

DOUGLAS SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT MINUTES

Monday, April 13, 2026–8:00 A.M.

The Douglas Soil & Water Conservation District Board of Supervisors met at the Douglas SWCD Conference Room on Monday April 13, 2026. 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 Cole Montgomery, NRCS, Staff attending Haggemiller, Albertsen, Anderson, Arceneau, Jenc, Rice and Olson.

Pledge was recited.

Minutes of the regular March 10, 2026, meeting were discussed. Motion by Rutten to approve subject to audit, seconded by Ledermann Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report was read. Motion by Ledermann 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 reviewed applications and will be setting up interviews, changed by-laws, funding reviews, email spams, next meeting June 12 at 8:30a.m.
- C. Sauk River Report** – attended Ditch 16 and Managers meetings.
- D. Chippewa River Report** – No meeting
- E. Long Prairie Report** – Met on March 19th. Updated billboards, reviewed resources. Next meeting scheduled for June 18th.
- F. Water Quality Legacy Fund** – No meeting
- G. Douglas County Commissioner Report**- Way was absent.

Old Business –

- A. Tree Handout**- April 30th and May 1st

New Business

- A. NRCS Field Office** Cole Montgomery reported that Rylee, NRCS's intern from last year, will be returning for the summer on May 18th, CRP contribution agreement for the SWCD. In its year and ran out of money, had to be divided up between offices. Douglas got our teams allocation, FY26 Alison and I met the EQIP ranking deadline, we had 67 applications total, 36 were ranked We received our "one per county" in crop and pasture, 2 apps for \$210,000. That's it until we get more funds. State put in a large request. Currently working on CSP applications, we're ranking 13 applications RCPP – Irrigation 4 apps in Douglas were all preapproved for funding. Going to certify spring seedings soon.
- B. Sauk River 1W1P minor plan amendment resolution** Motion by Froemming to approve the Sauk River 1W1P minor plan amendment resolution, seconded by Rutten. Motion carried.

C. Cost Share Applications

- a. **FY25SH#12 – Shelterbelt Brandon Twp. Sec. 16 total cost \$3,900.00 C/S 75% \$2,925.00 using \$1,551.55 FY25 Soil Health Funds and \$1,373.45 FY26 Soil Health Funds.** Motion by Rutten to approve FY25SH#12 – Shelterbelt Brandon Twp. Sec. 16 total cost \$3,900.00 C/S 75% \$2,925.00 using \$1,551.55 FY25 Soil Health Funds and \$1,373.45 FY26 Soil Health Funds, seconded by Dropik. Motion carried.
- b. **FY26SH#1 – Shelterbelt Hudson Twp. Sec. 24 total cost \$2,200.00 C/S 75% \$1,650.00 using FY26 Soil Health Funds.** Motion by Dropik to approve FY26SH#1 – Shelterbelt Hudson Twp. Sec. 24 total cost \$2,200.00 C/S 75% \$1,650.00 using FY26 Soil Health Funds, seconded by Ledermann. Motion carried.
- c. **LPWBIF23-08 – Shoreline Stabilization Leaf Valley Twp. Sec. 24 total cost \$31,195.00 C/S 75% \$23,396.25 using FY23 LPWBIF Funds.** Motion by Froemming to approve LPWBIF23-08 – Shoreline Stabilization Leaf Valley Twp. Sec. 24 total cost \$31,195.00 C/S 75% \$23,396.25 using FY23 LPWBIF Funds, seconded by Rutten. Motion carried.
- d. **FY26RCCPSH21-1-5 – No-till/Strip-till Holmes City Sec’s 9,10,17,20,30, Ida Twp. Sec 4, Leaf Valley Twp. Sec. 33, C/S 344.84 acres @ \$30/Ac. Max Payment \$10,000.00 using FY26 RCCP Soil Health Funds.** Motion by Ledermann to approve FY26RCCPSH21-1-5 – No-till/Strip-till Holmes City Sec’s 9,10,17,20,30, Ida Twp. Sec 4, Leaf Valley Twp. Sec. 33, C/S 344.84 acres @ \$30/Ac. Max Payment \$10,000.00 using FY26 RCCP Soil Health Funds, seconded by Rutten. Motion carried.
- e. **FY26RCCP21-1-6 – No-till/Strip-till Brandon Twp. Sec’s 13,14, Ida Twp. Sec’s 19,29 C/S 296.2 acres @\$30/Ac \$8,886.00. Cover Crops 296.2 acres \$35/Ac Max payment \$10,000.00 Total C/S for contract \$18,886.00 using FY26 RCCP Soil Health Funds.** Motion by Rutten to approve FY26RCCP21-1-6 – No-till/Strip-till Brandon Twp. Sec’s 13,14, Ida Twp. Sec’s 19,29 C/S 296.2 acres @\$30/Ac \$8,886.00. Cover Crops 296.2 acres @\$35/Ac Max payment \$10,000.00 Total C/S for contract \$18,886.00 using FY26 RCCP Soil Health Funds, seconded by Froemming. Motion carried. Ledermann abstained.
- f. **FY26RCCP21-1-7 – No-till/Strip-till Carlos Twp. Sec’s 27,28 C/S 84.9 acres @\$30/Ac. \$2,547.00 using FY26 RCCP Soil Health Funds.** Motion by Dropik to approve FY26RCCP21-1-7 – No-till/Strip-till Carlos Twp. Sec’s 27,28 C/S 84.9 acres @\$30/Ac. \$2,547.00 using FY26 RCCP Soil Health Funds, seconded by Ledermann. Motion carried.
- g. **FY26RCCP21-1-8 – Cover Crop Hudson Twp. Sec’s 12,14 C/S 263.7 acres @\$35/Ac. \$9,229.50 using FY26 RCCP Soil Health Funds.** Motion by Dropik to approve FY26RCCP21-1-8 – Cover Crop Hudson Twp. Sec’s 12,14 C/S 263.7 acres @\$35/Ac. \$9,229.50 using FY26 RCCP Soil Health Funds, seconded by Froemming. Motion carried.
- h. **FY26RCCP21-1-9 No-till/Ridge-till Millerville Twp. Sec. 13, Leaf Valley Twp. Sec. 21 C/S 317.9 acres @\$30/Ac. \$9,537.00 using FY26 RCCP Soil Health Funds.** Motion by Ledermann to approve FY26RCCP21-1-9 No-till/Ridge-till Millerville Twp. Sec. 13, Leaf Valley Twp. Sec. 21 C/S 317.9 acres @\$30/Ac. \$9,537.00 using FY26 RCCP Soil Health Funds, seconded by Dropik. Motion Carried

D. Cost Share Amendment

- a. **2-25 Pomme De Terre WBIF, Water and Sediment Control Basins Sec 4 Evansville Twp. increase the cost of project by \$10,761.34 because of design plan changes including going through road with the tile for a more stable outlet, adding more tile and upsizing tile due to flat grade and making the embankments farmable. Funds for the amendment FY25 Conservation Contracts \$1,601.47, FY23 PDT WBIF \$9,159.87** Motion by Rutten to approve 2-25 Pomme De Terre WBIF, Water and Sediment Control Basins Sec 4 Evansville Twp. increase the cost of project by \$10,761.34 because of design plan changes including going through road with the tile for a more stable outlet, adding more tile and upsizing tile due to flat grade and making the embankments farmable. Funds for the amendment FY25 Conservation Contracts \$1,601.47, FY23 PDT WBIF \$9,159.87, seconded by Ledermann. Motion Carried

E. Cost Share Payment

- a. **2-25 Pomme De Terre, Water and Sediment Control Basins Sec 4 Evansville Twp. Total cost \$36,395.00 C/S 75% \$27,296.25 using FY25CC \$1,601.47, FY23 PDT WBIF \$9,865.79, FY25 PDT WBIF \$15,828.99.** Motion by Dropik to approve 2-25 Pomme De Terre, Water and Sediment Control Basins Sec 4 Evansville Twp. Total cost \$36,395.00 C/S 75% \$27,296.25 using FY25CC \$1,601.47, FY23 PDT WBIF \$9,865.79, FY25 PDT WBIF \$15,828.99, seconded by Ledermann. Motion carried.

- F. Dittberner's Creek Culvert Replacement, Approval to advertise for bids.** Motion by Ledermann to approve Dittberner's Creek Culvert Replacement, Approval to advertise for bids seconded by Dropik. Motion carried.

- G. Administrative Conference -June 17-18 – Arceneau** Motion by Rutten to approve Arceneau to attend the Administrative Conference, seconded by Froemming. Motion carried.

H. MASWCD – Call for Resolutions

I. MASWCD/NRCS – CRP Contribution Agreement

- J. Tree Shed driveway repair** Rice will get two bids

- K. Tree Planter's wages 2026** Motion by Froemming to approve \$1per hour and \$2 at end of season, seconded by Dropik. Motion carried.

- L. Thank You – West Central Hunters for Habitat**

Bills to Pay. During the month of April, the Douglas SWCD issued Checks #12202-12230 for a total of \$103,194.23 including eFile (State Withholding) and EFTP (Federal Withholding). Motion by Rutten to pay the bills, seconded by Ledermann. Motion carried.

Adjournment. Motion by Rutten to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Dropik. Motion carried.

Secretary,

Bill Dropik, Secretary