

**DOUGLAS SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION
DISTRICT MINUTES**

Monday, February 13, 2023 – 8:00 A.M.

The Douglas Soil & Water Conservation District Board of Supervisors met on Monday, February 13, 2023. Chairman Barsness called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m. Members attending were: Barsness, Cleary, Rutten, and Froemming. Dropik was absent, Also, in attendance were County Commissioner Englund, NRCS, Mark Dybdal, Staff attending Haggenmiller, Albertsen, Anderson, Arceneau, Olson and Rice.

Pledge was recited

Minutes of the regular January 9, 2023, meeting was discussed. Motion by Cleary to approve, subject to audit, seconded by Rutten. 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** – Haggenmiller reviewed his monthly report.
- B. Pomme de Terre Update** – Barsness reported they met on Friday, January 13, 2023. Re-assigned Committee's, Treasurer's Report, Wages Review, Implementations Project Reviewed.
- C. Sauk River Report** – Rutten reviewed Fiscal Agent Report, Next Meeting is schecheduled for February 27, 2023.
- D. Chippewa River Report** – Cleary reported they met on January 20, 2023. Re-Organized Meeting, GRAPS Updated, WRAPS updated, Ron Dillie Passed Away.
- E. Water Quality Legacy Fund** – Cleary reported on project updates, Bethany Manor Project, Cleary is now the Vice-President, Next meeting will be in April.
- F. Douglas County Commissioner Report-** Englund reviewed Crooked Willow Project, Glen's Towing- No Issues, Final Plat on Pit, Red Willow Permit, Replace Generator, Purchasing new property.
- G. Long Prairie Report** – Dropik was absent so now report was given.
- H. Area II Meeting** – Supervisor's reported it was a good informational meeting on Camp Ripley and Nature Reserve.

Old Business

- A. Treasurer Training** – Scheduled for March 15 in Sauk Centre, MN

B. Long Prairie 1W1P to add MOA with Ottertail County Motion by Rutten to add Ottertail to Long Prairie 1W1P, seconded by Froemming. Motion carried.

New Business

A. Field Office Update—Mark Dybdal reported they are ranking EQIP, Conserve Steward due by March 10, several calls on CRP special burns, Mark will be working on CRP while Kasey is out on leave, Annual Meeting is scheduled for next month, Basin Project paid, Annual Civil Rights Review was completed.

B. Audit Engagement Letter—Motion by Cleary to approve 2023 audit Engagement Letter, seconded by Rutten. Motion carried.

C. Soil Health Grant Motion by Rutten to approve Soil Health Grant, seconded by Froemming. Motion carried.

D. Annual Report was handed out. Compliments to Albertsen.

E. Cost Share Amendment Motion by Cleary approve Cost Share Amendment for an increase of \$61.35, seconded by Rutten. Motion carried.

F. State Cost Share for Joe Beste Diversion Total Cost \$1,196.80 Cost Share 75% \$897.60 using FY 21 Coat Share Motion by Cleary approve Cost Share for \$897.60, seconded by Froemming. Motion carried.

G. MASWCD Legislative Day- Scheduled for March 7 & 8 in St. Paul

H. Envirothon Donation - Motion by Cleary to approve \$150 donation, seconded by Rutten. Motion carried.

I. Set Tree Planter Wage- Motion by Rutten to approve \$18 an hour and \$2 per hour bonus at the end of year, seconded by Barsness. Motion carried.

J. Andy Rice Review – Appreciates the great work and decided to change his title to Project Coordinator, Motion by Cleary to increase wage by \$2.04 per hour, seconded by Rutten. Motion Carried.

Bills to Pay. During the month of February, the Douglas SWCD issued Checks #10915-10935 for a total of \$60,916.08 including eFile (State Withholding) and EFTP (Federal Withholding). Motion by Froemming to pay the bills, seconded by Rutten. Motion carried.

Adjournment. Motion by Barsness to adjourn the meeting @ 9:45 a. m, seconded by Rutten. Motion carried.

Secretary,

Bill Dropik, Secretary