

# DOUGLAS SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT MINUTES

**Monday, December 9, 2024 – 3:00 P.M.**

The Douglas Soil & Water Conservation District Board of Supervisors met at the Douglas SWCD Conference Room on Monday, December 9, 2024. Chairman Barsness called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.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, Arceneau, Rice and Olson.

**Pledge was recited.**

**Minutes of the regular November 12, 2024, meeting** was discussed. Motion by Cleary to approve after he work with Arceneau on clarifying Anderson's leave, subject to audit, seconded by Rutten Motion carried.

**Treasurer's Report** was read. Motion by Cleary to approve, subject to audit, seconded by Dropik. 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, December 13.
- C. Sauk River Report** – Rutten reported they met on November 21, reviewed 1W1P Projects.
- D. Chippewa River Report** – Cleary mentioned that there was 1W1P funds available.
- E. Long Prairie Report** – Dropik reported they met on November.21, 2024 where they reviewed budget, and Rice gave a slideshow on Bethal Manor.
- F. Water Quality Legacy Fund** – Next meeting January 15<sup>th</sup>.
- G. Douglas County Commissioner Report-** England was not present to give report.

## Old Business

- A. Promo items** – Albertsen will order red flyswatters.
- B. MASWCD Convention** Staff and Supervisor's reviewed their sessions they attended.
- C. CD 23 Stormwater Pond Fix** construction began December 9

## New Business

- A. NRCS Field Office** Cole Montgomery mentioned they almost hired a Soil Con Technician, but they declined the job offer. All CSP's here have had their annual documentations reviewed and been paid out. All participants met the deadlines required in the letters we sent out. Plugging away at the 80 EQIP applications. Finally received payment schedules to be able to get ranking deadline is still January 10 the High Tunnel and Socially Disadvantaged Act now pools have been the only ones to be released so far. Ranked out all the high tunnel applications already. We'll probably get 1 or 2 funded there. All others have until December 20<sup>th</sup> to give an idea of what they'd like to practice wise. With all the applications that will screen them using criteria developed by us.
- B. Chippewa River Watershed 1W1P Implementation Agreement** Motion by Cleary to approve the Chippewa River Watershed 1W1P Implementation Agreement, seconded by Rutten. Motion Carried.

**C. Oath of Office** – Rutten, Dropik and Ledermann read and signed their office.

**D. Cost Share Contract**

1. Shoreline Protection Project Section 3 of Lund Township, Project Estimated Cost \$14,920. Cost Share 75% for \$11,190 from PDTRA WBIF FY25 Motion by Rutten to approve Shoreline Protection Project Section 3 of Lund Township, Project Estimated Cost \$14,920. Cost Share 75% for \$11,190 from PDTRA WBIF FY25, seconded by Froemming. Motion Carried.

**E. Cost Share Amendment**

1. Lakeshore Restoration Project Ida Township Section 12 Amend contract to change contract holders name to increase cost share \$630.00 because of added buffer planted using Ida Phase II funds Motion by Dropik to approve Lakeshore Restoration Project Ida Township Section 12 Amend contract to change contract holders name to increase cost share \$630.00 because of added buffer planted using Ida Phase II funds, seconded by Cleary. Motion Carried.

**F. Cost Share Payments**

1. Lakeshore Restoration Project repair Alex Township Section 24 Total Cost \$10,302.00 Cost Share 75% \$7,726.50 using \$1995.44 FY 22 State Cost Share, \$4,945.93 FY 23 State Cost Share and \$785.13 FY 24 State Cost Share. Motion by Cleary to approve Lakeshore Restoration Project repair Alex Township Section 24 Total Cost \$10,302.00 Cost Share 75% \$7,726.50 using \$1995.44 FY 22 State Cost Share, \$4,945.93 FY 23 State Cost Share and \$785.13 FY 24 State Cost Share., seconded by Froemming Motion Carried.
2. Lakeshore Restoration Project Ida Township Section 12 Total Cost \$33,225 Cost Share 75% \$24,918.75 using IDA Phase II Funds Motion by Rutten to approve Lakeshore Restoration Project Ida Township Section 12 Total Cost \$33,225 Cost Share 75% \$24,918.75 using IDA Phase II Funds, seconded by Cleary. Motion Carried.

**VIII. Bills to Pay.** During the month of December, the Douglas SWCD issued Checks #11645-11684 for a total of \$140,372.70 including eFile (State Withholding) and EFTP (Federal Withholding). Motion by Cleary to pay the bills, seconded by Rutten. Motion carried.

Tree Open house on Wednesday, December 18<sup>th</sup>

Haggenmiller thanked Cleary for his dedicated service to the district. Cleary mentioned that he enjoyed and learned a lot being a supervisor.

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

Secretary,

Bill Dropik, Secretary