

DOUGLAS SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT MINUTES

Monday, August 14, 2023 – 7:30 A.M.

The Douglas Soil & Water Conservation District Board of Supervisors met on Monday, August 14, 2023. Chairman Barsness called the meeting to order at 7:30 a.m. Members attending were: Barsness, Cleary, Rutten, and Froemming. Dropik was absent. Also, in attendance were County Commissioner Englund, NRCS, Kevin Behrens, Staff attending Haggenmiller, Albertsen, Anderson, Arceneau, Olson and Rice.

Pledge was recited.

Minutes of the regular July 10, 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 Froemming Motion carried.

Reports

- A. Coordinator's Report** – Haggenmiller reviewed his monthly report.
- B. Pomme de Terre Update** –met on July 14th. MaKayla's last meeting. Discussed options of hiring or joining Chippewa.
- C. Sauk River Report** –Reviewed JD2 meeting there was no discussion on Lake Improvement. Next Meeting September 7
- D. Chippewa River Report** – No Meeting was held.
- E. Water Quality Legacy Fund** – Discussion on Nelson Lake.
- F. DCLA-** County Commissioners attended. The next meeting elections of officers will be held.
- F. Douglas County Commissioner Report-** Englund mentioned the Fair starts on Wednesday. Tomorrow Commissioners meeting, Jerry will present the 2024 budget at 10:44.
- G. Long Prairie Report** – Met July 20. Reviewed the Policies and Nelson Lake passed resolution not to support the project.

Old Business

- A. Tree Cooler Vandalism** – Haggenmiller reported there still no response from MCIT.

New Business

- A. Field Office Update**–Behrens reported reviewing EQIP applications, CSP are being reviewed, two RCPP applications were approved, Soil Conservationist and Administrative leaving so there will be positions open.
- B. Fair Schedule-** The 2024 fair work schedule was handed out.
- C. Area II meeting-** Scheduled for September 19th, 2023.

- D. 2024 Budget Meeting** –Haggenmiller will present the proposed budget to the County Commissioners on August 15 at 10:44
- E. Douglas County Legacy Funds** -Looking for a SWCD replacement for Cleary starting October 18th.
- F. Lake Osakis Watershed Tour** -Scheduled for September 7, 2023.

G. Cost Share Application

1. **Low Income Septic Upgrade Moe Township Section 36 Total Cost \$15,700.00 Cost Share Flat Rate of \$7,500.00 use FY22 NRBG Septic Funds.** Motion by Rutten to approve \$15,700.00 Cost Share Flat Rate of \$7,500.00 use FY22 NRBG Septic Funds seconded by Rutten, Motion Carried.

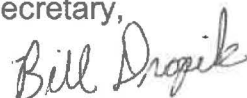
H. Cost Share Payments

1. **Lake Shore Restoration Lund Township Section 5 Total Cost \$11,141.98 Cost Share \$8,250.00 use Pomme De Terre WBIF** Motion by Cleary to approve \$11,141.98 Cost Share from Pomme De Terre WBTF Funds seconded by Rutten, Motion
1. **Shelterbelt Evansville Township Section 13 Total Cost \$2,735.85 Cost Share \$2,025.00 using FY23 Soil Health Cost Share** Motion by Rutten to approve \$2,025.00 Cost Share from Carlos 319 Funds seconded by Froemming. Motion carried.
2. **Field Windbreak La Grand Township Section 33 Total Cost \$4,076.30 Cost Share \$3,000.00 using FY23 Soil Health Cost Share** Motion by Froemming to approve \$3,000.00 Cost Share from FY23 Soil Health, seconded by Rutten. Motion carried.
3. **Low Income Septic Upgrade Urness Township Section 29 Total Cost \$8,775.00 Cost Share Flat Rate \$6,000.00 using \$1,000.00 FY 21 NRBG Septic and \$5,000.00 FY 22 BWSR Septic Funds** Motion by Rutten to approve \$1,000 FY 21 NRBG Septic and \$5,000.00 FY 22 BWSR Septic Funds Cost Share from FY23 Soil Health, seconded by Rutten. Motion carried.
4. **Low Income Septic Upgrade Osakis Township Section 20 Total Cost \$8,978.07 Cost Share Flat Rate \$7,500 Using \$4,595.00 FY 22 NRBG Septic and \$2,905.00 FY 22 BWSR Septic Funds** Motion by Rutten to approve \$7,500 Using \$4,595.00 FY 22 NRBG Septic and \$2,905.00 FY 22 BWSR Septic Funds, seconded by Rutten. Motion carried.

Bills to Pay. During the month of August, the Douglas SWCD issued Checks #11086-11119 for a total of \$143,972.84 including eFile (State Withholding) and EFTP (Federal Withholding). Motion by Cleary to pay the bills, seconded by Froemming Motion carried.

Adjournment. Motion by Barsness to adjourn the meeting @ 8:40 a.m, seconded by Rutten. Motion carried.

Secretary,



Bill Dropik, Secretary