

**DOUGLAS SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
MINUTES**

Tuesday, October 11, 2022 – 7:30 A.M.

The Douglas Soil & Water Conservation District Board of Supervisors met at the USDA Conference Room on Tuesday, October 11, 2022. Chairman Barsness called the meeting to order at 7:30 a.m. Members attending were: Barsness, Rutten, Froemming, Dropik, and Cleary, Also, in attendance were Commissioner Englund, Mark Dybdal, Staff attending Haggenmiller, Rice, Albertsen, Anderson and Arceneau.

Pledge was recited

Minutes of the regular September 12, 2022, meeting was discussed. Motion by Cleary to approve, subject to audit, seconded by Rutten. Motion carried.

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

Reports

- A. **Coordinator's Report** – Haggenmiller handed out his monthly report.
- B. **Pomme de Terre Update**- No Report.
- C. **Sauk River Report** – DNR cleaned out 5 loads of sediment on Miller Bay.
- D. **Chippewa River Report** – No Report
- E. **Water Quality Legacy Fund**– No Report
- F. **DCLA Report** –No Report
- G. **Douglas County Commissioner Report**- reviewed possible new Rehab and Cancer units, Fair Board meeting coming up soon, addended the MN Rural Committee meeting.
- H. **Long Prairie Report** –No Report.
- I. **Area II meeting** – Staff and Supervisor's reviewed the September 20 meeting in Avon

Old Business

- J. **BWSR Academy October 24-27** - Motion by Rutten to approve Albertsen, Anderson, Arceneau, Olson and Rice to attend, seconded by Dropik, Motion carried.

New Business

- A. **Field Office Update**–Dybdal gave the NRCS Report. working on certifying CSP contracts, 22 EQIP Applications to review, Olivia working CSP Payments, Kevin is working on EQIP, Advertising for Mike position.
- B. **Health Insurance Premiums 2023** – 44% increase. Looking into different insurance. Haggenmiller will bring to the next regular meeting.
- C. **BWSR Grant Agreement FY 23 Soil Health Cost Share** - Motion by Cleary to approve \$14,175 FY 23 Soil and Health Cost Share Agreement, seconded by Froemming, Motion carried.

- D. BWSR Grant Agreement FY23 \$17,000 Buffer Law and \$136,644 Local Capacity.** Motion by Rutten to approve FY23 \$17,000 Buffer Law and \$136,644 Local Capacity Agreement, seconded by Dropik, Motion carried.
- E. No Till Drill Quote** – Two quotes were reviewed. Motion by Cleary to approve purchasing a new drill from Titans for \$40,500, seconded by Rutten. Motion Carried.
- F. Cost Share Amendments**
- Lakeshore Restoration Project Increase Total Cost of Project from \$16,800.00 to \$18,250.00, increase of \$1,450.00 because of extra seeding required. Increase 319 funds from \$10,950.00 Lake Ida CWF \$2,737.50. Motion by Cleary to approve Cost Share Amendment, seconded by Rutten. Motion Carried.
- G. Cost Share Payments**
- Low Income Septic Total Cost \$12,450.00 Cost Share Flat Rate of \$7,500.00 using \$46.00 FY 20 NRBG Septic Funds & \$7,454.00 FY 21 NRBG Septic Motion by Cleary to approve \$7,500 Cost Share Payment, seconded by Rutten. Motion Carried.
 - Low Income Septic Total Cost \$19,750.00 Cost Share Flat Rate of \$7,500.00 using \$2,443.00 FY 21 NRBG Septic Funds & \$57.00 FY 22 NRBG Septic & \$5,000.00 FY22 BWSR Septic Cost Share Motion by Rutten to approve \$7,500 Cost Share Payment, seconded by Cleary. Motion Carried.
 - Lakeshore Restoration Project Total Cost \$19,742.00 Cost Share 75% using \$11,845.20 (60%) 319 Funds & \$2,961.30 (15%) Lake Ida CWF Total Cost Share Payment \$14,806.50 Motion by Cleary to approve \$14,806.50 Cost Share Payment, seconded by Rutten. Motion Carried.
 - Lakeshore Restoration Project Total Cost \$18,250.00 Cost Share 75% using \$10,950.00 (60%) 319 Funds & \$2,737.50 (15%) Lake Ida CWF Total Cost Share Payment \$13,687.50 Motion by Cleary to approve \$13,687.50 Cost Share Payment, seconded by Rutten. Motion Carried.
- H. Cost Share Applications**
- Ag Waste Pit Closure Cost Share using FY19 Upper Chippewa Cost Share Total Cost \$9,750 Cost Share 75% \$7,312.50 Motion by Rutten to approve \$7,312.50 Cost Share Application, seconded by Cleary. Motion Carried.
 - Lake Restoration Project Cost Share using 319 Funds Total Cost \$5,430.67 60% \$3,258.40 Motion by Cleary to approve \$3,258.40 Cost Share Application, seconded by Rutten. Motion Carried.
 - Lake Restoration Project Cost Share using 319 Funds Total Cost \$ 6,398.86 60% \$3,834.51 Motion by Cleary to approve \$3,834.51 Cost Share Payment, seconded by Rutten. Motion Carried.

- I. **Resolutions** – Supervisor’s to review and send in their opinions by Tuesday, November 1.
- J. **Tree Prices for 2023** - Motion by Rutten to increase tree prices for 2023, seconded by Froemming. Motion carried.
- K. **2021 Audit** – Check with Peterson’s office to give audit report at the next meeting.
- L. **Grant Extensions** – Motion by Cleary to extend FY21 Septic Upgrade, FY20 State Cost Share, FY21 Septic Upgrade and Lake Ida by one year, seconded by Dropik. Motion Carried.

Bills to Pay. During the month of October 2022, the Douglas SWCD # 10779-10801 \$71,391.30 including eFile (State Withholding) and EFTP (Federal Withholding). Motion by Rutten pay the bills, seconded by Cleary. Motion carried.

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

Secretary,

Bill Dropik, Secretary