

DOUGLAS SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT MINUTES

Monday, May 8, 2023 – 7:30 A.M.

The Douglas Soil & Water Conservation District Board of Supervisors met on Monday, May 8, 2023. Chairman Barsness called the meeting to order at 7:30 a.m. Members attending were: Barsness, Cleary, Rutten, and Froemming. Dropik absent. Also, in attendance were BWSR BC Jason Weinerman, County Commissioner Englund, NRCS, Mark Dybdal, Staff attending Haggemiller, Albertsen, Arceneau and Rice.

Pledge was recited.

Minutes of the regular April 10, 2023, 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 reviewed his monthly report.
- B. Pomme de Terre Update** – Barsness reported they met on April 14. Reviewed Grants available and ones expiring. Approved the bills. They will not meet in May.
- C. Sauk River Report** – No Meeting
- D. Chippewa River Report** – Cleary reported the Technical Committee reviewed draft 1W1P Sections.
- E. Water Quality Legacy Fund** – Cleary reported they approved \$5,000 to the Nature Trail Study.
- F. DCLA-** Meeting scheduled for Wednesday, May 10.
- F. Douglas County Commissioner Report-** Englund reviewed permit prices, Horizon, Solid Waste Ordinances, MRC Meeting, approved one Wetland. Draining Nelson Lake into Fish Lake.
- G. Long Prairie Report** – Meeting scheduled for May 18.

Old Business

- A. SWCD Aid Legislation** – Haggemiller mentioned that the House and Senate passed and now in Conference Committee.

New Business

- A. Field Office Update**–Mark Dybdal reported they have been working on second round funding for EQIP, Ranking and Assessing CSP, Kasey is back working on CRP. Mark thanked the board.
- B. Call for Resolutions**–Weinerman recommended a resolution to complete a workspace Analysis.
- C. Area II Meeting** – June 6th meeting

D. Cost Share Cancellation. Dean Stangler Windbreak. Motion by Cleary to cancel Dean Stangler's application, seconded by Rutten. Motion carried.

E. Long Prairie 1W1P Planting Initiative- funding available for a planter, disk, and tiller.

F. Cost Share Applications –

1. Field Windbreak Lagrande Twp 33 Estimated Cost \$4,000.00 Cost Share 75% \$3,000.00 using FY23 Soil Health Cost Share. Motion by Rutten to approve Field Windbreak Lagrande Twp 33 application for \$3,000. seconded by Froemming. Motion carried.
2. Field Windbreak Spruce Hill 1 Estimated Cost \$2,000.00 Cost Share 75% \$1500.00 using FY23 Soil Health Cost Share. Motion by Froemming to approve Field Windbreak in Spruce Hill 1 for \$1500.00, seconded by Rutten. Motion carried.
3. Ag Waste Pit Closure Miltona 16 Estimated Cost \$70,000.00 Cost Share \$30,000.00 using Carlos 319 Funds. Motion by Rutten to approve Ag Waste Pit Closure Miltona 16 for \$30,000, seconded by Froemming. Motion carried.

G. Starla Arceneau 12 Year Review – The board thanked Arceneau for her excellent work. Motion by Rutten to approve \$1.19 per hour and use her remaining raise to purchase a week of vacation, seconded by Froemming. Motion carried.

Bills to Pay. During the month of May, the Douglas SWCD issued Checks #10991-11021 for a total of \$138080.50 including eFile (State Withholding) and EFTP (Federal Withholding). Motion by Froemming to pay the bills, seconded by Cleary Motion carried.

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

Secretary,

Bill Dropik, Secretary