State Cost Share, \$1,000.00 Douglas County Legacy Funds for Total of 75% \$9,120.00 Motion by Cleary to approve Randy Utgaard Lake Shore Restoration Cost Share Payments, seconded by Froemming. Motion carried.
- Melissa Daniels Section 34 Alex Township Low Income Septic Update Total Cost \$13,633.41 Cost Share Flat Rate \$7,500 from FY20 NRBG Septic Funds Motion by Rutten to approve Melissa Daniels Septic Cost Share Payments, seconded by Cleary. Motion carried.

D. WCA Application

- Brandon Klein Section 22 Ida Township Application to Fill 5,094.4 sq ft replacement through Wetland Banking 10,188 sq ft Motion by Cleary to deny Brandon Klein WCA Application, seconded by Rutten. Motion carried.

E. Committee Assignments Meeting Attendance – Haggenmiller reminded the Supervisors that if they are not able to attend their meetings to call the alternate so they can attend the meeting.

F. Poster Judging - Completed by Supervisors.

G. Jessica Albertsen Annual Review - The Supervisor's thanked Albertsen for an excellent job. Motion by Barsness to increase Albertsen \$1.10 per hour starting the current pay period, seconded by Rutten. Motion Carried.

Bills to Pay. During the month of June, the Douglas SWCD issued Checks #10368-10414 for \$143,237.81 including eFile (State Withholding) and EFTP (Federal Withholding). Motion by Cleary to pay the bills, seconded by Froemming. Motion carried.

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

Secretary,

Bill Dropik, Secretary

