

DOUGLAS SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT MINUTES

July 7, 2025 – 7:30 A.M.

The Douglas Soil & Water Conservation District Board of Supervisors met at the Douglas SWCD Conference Room on Monday, July 7, 2025. Chairman Barsness called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m. Members attending were: Barsness, Dropik, Rutten, and Ledermann. Froemming was absent. Also, in attendance were Soil Conservationist- Cole Montgomery, County Commissioner Way, Staff attending Haggemiller, Albertsen, Arceneau, Jenc, Rice and Olson.

Pledge was recited.

Minutes of the regular June 9 meeting were discussed. Motion by Rutten to approve the minutes, seconded by Ledermann. Motion carried.

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

Reports

- A. Coordinator's Report** – Haggemiller handed out his monthly report.
- B. Pomme de Terre Update** – Barsness reviewed WBIF funding, Houston reviewing 1W1P,
- C. Sauk River Report** – Rutten said there was no meeting, but the Lake Osakis meeting will be on Tuesday, July 8th.
- D. Chippewa River Report** – Ledermann reported they reviewed projects with the new Coordinator.
- E. Water Quality Legacy Fund** – No Report
- F. DCLA Report** – No Report
- G. Long Prairie Report** – No Report
- H. Douglas County Commissioner Report-** Commissioner Way mentioned he attended an Ag Waste tour with Commissioner Rapp and Mark Koep. He also mentioned that County Road 8 is being tarred.
- I. Area II Meeting June 25 Prairie Woods** – Barsness, Dropik, Rutten and Ledermann reported on the meeting.

Old Business

- A. MASWCD Call for Resolutions-** Review all resolutions before Convention in December.

New Business

- A. NRCS Field Office** Cole Montgomery mentioned that the State Conservationist Troy Daniels stopped by the office last Monday on his way up to Detroit Lakes. They gave him a tour. The Team Leads & State Leadership had a meeting last Tuesday regarding FY26 EQIP. The official sign-up date for FY26 EQIP will be August 1st, and

the ranking deadline will be before Xmas. The payment caps+ payment rates are likely to be reduced & there will be heavy screening. We received another \$1.5 million in EQIP dollars to Douglas County applications last week. We should push us to about \$4.5 million in EQIP/CSP here for the year. Have until the end of the month to get those obligated. Almost 100% complete & paid out on scheduled spring practices for the year. The warm season seeding deadline was extended to July 14th - still have a couple of those that need to be completed. Pasture items & pit closures have been steadily getting completed as well.

- B. MASWCD 2025 Awards Applications** are due by September 5th.
- C. MASWCD leadership Summit September 10th and 11th in St Cloud.** Managers should let staff know if they are interested in attending.
- D. MASWCD Manager Cohort** – September 2025 thru August 2026.
- E. JAA Approval - Motion** by Ledermann to approve Ian Olson's JAA, seconded by Dropik. Motion carried.
- F. Cost Share Applications**
 - 1. **FY 25 NRBG # 9 Septic Update Spruce Hill Township Section 24 Cost Share Flat Rate \$15,000.00 using FY25 NRBG Septic Funds** Motion by Dropik to approve FY 25 NRBG # 9 Septic Update Spruce Hill Township Section 24 Cost Share Flat Rate \$15,000.00 using FY25 NRBG Septic Funds, seconded by Rutten. Motion carried.
 - 2. **D-LPWBIF 23-05 Lined Waterway Section 29 Alexandria Township Total Cost \$59,047.50 Cost Share 75% \$44,285.62 using FY23 Long Prairie WBIF Funds.** Motion by Rutten to approve D-LPWBIF 23-05 Lined Waterway Section 29 Alexandria Township Total Cost \$59,047.50 Cost Share 75% \$44,285.62 using FY23 Long Prairie WBIF Funds, seconded by Dropik. Motion carried.
 - 3. **Ida II 9 Shoreline Protection Section 26 Ida Township Total Cost \$17,745.00 Cost Share 75% \$13,308.75 using Ida II CWF** Motion by Ledermann to approve Ida II 9 Shoreline protection Section 26 Ida Township Total Cost \$17,745.00 Cost Share 75% \$13,308.75 using Ida II CWF seconded by Dropik. Motion carried.
 - 4. **LPWBIF Cover Crop Carlos Township September 18 73.6 Acres Cost Share Flat Rate of \$50 /acre Total Cost Share \$3,680.00 using Long Prairie WBIF Funds** Motion by Rutten to approve LPWBIF Cover Crop Carlos Township September 18 73.6 Acres Cost Share Flat Rate of \$50 /acre Total Cost Share \$3,680.00 using Long Prairie WBIF Funds, seconded by Ledermann. Motion carried.
- G. Soil Health RCCP Grant Agreement** Motion by Dropik to approve Coordinator Haggemiller sign the Soil Health RCCP Grant Agreement, seconded by Rutten. Motion Carried.
- H. Incentive Policy Chippewa CRP WBIF -** Motion by Dropik to approve Coordinator Haggemiller pre approve the Incentive Policy Chippewa CRP Insentive, seconded by Rutten. Motion Carried.
- I. Fair Schedule** – Albertsen handed out the work schedule for the Fair.

Bills to Pay. During the month of July, the Douglas SWCD issued Checks #11882-11917 for a total of \$82,584.65 including eFile (State Withholding) and EFTP (Federal Withholding). Motion by Rutten 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