

**DOUGLAS SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION  
DISTRICT MINUTES**

**Monday, March 14, 2022 – 8:00 A.M.**

The Douglas Soil & Water Conservation District Board of Supervisors met at the Douglas County Commissioner's Room on Monday, March 14, 2022. Chairman Barsness called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m. Members attending were: Barsness, Cleary, Froemming, and Rutten. Absent was Dropik. Also, in attendance were County Commissioner Englund, NRCS, Mark Dybdal, Staff attending: Haggemiller, Albertsen, Arceneau, Olson and Rice.

**Pledge was recited**

**Minutes of the regular February 14, 2021, meeting** was discussed. Motion by Cleary to approve, subject to audit, Froemming seconded by. Motion carried.

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

**Reports**

- A. Coordinator's Report** – Haggemiller report was handed out to be reviewed.
- B. Pomme de Terre Update** – Barsness reported they met on Friday, March 4, 2022. Reviewed staff funding, BWSR presentation and the ranking of projects, 2 grants available for Clean Water Soil Health and Water Quality Storage.
- C. Sauk River Report** – Rutten reported on the meeting with Senator Preston regarding bonding issues for cleanout of Miller Bay and the JD2 Sediment Ponds.
- D. Chippewa River Report** – No report was given.
- E. Water Quality Legacy Fund** – Cleary reported their next meeting will be on April 13th.
- F. DCLA Report** – No Report
- G. Douglas County Commissioner Report** – ALASD Planning Commissioners are reviewing how to correct salt problem on Lake Ida. Next meeting is March 15, 4-Wheeler Trails completed for Spruce Hill and Kingston Township. AIS building for Public Works Property.
- H. Long Prairie Report** – Next meeting April 21<sup>st</sup>, Internal Plan Review April 1st.

**Old Business**

- A. Covid-19 Office Opening Preparedness-** No change
- B. Area II Meeting** – March 15

**C. Irrigators Clinic – March 17 – Co-host with Swift.**

**New Business**

**A. Field Office Update**—Mark Dybdal reported 2 out 3 Ag Waste, 3 out 4 Grazing and 2out 3 Water Basins EQIP applications were approved. Waiting on High Tunnels, CSP renewals March 25, working on control burns.

**B. Chippewa 1W1P kickoff meeting** is scheduled for April 5<sup>th</sup> Minnewaska House in Glenwood from 5:30-8:30.

**C. WCA Application –** William Kraker Sec 22 Carlos Township request to fill 2640 sq ft for driveway, replacement 2:1 through wetland banking. Motion by Cleary to approve William Kraker request to fill 2640 sq ft for driveway, replacement 2:1 through wetland banking, seconded by Rutten. Motion carried.

**D. Employee Handbook Update –** Haggenmiller will have a draft by the next meeting.

**E. Vision Insurance Offering –** Motion by Rutten to approve staff to take out vision insurance starting May 1, seconded by Cleary. Motion carried.

**F. QuickBooks Upgrade.** Motion by Rutten to purchase the 2022 upgrade, seconded by Froemming. Motion Passed.

**G. SWCD Aid -** 2022 Legislative Session will work on switching SWCD funding from Clean Water Funds to the General Funds.

**H. Drill Repairs –** Haggenmiller mentioned that spring maintenance needs to be competed on the drills.

**Bills to Pay.** During the month of March, the Douglas SWCD issued Checks #11593-10619 for a total of \$58,356.84 including eFile (State Withholding) and EFTP (Federal Withholding). Motion by Cleary to pay the bills, seconded by Rutten Motion carried.

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

Secretary,

Bill Dropik, Secretary