

**DOUGLAS SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION
DISTRICT MINUTES**

Thursday, December 16th, 2021 – 3:00 P.M.

The Douglas Soil & Water Conservation District Board of Supervisors met at the Douglas County Public Works on Thursday, December 16, 2021. Chairman Barsness called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. Members attending were: Barsness, Cleary, Dropik, Rutten, and Froemming. Also, in attendance were: County Commissioner Englund, Staff attending: Haggemiller, Albertsen, Anderson, Arceneau, Olson and Rice.

Pledge was recited

Minutes of the regular November 8, 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 Froemming. Motion carried.

Reports

- A. Coordinator's Report** – Haggemiller reviewed his monthly report.
- B. Pomme de Terre Update** – Barsness reported they met on Friday, November 12. Reviewed Coordinator's Report. November 30 was General Mills Carbon Credits Annual Meeting. There will not be a meeting in December.
- C. Sauk River Report** – Rutten reported they met on Wednesday, December 1. Reviewed loan applications, implementation, and Alternates to attend meeting.
- D. Chippewa River Report** – Cleary reported no meeting scheduled.
- E. Water Quality Legacy Fund** – Cleary reported meeting scheduled for January 7.
- F. Douglas County Commissioner Report-** Commissioner Englund reported Commissioner Kalina is now the President. There will be a change in committees.
- G. Long Prairie Report** – Froemming reported Stearns Technical bill was paid, Citizen Advisory, collaboration, BWSR considering Joint Powers.
- H. DCLA Report** – No Meeting
- I. WTCSA** – Cleary reported there are two Technician positions, 290 Projects, Douglas Top Revenue, funding good, Next meeting at the area 2 meeting in March.

Old Business

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

New Business

- A. Field Office Update**—No Report
- B. Long Prairie 1W1P Implementation Governance-** The Board agreed by consensus to use the Joint Powers Collaboration.

C. Cost Share Amendment

1. Paul Debilzen-Ag Waste Closure increase Cost Share by \$375.00 due to additional cost to close pit using FY19 Upper Chippewa Clean Water Funds. Motion by Froemming to approve Paul Debitzen Cost Share Amendment of \$375.00, seconded by Rutten. Motion Carried.

2. Patrick Thoennes Ag Waste System Increase Cost Share Amount by \$15,460.17 using Upper Chippewa Funds. Reason for increase is price of materials increase and change in the plan during construction adding additional excavation and concrete. Motion by Rutten to approve Pat Thoennes increase Cost Share of \$15,360.17, seconded by Cleary. Motion Carried.

D. Cost Share Payments

1. Carrie Larson – Septic Update Total Cost \$10,300 Cost Share Flat Rate \$7,500 using FY 21 NRBG Septic Update Funds. Motion by Dropik to approve Carrie Larson Septic Total of \$7,500.00, seconded by Cleary. Motion Carried.

2. Paul Debilzen -Ag Waste Closure Total Cost \$7,000 Cost Share 75% \$5,250.00 using FY19 Upper Chippewa Clean Water Fund. Motion by Rutten to approve Paul Debitzen Cost Share of \$5,250.00, seconded by Cleary. Motion Carried.

3. Patrick Thoennes Ag Waste System. Total Cost \$205,886.05 State Cost Share using Upper Chippewa Clean Water Funds \$44,079.06 and EQIP Cost Share \$110,335.47 Total Cost Share 75%. Motion by Rutten to approve Pat Thoennes Cost Share payment of \$110,335.47, seconded by Cleary. Motion Carried.

4.

E. St. Agnes School Request. Motion by Cleary to approve \$100 Donation, seconded by Rutten. Motion Carried.

F. MN Campaign Finance Board Report Haggenmiller reminded Supervisors need to fill out their MN. Campaign Finance Board Report.

G. Haggenmiller mentioned Douglas SWCD was awarded the Lake Ida Phase II grant for \$289,000.00

H. Board and Staff reported on the 2021 MASWCD Conference.

Bills to Pay. During the month of December, the Douglas SWCD issued Checks #11524-10552 for a total of \$232,724.38 including eFile (State Withholding) and EFTP (Federal Withholding). Motion by Rutten 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