

DOUGLAS SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT MINUTES

Monday, June 12, 2023 – 7:30 A.M.

The Douglas Soil & Water Conservation District Board of Supervisors met on Monday, June 12, 2023. Chairman Barsness called the meeting to order at 7:30 a.m. Members attending were: Barsness, Dropik, Rutten, and Froemming. Cleary absent. Also, in attendance were County Commissioner Englund, Staff attending Haggemiller, Albertsen, Anderson, Arceneau, Olson and Rice.

Pledge was recited.

Minutes of the regular May 8, 2023, meeting was discussed. Motion by Dropik to approve, subject to audit, seconded by Froemming. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report was read. Motion by Dropik 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 June 9, reviewed financials BWSR, CRP Incentives, received \$300,000 in LCMR Funds,
- C. Sauk River Report** – Rutten reported the TAC Committee reviewed money remaining in the budget.
- D. Chippewa River Report** - No Meeting was held.
- E. Water Quality Legacy Fund** – No Meeting was held.
- F. DCLA-** Meeting scheduled for Wednesday, June 14.
- F. Douglas County Commissioner Report-** Englund mentioned their next meeting is scheduled for June 14.
- G. Long Prairie Report** – No Meeting was held.
- H. Area II Meeting** – Haggemiller, Albertsen, Arceneau, Rutten, Dropik attended the meeting. One resolution passed. LeAnn Buck reviewed this Legislation Session and the new funding for the next few years. Next meeting hosted by Todd SWCD in September.

Old Business

- A. **Drill Delivery**–Haggemiller mentioned that the drill should be delivered in July.
- B. **Drill Parts** – Haggemiller reviewed parts needed for the old drill.

New Business

- A. Field Office Update**–Haggemiller handed out the NRCS report.
- B. Soil Management Summit Dec 7-8 Arrowwood Registration Scholarships.** Motion by Rutten to approve two ½ scholarships, seconded by Froemming. Motion carried.
- C. Pheasants Forever Partners Agreement** Motion by Froemming to approve Pheasants Forever Partners Agreement, seconded by Dropik. Motion carried.

D. Long Range Planning –Haggenmiller will get more information and bring to next meeting.

E. Cost Share Payments

1. Water and Sed Control Basins Osakis Twp Total Cost \$23,827.00, Cost Share 75% \$8,687.00 2022 Sauk WBIF & \$12,520 EQIP. Motion by Rutten to approve Water and Sed Control Basin Cost Share for \$8,687.00 2022 Sauk WBIF, seconded by Froemming. Motion carried.
2. Lakeshore Restoration Miltona Township Total Cost \$5,430.67, Cost Share 60% \$3,258.40 319 Funds. Motion by Froemming to approve Lakeshore Restoration Miltona Township Cost Share for \$3,258.40 319 Funds, seconded by Froemming. Motion carried.

F. Tree Cooler Vandalism – Haggenmiller reported there was vandalism on the Tree Trailer on May 10 where someone turned the cooler down to -10 affecting over seven thousand trees. A claim has been submitted to MCIT.

G. Jessica Albertsen – 6 Year Review The board thanked Albertsen for her excellent work. Motion by Barsness to approve \$1.34 per hour, seconded by Dropik. Motion carried. A phone stipend was discussed. Motion by Dropik to approve \$66.00 per month for a phone stipend, seconded by Rutten. Motion carried.

Bills to Pay. During the month of June, the Douglas SWCD issued Checks #11022-11060 for a total of \$80,347.96 including eFile (State Withholding) and EFTP (Federal Withholding). Motion by Rutten to pay the bills, seconded by Dropik Motion carried.

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

Secretary,

Bill Dropik, Secretary