

**DOUGLAS SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION
DISTRICT MINUTES**

Tuesday, October 10, 2023 – 7:30 A.M.

The Douglas Soil & Water Conservation District Board of Supervisors met on Tuesday, October 10, 2023. Chairman Barsness called the meeting to order at 7:30 a.m. Members attending were: Barsness, Cleary, Dropik, and Rutten, Froemming was absent. Also, in attendance were County Commissioner Englund, Staff attending Haggemiller, Albertsen, Anderson, Arceneau, Olson and Rice.

Pledge was recited.

Minutes of the regular September 11, 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 Rutten Motion carried.

Reports

A. Coordinator's Report – Haggemiller reviewed his monthly report.

B. Pomme de Terre Update – Meeting scheduled for October 13.

C. Sauk River Report – Meeting scheduled for next week.

D. Chippewa River Report – Meeting scheduled for October 27.

E. Water Quality Legacy Fund – Meeting October 15th

F. DCLA- was their Annual Meeting.

F. Douglas County Commissioner Report- Englund mentioned they had a Joint Meeting with the City to sign purchase agreement on Fair Ground land. Reviewed Pope/Douglas Grant. Possible Solid Waste fee on Taxes.

G. Long Prairie Report – Meeting scheduled for October 19.

H. Area II Meeting – Supervisor's and Staff reported on the September 19th Meeting.

Old Business

A. Tree Cooler Vandalism – Haggemiller reported there is still no response from MCIT.

B. Tree Shed Addition–Rice reviewed to estimates on the addition to the shed. Motion by Cleary to go with Luke's Bid, seconded by Rutten. Motion Carried.

C. County Ditch 23 -Haggemiller reviewed the Appeal of Permit Denial Motion by Rutten to appeal the DNR easement denial, seconded by Dropik Motion Carried. Lake Ida/DNR Meeting – Staff will meet with Jason Weirnerman and DNR on October 13. Design and Spec for Sed Pond Repairs Motion by Rutten to fix bid for final design, seconded by Cleary. Motion Carried. and the Echo Press is inquiring all information on County Ditch 23.

D. SWCD Strategic Planning – Scheduled for March 11, 2024

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. 2024 Health Insurance - Motion by Cleary to renew Health Insurance for 2024, seconded by Rutten. Motion Carried.

C. 2022 Audit. Motion by Rutten to have Peterson review audit, Seconded by Dropik. Motion Carried.

D. 2023 Resolutions – Due by October 30th.

E. Cost Share Application

1. Cover Crops Sec 21 Leaf Valley Township 63 acres @ \$35.00/acre Total Cost Share \$2,205.00 using Lake Carlos 319 Funds. Motion by Rutten to approve Cover Crops Sec 21 Leaf Valley Township 63 acres @ \$35.00/acre Total Cost Share \$2,750.00 using Lake Carlos 319 Funds, seconded by Dropik. Motion Carried.

2. Terrace Sec 36 Leaf Valley Township Total Cost \$65,702.00 Cost Share 75% \$49,252.70 using FY20 CWF Lake Ida Phase 1 and \$23.80 using FR22 CWF Lake Ida Phase II. Motion by Cleary to approve Terrace Sec 36 Leaf Valley Township Total Cost \$65,702.00 Cost Share 75% \$49,252.70 using FY20 CWF Lake Ida Phase 1 and \$23.80 using FY22 CWF Lake Ida Phase II, seconded by Dropik. Motion Carried.

3. Water Sediment Control Basin Sec 36 Leaf Valley Township Total Cost \$13,375.00 Cost Share 75% \$3,382.34 using FY21 State Cost Share \$4,831 EQIP & \$1,817.91 FY22 State Cost Share. Motion by Rutten to approve Water Sediment Control Basin Sec 36 Leaf Valley Township Total Cost \$13,375.00 Cost Share 75% \$3,382.34 using FY21 State Cost Share \$4,831 EQIP & \$1,817.91 FY22 State Cost Share, seconded by Dropik. Motion Carried.

F. BWSR Grant Agreement.

1. FY24 Buffer Grant \$20,000.00. Motion by Cleary to approve FY24 Buffer Grant, seconded by Dropik. Motion Carried.

2. **FY24/25 Program and Operating Grant \$78,742.00** Motion by Cleary to approve FY24/25 Program and Operating Grant, seconded by Dropik. Motion Carried.

G. Pomme De Terre Contract for Services. Motion by Rutten to sign the Pomme De Terre Contract for Services, seconded by Dropik. Motion Carried

H. 2024 Tree Prices Motion by Dropik to increase Bareroots to \$2.00, Potted to \$13, Tubes to \$4, Stakes to \$4 and Fabric to stay the same, seconded by Rutten. Motion Carried.

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

J. No Till Drill for Cover Crops Motion by Cleary to approve \$8 per acre, seconded by Rutten. Motion Carried.

Bills to Pay. During the month of October, the Douglas SWCD issued Checks #11157-11184 for a total of \$106,826.92 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