

**DOUGLAS SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION
DISTRICT MINUTES**

Monday, March 13, 2023 – 8:00 A.M.

The Douglas Soil & Water Conservation District Board of Supervisors met on Monday, March 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 Haggemiller, Albertsen, Anderson, Arceneau, Olson and Rice.

Pledge was recited.

Minutes of the regular February 13, 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** – Haggemiller reviewed his monthly report.
- B. Pomme de Terre Update** – No meeting
- C. Sauk River Report** – Rutten reported on February 16, 2023. Reviewed the next grant agreement which will be ready for approval 5-18-23. Water Retention, Grants.
- D. Chippewa River Report** – Cleary reported they did not meet in February Tech worked on plan. Houston Engineering will meet on March 17.
- E. Water Quality Legacy Fund** – Cleary reported they met on March 8 on a zoom meeting. Approved Bethany Manor and Freeway Wetland Restoration Projects. Next meeting will be in June.
- F. Douglas County Commissioner Report-** Englund reviewed bids for round a bout by Pilot, will tar County Road 82 from Brandon to Evansville this summer, purchasing 32 acres from the city. Gave all non-union County Employees a \$2 raise.
- G. Long Prairie Report** – No Meeting.

Old Business

- A. Treasurer Training** – Scheduled for March 15 in Sauk Centre, MN – Haggemiller and Arceneau will attend.

B. Tree Cooler - Rice discussed he is looking into the option of using funding for a tree planter for a new cooler. Will bring back to the board when he hears back from LCMR.

New Business

A. Field Office Update—Mark Dybdal reported they approved 12 EQIP applications, No Ag Waste projects, 2 Pit Closures, 3 CSP applications, special burn on WRP Easement, CRP Rental Rates increased this year. A new Civil Engineering Technician will start the end of April.

B. Letter to Legislators in support for SWCD Aid—Haggenmiller will send to Senators and Representatives in our District.

C. Pomme De Terre Contract for 2023 Services Motion by Rutten to sign the 2023 contract seconded by Froemming. Motion carried.

D. Low Income Septic Applications. Application # 1 Cost Share Flat Rate \$7,500.00 using \$2,905.00 FY22 Septic BWSR Septic & \$4,595.00 FY 22 NRBG Septic. Motion by Rutten to approve #1 application, seconded by Cleary. Motion carried. Application # 2 Cost Share Flat Rate \$6,000.00 using NRBG Septic Funds. Motion by Cleary to approve #2 application, seconded by Rutten. Motion carried.

Bills to Pay. During the month of March, the Douglas SWCD issued Checks #10936-10961 for a total of \$67,630.24 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 @ 8:40 a.m, seconded by Rutten. Motion carried.

The Local Work Group met to plan for the next year.

Secretary,

Bill Dropik, Secretary