DOUGLAS SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
MINUTES
Monday, May 11, 2026–8:00 A.M.

The Douglas Soil & Water Conservation District Board of Supervisors met at the Douglas SWCD Conference Room on Monday May 11, 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 Commissioner Way, Cole Montgomary, NRCS, Staff attending Haggenmiller, Albertsen, Arceneau, Jenc, Rice and Olson.

Pledge was recited.

Minutes of the regular April 13, 2026, meeting were discussed. Motion by Rutten to approve subject to audit, seconded by Ledermann Motion carried.

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

Reports

A. **Coordinator's Report –** Haggenmiller handed out his monthly report.
B. **Pomme de Terre Update –** No Meeting
C. **Sauk River Report –** No Meeting
D. **Chippewa River Report –** No Meeting
E. **Long Prairie Report –** No Meeting
F. **Water Quality Legacy Fund –** No Meeting
G. **Area II Meeting –** Scheduled for June 17.
H. **Douglas County Commissioner Report**- Way mentioned that CR 40 will be repaved, attended the Legislative Conference, reviewed pros and cons from data centers, Possible increase of.25% for library.

Old Business –

A. **Tree Handout-** April 30th and May 1st went well.
B. **MASWCD –** Call for Resolutions
C. **Supervisor Filing Period** May 19 - June 2. Barsness & Froemming.
D. **Tree Shed driveway repair** – No cost estimates back hopefully by June's meeting.
E. **Area II Meeting** will be held in Alexandria on June 17. Registrations and Agenda are ready to be sent out.

F. **Dittberner's Creek Culvert Project** Bid Opening May 15 at 1:00pm.

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, ASTC-FO- Lance Smith is staying in the NE for another 120 days. Jon Matz, our current acting, will return to SW. Cory Walker has been selected to act in that role. Cole has been selected to replace Cory as the Acting Service Team Lead in Alexandria. DC wise, Cole will still be out of this office. Alison will take on most of the roles that Cole currently has. EQIP-Obligated our cropland and pasture applications. Minnesota received 40 million more in EQIP funding. However, Douglas will still not get any more cropland funds. Received 1 farmstead app. and 2 more pasture applications for funding. CSP-we finished ranking and 3 applications were preapproved for funding. Team only received ~1 million in funding. RCPP – Irrigation Obligated all 4 that were preapproved. Working on spring seedings & tillage practices under contract Cost Share Applications

B. **Cost Share Applications**

1. Septic Update Ida Township Section 33 Total Cost $28,837 Cost Share Flat rate $15,000.00 using $1,213.00 FY22 NRBG Septic $6,286.00 FY 24 NRBG Septic & $7,5601.00 FY 25 NRBG Septic **Motion by Ledermann to approve Septic Update Ida Township Section 33 Total Cost $28,837 Cost Share Flat rate $15,000.00 using $1,213.00 FY22 NRBG Septic $6,286.00 FY 24 NRBG Septic & $7,5601.00 FY 25 NRBG Septic, seconded by Froemming. Motion carried.**
2. Septic Update Hudson Township Section 33 Total Cost $20,400.00 Cost Share Flat rate $12,000.00 using $7,499.00 FY 25 NRBG Septic & $4,501.00 FY 26 NRBG Septic Motion **by Dropik to approve Septic Update Hudson Township Section 33 Total Cost $20,400.00 Cost Share Flat rate $12,000.00 using $7,499.00 FY 25 NRBG Septic & $4,501.00 FY 26 NRBG Septic, seconded by Rutten. Motion carried.**
3. Septic Update Evansville Township Section 26 Total Cost $23,000 Cost Share Flat rate $9,000.00 using FY 26 NRBG Septic Motion **by Ledermann to approve Septic Update Evansville Township Section 26 Total Cost $23,000 Cost Share Flat rate $9,000.00 using FY 26 NRBG Septic, seconded by Rutten. Motion carried.**
4. Septic Update Alexandria Township Section 2 Total Cost $22,000 Cost Share Flat rate $12,000.00 using FY 26 NRBG Septic **Motion by Froemming to approve Septic Update Alexandria Township Section 2 Total Cost $22,000 Cost Share Flat rate $12,000.00 using FY 26 NRBG Septic, seconded by Dropik. Motion carried.**

5. FY26RCCP21-1-10 No till Leaf Valley Township Section 4 & Effington Township 33 113.2 Acres @$30/acre $2,533.00 Using FY26 RCCP Soil Health Funds Motion **by Ledermann to approve FY26RCCP21-1-10 No till Leaf Valley Township Section 4 & Effington Township 33 113.2 Acres @$30/acre $2,533.00 Using FY26 RCCP Soil Health Funds, seconded by Dropik. Motion carried.**

6. FY26RCCP21-1-11 No till Carlos Township Section 35 & 16 Belle River Township 19 101.8 Acres $3,054.00 Using FY26 RCCP Soil Health Funds **Motion by Rutten to approve FY26RCCP21-1-11 No till Carlos Township Section 35 & 16 Belle River Township 19 101.8 Acres $3,054.00 Using FY26 RCCP Soil Health Funds, seconded by Dropik. Motion carried.**

C. **Draft Strategic Plan –** Will review at the June's meeting,

Bills to Pay. During the month of May, the Douglas SWCD issued Checks #12202-12230 for a total of $103,194.23 including eFile (State Withholding) and EFTP (Federal Withholding). Motion by Froemming 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