

**DOUGLAS SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION  
DISTRICT MINUTES**

**Monday, February 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, February 14, 2022. Chairman Barsness called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m. Members attending were: Barsness, Cleary, Dropik and Rutten. Absent was Froemming. Also, in attendance were County Commissioner Englund, NRCS, Mark Dybdal, Staff attending: Albertsen, Arceneau, Olson and Rice.

**Pledge was recited**

**Minutes of the regular January 10, 2021, meeting** was discussed. Motion by Rutten to approve, subject to audit, seconded by Cleary. 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, January 20, 2022. Election of Officers remain the same, 4% raise was given to Micayla. Marsch Lake Presentation was cancelled. Jessica is helping put together their share point.
- C. Sauk River Report** – Rutten reported on phosphorus being high in lake, reviewed Miller Bay Sediment Ponds, looking into a bonding bill or apply for Clean Water funding to pay for cleanout.
- D. Chippewa River Report** – Cleary reported they received partial funding, tac meeting, kickoff meeting invitation to public being sent, looking at doing a bus tour in June to highlight projects.
- E. Water Quality Legacy Fund** – Cleary reported on zoom meeting on January 19, 2022. Election of Officers/Committees. Reviewed Finances, meeting 4 times a year.
- F. Douglas County Commissioner Report-** Commissioner Englund reported Rapp and Englund are on the Trail Committee checking into 4 wheelers driving on trails legally.
- G. Long Prairie Report** – No Report
- H. DCLA Report** – No Report

## Old Business

- A. **Covid-19 Office Opening Preparedness-** No change

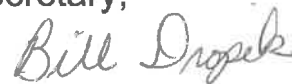
## New Business

- A. **Field Office Update**—Mark Dybdal reported they are working on CSP signup thru February 4<sup>th</sup>. 22 application EQIP signup thru March 4. NRCS will have on Ag Waste Project, WRP Federal Contract and RIM on burning updates.
- B. **Contract for Services with Stearns SWCD-MAWQCP** Motion by Rutten to sign Contract for Services with Stearns SWCD-MAWQCP, seconded by Dropik. Motion carried.
- C. **Audit Engagement Letter – Peterson Company** Motion by Cleary to sign Audit Engagement Letter, seconded by Rutten. Motion carried.
- D. **FY22 Clean Water Fund Grant Agreement** Motion by Rutten to sign FY22 Clean Water Fund Grant Agreement, seconded by Dropik. Motion carried.
- E. **Legislative Briefing** is Scheduled for March 9 & 10.
- F. **Annual Plan Update** Motion by Cleary to discontinue the Annual Plan Update, seconded by Rutten. Motion carried.
- G. **Area 2 Meeting** is scheduled for March 15 in Morris
- H. **Irrigators Clinic** is scheduled for March 17 in Benson
- I. **Supervisors reviewed** Thank You for St. Agnes School donation.
- J. **Andy Rice – Six Year Review** the Board appreciates the great work, Motion by Cleary to increase wage by \$1.77 per hour, seconded by Dropik. Motion Carried.

**Bills to Pay.** During the month of February, the Douglas SWCD issued Checks #11573-10592 for a total of \$90,296.07 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