

**DOUGLAS SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION
DISTRICT MINUTES**

Monday, November 13, 2023 – 8:00 A.M.

The Douglas Soil & Water Conservation District Board of Supervisors met on Monday, November 13, 2023. Chairman Barsness called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m. Members attending were: Barsness, Cleary, Dropik, Froemming and Rutten Also, in attendance were County Commissioner Englund, Staff attending Haggemiller, Albertsen, Anderson, Arceneau, Olson and Rice.

Pledge was recited.

Minutes of the regular October 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 Rutten 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** –Barsness missed the November meeting. Rice mentioned they discussed a Joint Coordinator.
- C. Sauk River Report** – Rutten reviewed there were two meetings. JD2 Meeting discussed the lake outlet to channel is plugged and needs cleanout. 1W1P meeting workplan feed back will be on February 15th at 1:00 p.m.
- D. Chippewa River Report** – Met on October 27. Reviewed 1W1P. December 15 to approve plan 60-day review. No funding for a Joint Coordinator.
- E. Water Quality Legacy Fund** – Met on October 15th. Reviewed Ditch 23, reviewed funds. Jan 17 meeting Froemming will replace Cleary on Board.
- F. DCLA-** Met on November 8th. Two Presentations
- F. Douglas County Commissioner Report-** Englund mentioned he missed the last meeting. Pope/Douglas-are hauling ash to the landfill in Hoffman.
- G. Long Prairie Report** –Met on October 19 reviewed spreadsheet on project and expenses pamphlet on proposal timelines.

Old Business

- A. Tree Cooler Vandalism** – Haggemiller reported we finally received check from MCIT.
- B. Tree Shed Addition**–Rice reviewed the tree shed addition. Motion by Cleary to allow \$10,000.00 overage specifically for spray foam, seconded by Rutten. Motion Carried.
- C. State Convention** – Supervisor's and Staff have registered.

New Business

- A. Field Office Update**–Kevin Behrens reported there is an estimated 17 million for EQIP and 5-9 Millin for CSP. Reviewed 60 EQIP applications. Still no word on staff replacements.
- B. 2022 Audit** – Michael Peterson reviewed the 2022 Audit.

C. Cost Share Application

1. Water & Sediment Control Basin Total Cost \$8,728.26, 75% \$6,546.19 Cost Share using Lake Ida Phase II Clean Water Funds. Motion by Rutten to approve Water & Sediment Control Basin Total Cost \$8,728.26, 75% \$6,546.19 Cost Share using Lake Ida Phase II Clean Water Funds, seconded by Dropik. Motion Carried.

D. Cost Share Payments

1. Shoreland Erosion Project Total Cost \$19,317.00, Cost Share 75% \$14,487.75 using Lake Ida Phase I CWF. Motion by Dropik to approve Shoreland Erosion Project Total Cost \$19,317.00, Cost Share 75% \$14,487.75 using Lake Ida Phase I CWF, seconded by Dropik. Motion Carried
2. Shoreland Erosion Project. Total Cost \$6,393.14 Cost Share 60% \$3,834.51 using Lake Carlos 319 Funds. Motion by Cleary to approve Shoreland Erosion Project. Total Cost \$6,393.14 Cost Share 60% \$3,834.51 using Lake Carlos 319 Funds seconded by Dropik. Motion Carried

Bills to Pay. During the month of November, the Douglas SWCD issued Checks #11185-11212 for a total of \$137,415.60 including eFile (State Withholding) and EFTP (Federal Withholding). Motion by Froemming to pay the bills, seconded by Rutten. Motion carried.

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

Secretary,

Bill Dropik, Secretary