

DOUGLAS SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT MINUTES

May 12, 2025 - 7:30 A.M.

The Douglas Soil & Water Conservation District Board of Supervisors met at the Douglas SWCD Conference Room on Monday, May 12, 2025. Chairman Barsness called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m. Members attending were: Barsness, Dropik, Froemming, Rutten, and Ledermann. Also, in attendance were Soil Conservationist- Allison Guzik, County Commissioner Way, Staff attending Haggenmiller, Albertsen, Anderson, Arceneau, Rice and Olson.

Pledge was recited.

Minutes of the regular April 10 meeting were discussed. Motion by Rutten to approve the minutes, seconded by Froemming. Motion carried.

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

Reports

- A. Coordinator's Report** - Haggenmiller handed out his monthly report.
- B. Pomme de Terre Update** - No Report
- C. Sauk River Report** - Rutten mentioned they placed rocks on dam on Lake Osakis to slow water down. Meeting on May 15th.
- D. Chippewa River Report** - Ledermann said they reviewed the SWCD Invoices and the CRP Incentive Policies.
- E. Water Quality Legacy Fund** - Froemming mentioned that they don't have any new projects at this time, and they have two new Board Members,
- F. DCLA Report** - Meeting scheduled for Wednesday, May 14.
- G. Long Prairie Report** - Dropik reviewed they received 1/5 million for projects. Already approved 16 projects for \$244,00. Also mentioned the new billboard on Highway 71.
- H. Douglas County Commissioner Report**- Commissioner Way mentioned they installed a 4 way stop on Nevada Street, met with the Township Supervisor on erosion problem on County Ditch 23 from excess water overflow.
- I. PRAP Report** -Don Bajumpaa from MN Board and Water Soil Resources reviewed the results from the PRAP report that he completed with Jason Weinerman.

Old Business

- A. MASWCD Call for Resolutions**- Due by June 20th
- B. Copy Machine Lease**-Haggenmiller reviewed a quote for new copier. Motion by Rutten to purchase copier, seconded by Dropik. Motion carried.

New Business

NRCS Field Office Allison Guzik mentioned that the DRP 2.0 came and went, NRCS was not harmed. FSA will have no losses; however, no RD staff will be let in the building for the time being. NRCS intern Rylee Bundermann will start May 16th. Received just under a

million in extra EQIP funds to go to basin projects and beginning farmers, all those new preapprovals have been obligated. Obligated all initial CSPs and received a couple more through extra funding. We will continue to request more EQIP funding, unsure as far as the chances. Talk of future funding through farm bill 25 discussions has seemed promising. We've continued working on certifying spring hay plantings, basin projects, and verifying seed for upcoming wildlife plantings. CRP sign-up is upcoming likely.

A. Cost Share Applications

1. FY22 NRBG 4 Low Income Septic Update Millerville Section 9 Cost Share Flat Rate \$7,500.00 using \$1,213.40 FY22NRBG Septic Funds & \$6,286.60 FY 23 NRBG Septic Funds Motion by Froemming to approve FY22 NRBG 4 Low Income Septic Update Millerville Section 9 Cost Share Flat Rate \$7,500.00 using \$1,213.40 FY22NRBG Septic Funds & \$6,286.60 FY 23 NRBG Septic Funds, seconded by Dropik. Motion carried.
2. FY25 NRBG 4 Low Income Septic Update Millerville Section 15 Cost Share Flat Rate \$12,000.00 using FY 25 NRBG Septic Funds Motion by Rutten to approve FY25 NRBG 4 Low Income Septic Update Millerville Section 15 Cost Share Flat Rate \$12,000.00 using FY 25 NRBG Septic Funds, seconded by Ledermann. Motion carried.
3. FY25 NRBG 5 Low Income Septic Update Millerville Section 18. Cost Share Flat Rate \$15,000.00 using FY 25 NRBG Septic Funds Motion by Dropik to approve FY25 NRBG 5 Low Income Septic Update Millerville Section 18. Cost Share Flat Rate \$15,000.00 using FY 25 NRBG Septic Funds, seconded by Rutten. Motion carried.
4. Ida 11-5 Shoreline Protection Ida Township Section 1 Total Cost \$15,126.25 Cost Share 75% \$11,344.68 Using Ida II CWF Motion by Ledermann to approve Ida 11-5 Shoreline Protection Ida Township Section 1 Total Cost \$15,126.25 Cost Share 75% \$11,344.68 Using Ida II CWF, seconded by Froemming. Motion carried.
5. Ida 11-6 Shoreline Protection Ida Township Section 1 Total Cost \$15,126.25 Cost Share 75% \$11,344.68 Using Ida II CWF Motion by Ledermann to approve Ida 11-6 Shoreline Protection Ida Township Section 1 Total Cost \$15,126.25 Cost Share 75% \$11,344.68 Using Ida II CWF, seconded by Froemming. Motion carried.
6. Ida 11-7 Shoreline Protection Leaf Valley Section 35 Total Cost \$21,240.00 Cost Share 75% \$15,930.30 Using Ida II CWF Motion by Rutten to approve Ida 11-7 Shoreline Protection Leaf Valley Section 35 Total Cost \$21,240.00 Cost Share 75% \$15,930.30 Using Ida II CWF, seconded by Dropik. Motion carried.
7. Ida 11-8 Shoreline Protection Ida Township Section 13 Total Cost \$9,700.00 Cost Share 75% \$7,275.00 Using Ida II CWF Motion by Ledermann to approve Ida 11-8 Shoreline Protection Ida Township Section 13 Total Cost \$9,700.00 Cost Share 75% \$7,275.00 Using Ida II CWF, seconded by Dropik. Motion carried.

B. Cost Share Payment

1. FY24-1 Urness Township Section 12 Water and Sediment Control Basin Total Cost \$22,801.00 Cost Share 75% \$4,339.10, State Cost Share \$12,761.65 EQIP Total Cost Share \$17,100.75 Motion by Froemming to approve FY24-1 Urness Township Section 12 Water and Sediment Control Basin Total Cost \$22,801.00 Cost Share 75% \$4,339.10, State Cost Share \$12,761.65 EQIP Total Cost Share \$17,100.75, seconded by Rutten. Motion carried with Barsness abstaining.

- C. Cost Share Policy for Low Income Septic Updates Motion by Barsness to approve Cost Share Policy for Low Income Septic Updates requiring two years of Income Tax Returns. seconded by Ledermann. Motion carried

D. Thank You- Alexandria Area Individuals

E. Area 11 Meeting June 25 Prairie Woods

- F. Starla Arceneau - 14 Year Review the Board appreciates the great work. Motion by Rutten to increase wage by \$1.64 per hour, seconded by Ledermann. Motion Carried.

Bills to Pay. During the month of May, the Douglas SWCD issued Checks #11804-11839 for a total of \$150,781.01 including eFile (State Withholding) and **EFTP** (Federal Withholding). Motion by Froemming 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

