

**DOUGLAS SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT  
MINUTES**

**Monday, May 9, 2022 – 7:30 A.M.**

The Douglas Soil & Water Conservation District Board of Supervisors met at the USDA Conference Room on Monday, May 9, 2022. Chairman Barsness called the meeting to order at 7:30 a.m. Members attending were: Barsness, Rutten, Froemming and Dropik, Cleary absent, Also, in attendance were Commissioner Englund, Micayla Lakey, Mark Dybdal, Staff attending: Haggenmiller, Arceneau, Rice, Anderson, Olson and Albertsen.

**Pledge was recited**

**Minutes** of the regular April 11, 2022, **meeting** was discussed. Motion by Rutten to approve, subject to audit, seconded by Froemming. 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 handed out his monthly report.
- B. Pomme de Terre Update** –. Meeting was cancelled
- C. Sauk River Report** –Met on April 18<sup>th</sup>, reviewed funding for Army Corps sediment core samples. Next meeting in May.
- D. Chippewa River Report** -No Report
- E. Water Quality Legacy Fund**–County Ditch 23 project \$173,000.00 Looking into County for America Rescue money \$50,000.00
- F. Douglas County Commissioner Report**- Commissioner Englund reported on the 2022 road construction timeline.
- G. Long Prairie Report** –Met on April 21. internal review for Plan is April. Formal review in May-July, and Approval set for October.
- H. DCLA Report** - April–October Monthly Meetings with guest speaker each month.
- I. Micayla Lakey**- Attended the meeting to give a progress report on the Pomme De Terre River Association.

**Old Business**

- A. Covid-19 Office Opening preparedness plan** We are currently open to the public again. Douglas County went from low to medium again, if numbers stay in “low” or “medium” range we will remain open to the public!
- B. Employee Handbook Update** Haggenmiller reported that Cleary and Rutten met with him and have made updates to the handbook. Staff had questions regarding the new vacation accrual schedule. Supervisors will review and handbook will be brought back to the board for further discussion and potential final vote in June.

**C. Supervisor Filing** – Haggenmiller mentioned that Barsness and Froemming are up this year. Filing dates are from May 17-31.

**D. Area II Meeting-** Haggenmiller mentioned that its Douglas turn to host the Area II meeting. Scheduled for June 16. The Board gave consensus to staff to setup meeting room and meal.

## **New Business**

**A. Field Office Update**–Dybdal gave the NRCS Report. They have been busy with contracts, 8 EQIP contacts are approved for 2022 from Douglas County totaling 815,000, Starting May 16 a pathway student will be here, two Soil Cons will be here the end of May.

### **B. Cost Share Applications**

- Dan Osowski Septic Update Total Cost \$16,000 Cost Share Flat Rate \$6,000. Motion by Rutten approve Dan Osowski Septic with a Flat Rate of \$6,000, seconded by Dropik. Motion Carried.
- David Hammer Lake Shore Restoration Total Cost \$19, 742 Cost Share 75% using \$11,845.20 319 Funds and \$2,961.30 Lake Carlos CWP funds. Motion by Froemming to approve David Hammer application for Total Cost \$19, 742 Cost Share 75% using \$11,845.20 319 Funds and \$2,961.30 Lake Carlos CWP funds, seconded by Dropik. Motion Carried.
- Greg Koertuem Lake Shore Restoration Total Cost \$16,800 Cost 75% using \$10,080.00 319 funds and \$2,520.00 using Lake Ida CWF Motion by Dropik to approve Greg Kortuem Lake Shore Restoration Total Cost \$16,800 Cost Share 75% using \$10,800 319 Carlos Funds and \$2,520 using Lake Ida CWF, Seconded by Rutten. Motion Carried.

**C. RIM Violation Glen Peterson** Motion by Rutten to reissue the Corrective Action Plan, seconded by Dropik. Motion Carried.

**D. Resolution to support Statewide Tracking Tool** Haggenmiller mentioned he will bring a new resolution supporting Statewide Tracking Tool to future meeting.

**E. Starla Arceneau 11 Year Review.** Motion by Rutten to approve \$1.40 increase, seconded by Dropik. Motion Carried.

**Bills to Pay.** During the month of May, the Douglas SWCD issued Checks # 10651 -10687 for a total of \$135,910.00 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 Dropik. Motion carried.

Secretary,

Bill Dropik, Secretary