

**DOUGLAS SOIL & WATER
CONSERVATION DISTRICT MINUTES
Monday, September 9, 2024 – 7:30 A.M.**

The Douglas Soil & Water Conservation District Board of Supervisors met at the Douglas SWCD Conference Room on Monday, September 12, 2024. Chairman Barsness called the meeting to order at 7:30 a.m. Members attending were: Barsness, Dropik, Froemming, Rutten, and Cleary. Also, in attendance were Commissioner England, NRCS District Conservationist- Cole Montgomery, Staff attending Haggemiller, Albertsen, Anderson, Arceneau, Rice and Olson.

Pledge was recited.

Minutes of the regular August 12, 2024, meeting was discussed. Motion by Cleary to approve, subject to audit, seconded by Rutten Motion carried.

Minutes of the Special Meeting Minutes, meeting was discussed. Motion by Cleary to approve, subject to audit, seconded by Rutten Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report was read. Motion by Froemming to approve, subject to audit, seconded by Cleary. Motion carried.

Reports

- A. Coordinator's Report** – Haggemiller handed out his monthly report.
- B. Pomme de Terre Update** – Barsness reported they will meet on Friday, September 13, 2024
- C. Sauk River Report** – Rutten reported they met on Thursday August 15. Reviewed CRP State Incentive Plan, reviewed Phosphorus levels in Lake Osakis.
- D. Chippewa River Report** – Cleary reported they met August 16 where they applied for 2.1-million-dollar Watershed Base Grant.
- E. Long Prairie Report** – Dropik reported the next meeting will be in November.
- F. Water Quality Legacy Fund** – No Meeting
- G. DCLA** – Meeting August 14, Water Quality Monitoring, AIS Annual Meeting will be in September.
- H. Douglas County Commissioner Report-** England mentioned the water patrol and the Pope & Douglas wastewater buildings are almost completed, the bid process for the new rainbow Rider building has started. AC will meet at the Arrowwood September 13-15.
- I. Sophia Maruska** the new Pomme De Terre Coordinator attended the meeting to introduce herself.

Old Business

- A. **MASWCD Award Program Nominations.** Paperwork has been submitted.
- B. **Fair Recap** Supervisors and Staff reported on their shift. More Douglass SWCD's handouts were discussed to purchase for next year.
- C. **Website Preview** -Albertsen gave a preview of the website.
- D. **Insurance Refund-** Haggenmiller reviewed allocated credited funds for Arceneau's Health Insurance. Motion by Rutten to approve the replacement of sick hours equaled credited funds, Seconded by Cleary. Motion Carried.
- E. **2025 Douglas County Budget Meeting** Haggenmiller attended the august 29th meeting where he requested a 4.77% increase.

New Business

- A. **NRCS Field Office Update** –Cole Montgomery mentioned 100% complete with EQIP and CSP obligations for fiscal year 2024. 95 million in EQIP which was double from last year. IRA will double from \$30 million to \$60 million for the next fiscal year. EQIP deadline closed last Friday, we have 80 applications in Douglas County. State is working on cost lists, new practices, and payment caps for next year. For the next month we'll be working on payments and gearing up for CSP payments. Wetlands Team is backlogged as much of the state is short staffed. Fergus Falls office is currently working on 1026's submitted in March.
- B. **2025 Pomme De Terre CRP Incentive Contract for Services** Motion by Rutten to approve the Pomme De Terre CRP Incentive Contract for Services, Seconded by Dropik. Motion Carried.
- C. **2024 & 2025 Sauk River CRP Incentive Work Plans** Motion by Rutten to approve the 2024 & 2025 Sauk River CRP Incentive Work Plans, Seconded by Dropik. Motion Carried.
- D. **Cost Share Amendments**
 - Spruce Hill Township Section 1 Windbreak/Shelterbelt Increase Cost Share \$90 for added site prep Increase Cost Share from \$1500.00 to \$1590.00 using FY23 Soil Health Cost Share Motion by Cleary to approve the Spruce Hill Township Section 1 Windbreak/Shelterbelt Increase Cost Share \$90 for added site prep Increase Cost Share from \$1500.00 to \$1590.00 using FY23 Soil Health Cost Share, Seconded by Dropik. Motion Carried
- E. **Cost Share Payment**
 - Windbreak/shelterbelt Spruce Hill Township Section 1 Total Cost \$2,259.00 Cost Share \$1,590.00 using FY 23 Soil Health Cost Share.
 - Windbreak Shelter Belt Brandon Section 4 Total Cost \$1,523.40 Cost Share \$1,125.00 using FY 23 Soil Health Cost Share
 - Windbreak Shelter Belt Evansville, Section 9, Total Cost \$4,807.75 Cost Share \$3,600.00 using FY23 Soil Health Cost Share Motion by Rutten to approve the Cost Share Payment, Seconded by Froemming. Motion Carried.

F. CRP Incentive Cost Share Pdt Watershed

- Lund Township Sec 14 28.36 Acres @ \$100/ac=2,836.00 Motion by Barsness to approve Lund Township Sec 14 28.36 Acres @ \$100/ac=2,836.00, Seconded by Rutten. Motion Carried.
- Lund Township Sec 12 6.62 Acres @ 100/ac=-662.00 Motion by Rutten to approve the Lund Township Sec 12 6.62 Acres @ 100/ac=-662.00, Seconded by Barsness Motion Carried.

G. CRP Incentive Cost Share Long Prairie Watershed

- Miliona Township Sec 24 21.48 Acres at \$100/ac=\$2,148.00
 - Spruce Hill Township Sec 8 14.66 Acres @ 100/ac=-\$1,466.00
 - Spruce Hill Township Sec 15 23.21 Acres @ 100/ac = \$2,321.
 - Moe Township Sec 27, 32, 71 Acres @ \$100/ac=\$3271.00
 - Belle River Township Sec 15 & 16 86.98 Acres Max payment \$7,000.00
- Motion by Rutten to approve the CRP Incentive Cost Share Long Prairie Watershed, seconded by Cleary, Motion Carried.

H. Cover Crop Cost Share Applications Long Prairie Watershed

- Single Species Cover Crop Alexandira Township Sec 1 10ac @ \$35.00 Acres Total Cost \$350.00
- Multi Species Cover Crop Carlos Township Sec 2 & 28 64 Township 45.00 acres Total Cost Share \$2,880.00
- Multi Species Cover Crops Ida township Sec 32 4.5 Acres @ \$45.00/Acre Total Cost Share \$202.50

Motion by Rutten to approve the Cover Crop Cost Share Applications Long Prairie Watershed, seconded by Cleary, Motion Carried.

I. Cover Crop Cost Share Application FY 25 Soil Health Delivery

- Multi Species Cover Crop Leaf Valley Township Section 4, 20, 21, 29 396 Acres @ \$45/ac Total Cost \$17,820
- Multi Species cover Crop Spruce Hill Township 110 Acres @ \$45/ac Total Cost Share \$4,950

Motion by Cleary to approve the Cover Crop Cost Share Application FY 25 Soil Health Delivery, seconded by Cleary, Motion Carried.

J. Cost Share Application Forest Stewardship Plan Total Cost \$840.00 Cost Share 75% \$680.00 using LP LCCMR Funds. Motion by Cleary to approve the Cost Share Application Forest Stewardship Plan Total Cost \$840.00 Cost Share 75% \$680.00 using LP LCCMR Funds, seconded by Rutten. Motion Carried

K. Support Letter for MN DNR Forestry/US Forest Service Tree Planting Grant Motion by Froemming to approve the Support Letter for MN DNR Forestry/US Forest Service Tree Planting Grant, seconded by Dropik Motion Carried

L. Area II Meeting will be held on October 3rd in Ortonville

M. Conservation Partner Legacy Grant Application. Motion by Cleary to approve the Conservation Partner Legacy Grant Application, seconded by Froemming Motion Carried.

VIII. Bid Approval County Ditch 23 Storm Water Pond Fix Motion by Cleary to approve Bid Approval County Ditch 23 Storm Water Pond Fix, seconded by Dropik Motion Carried.

Bills to Pay. During the month of September, the Douglas SWCD issued Checks #11540-11576 for a total of \$115,026.31 including eFile (State Withholding) and EFTP (Federal Withholding). Motion by Rutten to pay the bills, seconded by Froemming. Motion carried.

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

Secretary,



Bill Dropik, Secretary