

**DOUGLAS SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT  
MINUTES**

**Thursday, December 15, 2022 – 3:00 P.M.**

The Douglas Soil & Water Conservation District Board of Supervisors met at the USDA Conference Room on Thursday, November 15, 2022. Chairman Barsness called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. Members attending were: Barsness, Rutten, Froemming, Dropik, and Cleary. Also, in attendance were Commissioner Englund, Mark Dybdal, Staff attending Haggenmiller, Albertsen, Anderson and Arceneau.

**Pledge was recited**

**Minutes of the regular November 14, 2022, Motion by Rutten to approve, subject to audit, seconded by Froemming.** Motion carried.

**Treasurer's Report** was reviewed. Motion by Cleary 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-** Met on Friday December 9, 2022.TAC Recommendations on Job Descriptions, Quarterly Meetings, Reviewed Budgets, Bills and Grants, and Salaries.
- C. Sauk River Report** – Met on November 21, 2022. Hired a new Water Resources Manager, Army Corps 50/50 possible funding.
- D. Chippewa River Report** – Joint Powers met on Friday, November 18, 2022. 1W1P Application, Consultants/Lake Priority Grants.
- E. Water Quality Legacy Fund–** Met on November 15<sup>th</sup>, 2022. Looking for replacements for Gene Rose and Dean Beck whose positions are expiring.
- F. DCLA Report** –Will meet in April through September in 2023.
- G. Douglas County Commissioner Report** Brophy Park construction coming along, windows are backordered. Reviewing cost to spray weeds near the beach. Planning Commission reviewing new Storage Buildings by Forada. Commissioner Englund will be on the radio on Monday December 19<sup>th</sup>.
- H. Long Prairie Report** –Next meeting is scheduled in Jan 2023.
- I. State Convention** – Supervisors and Staff reviewed the 2022 State Convention.

**Old Business**

- A. Health Insurance Premiums 2023** – Motion by Cleary to approve the new funding split for staff dental. Seconded by Rutten, Motion carried.

**New Business**

**A. Field Office Update**—Dybdal gave the NRCS Report. working on 37 EQIP Applications, certifying CSP contracts, WRE researching contracts, CRP continuous easements, Normal operations, wetlands files, all staff issued Cell Phones. Still advertising for Engineering Technician position.

**B. Cost Share Amendments**

- Low Income Septic Update – Amend Completion Date from 12-31-22 to 12-31-23 Motion by Cleary to approve Septic Amendment, seconded by Rutten. Motion carried.
- Ag Waste Amend Completion Date from 11-30-22 to 12-31 -23 Motion by Cleary to approve Ag Waste Amendment, seconded by Dropik. Motion carried.

**C. Cost Share Payments**

- Diversion/Erosion Contract – Total Cost \$7,537.01 Cost Share 60% using 319 Funds \$4,522.21 Motion by Cleary to approve Diversion/Erosion Payment of \$4,522.21, seconded by Dropik. Motion carried.
- Ag Waste Closure – Total Cost \$9,750.00 Cost Share 75% using Upper Chippewa Funds \$7,312.50 Motion by Rutten to approve Ag Waste payment of \$7,312.50 seconded by Cleary. Motion carried.
- Cover Crops Flat Rate Cost Share \$2,100.00 using Lake Ida HUC 12 Funds and \$1,260.00 319 Funds Total Payment \$3,360.00 Motion by Cleary to approve Cover Crops Flat Rate Cost Share Payment of \$3,360.00, seconded by Dropik. Motion carried.
- Water and Sediment Control Basins Total Cost \$48,543.50 Cost Share using \$8,697.65 FY 20 State Cost Share and \$6,152.06 FY 21 State Cost Share Total Cost Share \$14,849.71 Motion by Cleary to approve Water and Sediment Control Basins Total Cost \$48,543.50 payment, seconded by Dropik. Motion carried.

**D. Oath of Office** – Supervisors Barsness and Froemming read and signed their oath of office.

**E. 2023 Meeting Schedule** – Haggemiller handed out the new schedule for the Supervisors to review before the January 2023 meeting.

**Bills to Pay.** During the month of December 2022, the Douglas SWCD # 10855-#10885-\$124,640.65 including eFile (State Withholding) and EFTP (Federal Withholding). Motion by Rutten pay the bills, seconded by Dropik. Motion carried.

**Adjournment.** Motion by Cleary to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Dropik. Motion carried.

Secretary,

Bill Dropik, Secretary