

**DOUGLAS SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
MINUTES**

Monday, June 13, 2022 – 7:30 A.M.

The Douglas Soil & Water Conservation District Board of Supervisors met at the USDA Conference Room on Monday, June 13, 2022. Chairman Barsness called the meeting to order at 7:30 a.m. Members attending were: Barsness, Rutten, Froemming and Cleary, Dropik absent, Also, in attendance were Commissioner Englund, Mark Dybdal, Staff attending: Haggemiller, Rice, Anderson, Olson and Albertsen.

Pledge was recited

Minutes of the regular May 9, 2022, **meeting** was discussed. Motion by Rutten to approve, subject to audit, seconded by Froemming. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report was read. Correction to the septic funds for Dan Lustrustalki to use up 2018, and 2019 funds before using 2020. Motion by Cleary to approve, subject to audit, seconded by Rutten. Motion carried.

Reports

- A. Coordinator's Report** – Haggemiller handed out his monthly report.
- B. Pomme de Terre Update** –Discussion on tracking funds and Silver Lake Project
- C. Sauk River Report** –Met on May 26, Approved Logo, Voted to meet the third Thursday of the month quarterly. Had a presentation on Citizenship Norm and Board packet got approved
- D. Chippewa River Report** -Met on May 20 in Glenwood. Talked about One Watershed One Plan. Things moving right along. Bus tour will be in July 15. June meeting canceled.
- E. Water Quality Legacy Fund**–Met on May 3, and roughly \$30,000 set aside for a wetland restoration project. Next meeting is July 20.
- F. Douglas County Commissioner Report**- County is hoping to get emergency relief with all the storm damage. County will help remove stuff in Maple Lake starting Monday.
- G. Long Prairie Report** –No report given
- H. DCLA Report** – Lake Irene did a Curly leaf pondweed treatment on the entire lake with special permission from PLM and DNR. Looking for a new president to run the organization.

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. Clarification was made on some concerns staff had. Discussion to include all requests and denials for employee reviews to be documented in the employee handbook. A few corrections are needed in the employee handbook table of contents to reflect the document. Motion was made by Rutten to approve the handbook moving forward subject to the changes made to the table of contents, and that current staff will not be losing annual leave accruing they currently have. Second by Cleary. Motion Carried
- C. Supervisor Filing** – Haggenmiller mentioned that Barsness and Froemming both filed by the deadline
- D. Area II Meeting-** Haggenmiller mentioned that it’s scheduled for June 16. All staff and supervisors will be there. Registration starts at 8:30 AM and Meeting to begin at 9:00 AM. Each district is to bring enough copies of their resolutions.

New Business

- A. Field Office Update**–Dybdal gave the NRCS Report. Two new full time NRCS employees have started this month, plus a pathways intern that will be here through August. Down one staff for Engineering Technician. Roughly 30 CRP contracts have been written this year from our office to date.
- B. Resolution to approve the Sauk River 1W1P Biennial Work Plan**–Motion by Cleary. Second by Rutten. Motion Carried
- C. Resolution for BWSR to develop State tracking Tool for Implementing 1W1P’s.** – Motion by Cleary. Second by Rutten. Motion Carried.
- D. FY2023 BWSR CREP Grant Agreement**–\$24,250 – reimbursement for PF farmbill biologist. Approved by Froemming. Second by Rutten
- E. MASWCD 2022-2023 Leadership Institute**–Rice requested board approval to attend. \$5,000 cost for a year long leadership training that meets 8 times during the year. Motion by Rutten. Froemming Second. Motion Carried.
- F. Cost Share Application for Rob Auel, Lake Ida Lined Waterway Outlet.** –Total cost \$85,785 Cost Share 60% Carlos 319 Grant. \$51,417. 15% Lake Ida Clean Water Grant \$12,867.75. WQLF is paying 12.5% and Lake Ida and Township kicking in

money. Motion by Rutten. Second by Froemming. Motion Carried.

G. WCA Application Good Neighbors Development Sun Opta Warehouse Application to fill .98 Acres and replace 2:1 through Wetland Banking. –Motion by Cleary. Seconded by Rutten. Motion Carried.

H. Poster Contest–Board members voted on the top three posters that will be brought to the area meeting.

I. Jessica Albertsen – 5 Year Review–Motion by Rutten to approve \$1.16 increase. Seconded by Cleary. Motion Carried.

Bills to Pay. During the month of June, the Douglas SWCD #10688-10723 for a total of \$70,273.29 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 Rutten. Motion carried.

Secretary,

Bill Dropik, Secretary