

**DOUGLAS SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION
DISTRICT MINUTES**

Tuesday, October 12, 2021 – 7:30 A.M.

The Douglas Soil & Water Conservation District Board of Supervisors met at the Douglas County Public Works Meeting Room on Tuesday, October 12, 2021. Chairman Barsness called the meeting to order at 7:30 a.m. Members attending were: Barsness, Cleary, Dropik, Rutten, and Froemming. Also, in attendance were: Commissioner Englund, Staff attending: Haggemiller, Albertsen, Anderson, Olson and Rice.

Pledge was recited

Minutes of the regular September 13, 2021, meeting was discussed. Motion by Cleary to approve, subject to audit, seconded by Rutten. Motion carried.

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

Reports

- A. Coordinator's Report** – Haggemiller handed out his monthly report.
- B. Pomme de Terre Update** – Barsness reported they reviewed the grants, Committees, had a watershed coordinator performance update, and Paid Bills.
- C. Sauk River Report** – Rutten reported they are staying with a collaborative agreement which will be brought to the SWCD board later in the meeting, and Each County will be in charge of their own advertising for outreach.
- D. Chippewa River Report** – Cleary reported no meetings for Sept. or Oct.
- E. Water Quality Legacy Fund** – Cleary reported no meetings scheduled
- F. Douglas County Commissioner Report**- Commissioner Englund mentioned the church remodel was done and they had their first meeting there. COVID-19 updates for the county will follow state guidelines
- G. Long Prairie Report** – Dropik reported they set priorities and goals. Next meeting is Nov. 18.
- H. DCLA Report** – Staff didn't attend due to annual meeting. Cleary reported Geneva and Le Homme Dieu is approved for State or Federal funding to raise the bridge and road.
- I. Area II** - Met at the Rosholt Farm. Dropik, Rutten and Cleary attended with Staff: Anderson, Albertsen, and Rice.

Old Business

- A. Covid-19 Office Opening Preparedness-** Haggenmiller mentioned the FAC committee met and the office is still closed to the public .

New Business

- A. Field Office Update**—No NRCS Report. Payments on hold till federal fiscal year funds get released. CRP contracts are wrapped up
- B. Resolution to adopt and implement Sauk River One Watershed One Plan**— was discussed. Motion by Froemming to approve, seconded by Rutten. Motion carried.
- C. Sauk River Watershed Collaborative Agreement**—Need to have a representative from SWCD and County along with formal adoption. Motion made by Cleary seconded by Dropik. Motion Carried
- D. MASWCD 2021 Resolutions** – Need to be turned in to the office before Nov. 1.
- E. FY22 BWSR Capacity and Buffer Grant Agreement** -- Motion made by Rutten seconded by Cleary. Motion Carried.
- F. FY22/23 BWSR SWCD Programs and Operations Grant Agreement**— Motion made by Cleary seconded by Dropik. Motion Carried.
- G. State Cost Share.**
1. Application. Toni Hazel, Hudson Twp. Sec. 23, Septic Update, total cost \$14,900 Cost share flat rate \$7,500 using NRBG septic update funds FY 20 and 21. Motion by Rutten, seconded by Froemming. Motion Carried.
 2. Application. Carrie Larson, Moe Twp. Sec. 36 Septic Update, total cost \$10,758 Cost share flat rate \$7,500 using NRBG septic update funds FY 21. Motion by Dropik, seconded by Cleary.
 3. Amendments. Trent Thoennes Section 4 Ida Township Ag Waste System amendment to add First Security Bank as co payee on cost share check to increase the amount of cost share by \$10,000 because of increase cost of materials. Funds from FY19 and FY20 regular cost share. Motion by Rutten, seconded by Cleary. Discussion about if funds were available. Which they are. Motion carried.
 4. Payments. Trent Thoennes Section 4 Ida Township Ag Waste System Total Cost \$109,661.60 Cost Share \$75,939.25 using \$65,939.25 CWF HUC 12 Lake Ida funds, \$5,569.65 FY19 State Cost Share and \$4,430.35 FY20 State Cost Share. Motion by Cleary, seconded by Froemming. Motion Carried.

- H. 2022 Health Insurance rates** – Amounts increased. Will vote on at November Meeting
- I. Sauk River Watershed District** – Program Team member appointment for Douglas County portion of watershed. Focus on Crooked Lake basin and JD 2. Supervisor will be Ken. Staff member is TBD. Motion made by Cleary, seconded by Froemming. Motion Carried
- J. 2022 Tree Price Discussion** – With the increase prices of trees, staff requested trees go up to \$42.50 for a bundle of 25 (\$.10 increase per tree) and \$11 for one gallon potted trees (\$1 increase). Motion made by Rutten to accept these recommendations. Seconded by Dropik. Motion Carried.
- K. November Meeting Date-** November 8 at 8:00 AM at the Commissioners room in the Courthouse.
- L. December Meeting Date** – December 16th at 3:00 PM Public Works Meeting Room.

Bills to Pay. During the month of October, the Douglas SWCD issued Checks #10483-11503 for a total of \$133,193.47 including eFile (State Withholding) and EFTP (Federal Withholding). Motion by Cleary to pay the bills, seconded by Dropik. Motion carried.

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

Secretary,

Bill Dropik, Secretary