DOUGLAS SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
MINUTES
Monday, August 10, 2026–8:00 A.M.

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

Pledge was recited.

Minutes of the regular July 13, 2026, meeting were discussed. Motion by Rutten 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 –**Haggenmiller reviewed his monthly report.
B. **Pomme de Terre Update –** Meeting was cancelled. Rescheduled for August 14.
C. **Sauk River Report –** Rutten mentioned that the JD2 meeting is scheduled for August 21st, Reviewed Easements, Comp Plan.
D. **Chippewa River Report –** No Meeting
E. **Long Prairie Report –** Dropik reported on the meeting on July 16,
F. **Water Quality Legacy Fund –** Froemming mentioned there were two sites approved for funding on S Pocket Lake.
G. **Douglas County Commissioner Report**- Way mentioned 5% budget increase, County Road 8 work has been completed, Planning and Zoning working on new septic ordinances, County Road 14 is slowly being worked on.

Old Business –

A. **Tree Shed driveway repair quote-** Still waiting on getting quotes to fix.
B. **Long Prairie Watershed Pontoon Tour –** 20 attended the July 29th Pontoon Tour.
C. **2027 Budget Meeting –** Haggenmiller will present the 2027 Budget on August 18th.
D. **MASWCD Award Nominating Due September 4.** Motion by Rutten to nominate Jarrod Oberg for 2026 Conservation Farmer.

New Business

A. **NRCS Field Office** Montgomery mentioned there was a hire made for the Northeast Area Assistant for Field Ops, meaning Lance Smith will return to his role in the NW. This pushes everyone back to their normal roles, Walker will go back to Team Lead and Montgomery will go back to DC. Rylee (intern) last day will be on Friday. The Agency will be moving forward with reorganization. Most of any movement will be going on at NHQ. NRCS received 3 more small planning contracts for Douglas. That should go quickly, and we will now be 100% wrapped up for EQIP & CSP 2026. Working on getting in touch with folks on cover crops and grazing. EQIP AND CSP sign-up deadlines will be September 11th.

B. **Cost Share Applications**

1. FY26RCCP21-13 Single Species Cover Crop, Holmes City Township Section 6, 23,28,33, Solem Township Section 1, 301.8 @ $35per acre Maximum Cost Share $10,000. Motion by Rutten to approve cost share application. Second by Ledermann, Motion Carried.
2. FY26RCCP21-14 Multi Species Cover Crop, Holmes City Township Section 27,22, 84.3 @ $50per acre Total Cost Share $4,215.00 Motion by Dropik to approve cost share application. Second by Ledermann, Motion Carried.
3. FY26RCCP21-15 Multi Species Cover Crop, Osakis Township Section 23,11,2, 217.9 @ $50per acre Maximum Total Cost Share $10,000.00 Motion by Rutten to approve cost share application. Second by Dropik, Motion Carried.
4. FY26RCCP21-16 Multi Species Cover Crop, Osakis Township Section 26, Orange Township Section 6, Hudson Township Section 1, Long Prairie Township, Section 29, 215.1 per acre @ $50per acre Maximum Total Cost Share $10,000.00 Motion by Ledermann to approve cost share application. Second by Rutten, Motion Carried.
5. FY26RCCP21-17 Multi Species Cover Crop, Holmes City Township Section 4,9,10,17,20,26,30, Ida Township Section 26,25,35,36, 190.5 per acre @ $50per acre Total Cost Share $9,963.00 No Till 332.1 per acre @$30 Total Cost Share $9,963.00
6. FY26RCCP21-18 No-Till, Holmes City, Township Section 19, 95.1 @ $30per acre Total Cost Share $2,853.00 Motion by Dropik to approve cost share application. Second by Ledermann, Motion Carried.
7. FY26RCCP21-19 Multi Species Cover Crop, Leaf Valley Township Section 20, 21, 29, 232.3 acres @ $50per acre Maximum Total Cost Share $10,000.00 Motion by Rutten to approve cost share application. Second by Dropik, Motion Carried.
8. FY25SH#13, Multi Species Cover Crop, LaGrande Township Section 5 42.2@ $50per acre Total Cost Share $2,110.00 Motion by Ledermann to approve cost share application. Second by Rutten, Motion Carried.
9. FY25SH#14, Single Species Cover Crop, Urness Township Section 13, 12.5@ $35per acre Total Cost Share $437.50 Motion by Rutten to approve cost share application. Second by Ledermann, Motion Carried.

10. WBIF Chippewa River Water & Sediment Control Basins, Evansville Township Section 23&24 Total Cost $330,100 Cost Share 75% using $206,150.00 Equip & $41,402.50 Chippewa WBIF Funds Motion by Rutten to approve cost share application. Second by Dropik, Motion Carried.

C. Cost Share Payments

1. FY25SH#12 Shelterbelt, Brandon Township Section 16 Total Cost $3,909.93 Cost Share $2,925.00 using FY25 Soil Health Cost Share Motion by Rutten to approve cost share payment. Second by Dropik, Motion Carried.
2. WBIF Long Prairie Well Sealing City of Alexandria, sealing 5 Wells, Total Cost $2,505.00 Cost Share $1,247.50 Using Long Prairie WBIF Funds Motion by Ledermann to approve cost share payment. Second by Dropik, Motion Carried.
3. FY26NRBG Septic Upgrade Total Cost $22,560.00 Cost Share Flat Rate $9,000.00 using FY26 NRBG Septic Funds Motion by Dropik to approve cost share payment. Second by Froemming, Motion Carried.

D. Long Prairie River Fiscal Agent – Motion by Rutten to sign the Long Prairie River Fiscal Agent. Second by Froemming, Motion Carried.

E. Fair Booth Schedule – Supervisor's and Staff signed up for their scheduled time.

F. Treasurer Training- Scheduled for early March in Sauk Centre.

G. Manager/District Conservationist Training Camp Ripley – Scheduled for September 10th.

H. Strategic Plan – Supervisor's and Staff should send their changes to Weinerman.

I. Bills to Pay. During the month of August, the Douglas SWCD issued Checks #122308-12343 for a total of $102,694.72 including eFile (State Withholding) and EFTP (Federal Withholding). Motion by Dropik to pay the bills, seconded by Ledermann. Motion carried.

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

Secretary,

Bill Dropik, Secretary