

**DOUGLAS SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION
DISTRICT MINUTES**

Monday, September 11, 2023 – 7:30 A.M.

The Douglas Soil & Water Conservation District Board of Supervisors met on Monday, September 11, 2023. Chairman Barsness called the meeting to order at 7:30 a.m. Members attending were: Barsness, Cleary, Dropik, Rutten, and Froemming. Also, in attendance were County Commissioner Englund, Staff attending Haggemiller, Albertsen, Anderson, Arceneau, Olson and Rice.

Pledge was recited.

Minutes of the regular August 14, 2023, meeting was discussed. Motion by Rutten to approve, subject to audit, seconded by Froemming Motion carried.

Correct Minutes of the regular June 12, 2023, meeting was discussed. Motion by Cleary to correct cost share payment amount, seconded by Froemming 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** – Haggemiller reviewed his monthly report.
- B. Pomme de Terre Update** – Jared House temporarily taking care of all projects, collecting feedback on Co-Sharing Coordinator.
- C. Sauk River Report** – Met September 7. Reviewed Financials,
- D. Chippewa River Report** – Met on August 18. Discussed funding for Pomme De Terre, found zebra mussels in Stowe Lake.
- E. Water Quality Legacy Fund** – Next meeting is October 18. Froemming will replace Cleary on the board.
- F. DCLA-** new President will start in September. Reviewed Clean Water Legacy Funds.
- F. Douglas County Commissioner Report-** Englund mentioned they are reviewing Pope/Douglas Ordinances, Memorial for 911 at 3-M.
- G. Long Prairie Report** –Next meeting October 19.

Old Business

- A. Tree Cooler Vandalism** – Haggemiller reported there is still no response from MCIT.
- B. Area II Meeting** – Scheduled for September 19 in Todd County.
- C. 2024 Budget Meeting with County Commissioners** – Met August 15th where they approved the 2024 Budget.
- D. Lake Osakis Watershed Tour** – Was on September 7th with a good turnout.
- E. Fair** – This year Fair was well attended again this year.
- F. County Ditch 23 DNR Permit Denial.** Staff will continue to work with BWSR and the Ditch Authority.
- G. Tree Shed Addition**–Rice is collecting quotes on cost of addition to the shed.

New Business

A. Field Office Update—No Report was given.

B. Conservation Farmer - Motion by Froemming to nominate Country Blossoms as the 2024 Conservation Farmer, seconded by Barsness. Motion Carried.

Cost Share Application

1. Water and Sediment Control Basin Ida Township Section 20 Total Cost \$7,500.00 Cost Share 75% \$5,625.00 EQIP \$2,929.00 State Cost Share FY21 \$2,696.00. Motion by Cleary to approve Total Cost \$7,500.00, Cost Share 75% \$5,625.00 EQIP, \$2,929.00 State Cost Share FY21 \$2,696.00, seconded by Rutten. Motion Carried.

2. Shoreline Erosion Project Alexandria Township Section 24 Total Cost \$140,000.00, Cost Share \$30,000.00 using Lake Carlos 319 Funds. Motion by Froemming to approve Total Cost \$140,000.00 Cost Share, \$30,000.00 using Lake Carlos 319 Funds, seconded by Dropik Motion Carried.

3. Shoreline Erosion Project Ida Township Section 11 Total Cost \$19,750.00, Cost Share 75% \$14,812.50 using Lake Ida CWF Phase I. Motion by Rutten to approve Total Cost \$19,750.00 Cost Share 75% \$14,812.50 using Lake Ida CWF Phase I. seconded by Dropik. Motion Carried.

C. Sauk River Watershed 1W1P Update Fiscal Agreement. Motion by Rutten to approve Sauk River Watershed 1W1P Update Fiscal Agreement. seconded by Froemming. Motion Carried.

D. Computer Updates Motion by Cleary to approve purchasing three new computers, seconded by Rutten. Motion Carried.

E. BWSR Academy Motion by Rutten to approve staff to attend BWSR Academy, seconded by Dropik. Motion Carried.

F. No Till Drill Closed Bids Motion by Cleary to approve high bid on Drill, seconded by Dropik. Motion Carried.

Bills to Pay. During the month of September, the Douglas SWCD issued Checks #11120-11156 for a total of \$72,305.02 including eFile (State Withholding) and EFTP (Federal Withholding). Motion by Cleary 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