

# DOUGLAS SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT MINUTES

**Monday, March 9, 2026–8:00 A.M.**

The Douglas Soil & Water Conservation District Board of Supervisors met at the Douglas SWCD Conference Room on Monday March 10, 2026. Chairman Barsness called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m. Members attending were Barsness, Dropik, Rutten, and Ledermann. Members absent was Froemming, Also, in attendance were Commissioner Way, Staff attending Haggemiller, Albertsen, Anderson, Arceneau, Jenc, Rice and Olson.

**Pledge was recited.**

**Minutes of the regular February 9, 2026, meeting** were discussed. Motion by Ledermann to approve subject to audit, seconded by Dropik 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** – No Meeting

**C. Sauk River Report** – Met on February 19. Rutten reviewed officers stayed the same, reviewed budget, Stearns Watershed Collaborative changing fiscal agent, discussed repairing Cold Spring Dam.

**D. Chippewa River Report** – Met on February 20<sup>th</sup>. Reviewed Policies and Work Plan.

**E. Long Prairie Report** – No report was given

**F. Water Quality Legacy Fund** – No report was given

**G. Douglas County Commissioner Report-** Way reported on Public Forum on February 18 regarding shotgun & Rifle zone, Legislative Conference, grant for fire safety classes Rush went over the new ordinances. Re-organization of Board.

## **Old Business –**

**A. MASWCD Legislative Day-** March 17-18

**B. Area II Meeting March 12 in Morris**

**C. Tree Sales** – Rice informed that they have sold around 20 thousand trees so far.

## **New Business**

**A. NRCS Field Office** Cole Montgomery reported that he & Cory attended the Operational meeting for DCs and leadership in Brainerd. They are working on FY26 EQIP & CSP's. Payment schedules and practice supplements were finally released base and implementation have gone back and forth many times, Nutrient and Pest Management has undergone changes Cover Crop @ \$87 per ac. Regenerative Pilot Program (RPP) in EQIP will be ranked in April. No applications in Douglas. Had various trainings-soil sampling in the program is very particular RPP ranking deadline will be April 10<sup>th</sup> CSP will come in April as well payment schedules for EQIP and CSP are completely identical

aside from cover crop enhancements are no longer, higher payment caps, & adding land into existing contracts We'll be prioritizing new applicants this year RCPP – Irrigation 4 apps in Douglas, all 4 are concurrently applying for EQIP so they have everything for the ranking deadline at the end of the month. Local Work Group tentatively planning for April 13<sup>th</sup>

- B. BWSR Grant Agreement – Alexandria Township Stormwater Storage & Treatment Grant** Motion by Ledermann to approve Alexandria Township Stormwater Storage & Treatment Grant, seconded by Rutten. Motion carried.
- C. BWSR Grant Agreement – Soil Healthy Delivery** Motion by Rutten to approve, Soil Healthy Delivery, seconded by Dropik. Motion carried.
- D. Chippewa River Subgrant Agreement** Motion by Dropik to approve the Chippewa River Subgrant Agreement, seconded by Ledermann. Motion carried.
- E. MN Wetland Conservation Act Application Missouri River Energy Service LaGrande Township 36 Propose to fill 1.15 acres of wetland for expansion of existing substation replacement 2:1 through banking.** Motion by Rutten to approve the MN Wetland Conservation Act Application Missouri River Energy Service LaGrande Township 36 Propose to fill 1.15 acres of wetland for expansion of existing substation replacement 2:1 through banking, seconded by Dropik. Motion carried.
- F. Cost Share Payment FY25CC-1 Ida Township Section 13 Shoreline Protection Total Cost \$10,150.00 Cost Share 75% \$7,612.50 using FY25 Conservation Contracts Funds** Motion by Ledermann to approve the Cost Share Payment FY25CC-1 Ida Township Section 13 Shoreline Protection Total Cost \$10,150.00 Cost Share 75% \$7,612.50 using FY25 Conservation Contracts Funds, seconded by Dropik. Motion carried.
- G.** SWCD Supervisors Orientation/Refresher March 27 9:00-12:00 Detroit Lakes
- H.** Reviewed Thank You NACD
- I.** Reviewed Thank You MASWCD

**Bills to Pay.** During the month of March, the Douglas SWCD issued Checks #12169-12201 for a total of \$109,933.80 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