

**DOUGLAS SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION  
DISTRICT MINUTES**

**Monday, January 10, 2022 – 8:00 A.M.**

The Douglas Soil & Water Conservation District Board of Supervisors met at the Douglas County Commissioner's Room on Monday, January 10, 2022. Chairman Barsness called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. Members attending were: Barsness, Dropik, Rutten, and Froemming. Absent was Cleary. Also, in attendance were County Commissioner Englund, NRCS, Mark Dybdal, Staff attending: Haggenmiller, Albertsen, Anderson, Arceneau, Olson and Rice.

**Pledge was recited**

**Re-Organization of the Board of Supervisors.** Motion by Rutten to have no change from 2021 in 2022 Officers, seconded by Dropik. Motion carried. Barsness-Chairman, Rutten-Vice-Chairman, Cleary-Treasurer, Dropik-Secretary.

**Minutes of the regular December 16, 2021, meeting** was discussed. Motion by Rutten to approve, subject to audit, seconded by Dropik. 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** – Haggenmiller reviewed his monthly report.
- B. Pomme de Terre Update** – Barsness reported they will meet on Friday, January 14, 2022.
- C. Sauk River Report** – Rutten reported meeting was cancelled.
- D. Chippewa River Report** – No Report
- E. Water Quality Legacy Fund** – No Report
- F. Douglas County Commissioner Report-** Commissioner Englund reported Commissioner Kalina is now the Chairperson. Moved around committees.
- G. Long Prairie Report** – No Report
- H. DCLA Report** – No Report

**Old Business**

- A. Covid-19 Office Opening Preparedness-** Haggenmiller mentioned the FAC committee will meet this afternoon.
- B. Douglas County Covid Vaccinations, Testing and Face Covering Policy** – Haggenmiller mentioned the Counties policy. No action was taken.

## **New Business**

- A. Field Office Update**—Mark Dybdal reported they are working on 2021 CSP payments. CSP signup thru February 4<sup>th</sup>. EQIP signup thru March 4. NRCS will have a summer intern.
- B. 2022 Meeting Schedule** – Haggemiller handed 2022 meeting schedule
- C. Set Supervisors Compensation Motion by Rutten to leave compensation at \$125, seconded by Dropik.** Motion carried.
- D. Set Mileage Rate Motion by Froemming to follow the Federal Mileage Rate of 58.5¢/mile for 2022, seconded by Rutten.** Motion carried.
- E. Designate Depositories Motion by Froemming to designate Bremer Bank as the Douglas SWCD depository, seconded by Dropik.** Motion carried.
- F. Assign Committees**
1. **Chippewa River Watershed Group** – Cleary, Alternate - Froemming
  2. **Pomme de Terre Watershed Group** – Barsness, Alternate-Cleary
  3. **Sauk River Watershed Group** – Rutten, Alternate- Dropik
  4. **West Central Area II Joint Powers** – Cleary, Alternate Barsness
  5. **Long Prairie Watershed Group** – Dropik, Alternate Froemming
  6. **Water Plan** –Rutten, Alternate-Barsness
  7. **EQIP Local Work Group**—Barsness, Froemming
  8. **Douglas Legacy Fund**-Cleary
- G. Dues**
- National Association of Conservation Districts - \$774.00 & MN Assn of Conservation Districts - \$5,750.58** Motion by Rutten to approve, seconded by Dropik Motion carried. **Minnesota Counties Intergovernmental Trust - \$9,319.00** Motion by Froemming to approve, seconded by Rutten Motion carried.
- H. SWCD Supervisor’s Election Options Motion by Dropik to leave elected as is, seconded by Rutten** Motion carried
- I. Jerome Haggemiller Review - The Board appreciates the great work, Motion by Rutten to increase wage by \$2.16 per hour, seconded by Froemming.** Motion Carried.
- J. Danielle Anderson Four Year Review – The Board appreciates the work Danielle does, Motion by Rutten to increase wage by \$1.25 per hour, seconded by Dropik.** Motion Carried.

**K. Ian Olson Third Year Review – Motion by Rutten to increase wage by .33¢ per hour with a review in 6 months, seconded by Froemming.** Motion Carried.

**Bills to Pay.** During the month of January, the Douglas SWCD issued Checks #11553-10579 for a total of \$86,120.33 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