DOUGLAS SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
MINUTES
Monday, September 14, 2026–8:00 A.M.

The Douglas Soil & Water Conservation District Board of Supervisors met at the Douglas SWCD Conference Room on Monday, September 14, 2026. Chairman Barsness called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m. Members attending were Barsness, Dropik, Ledermann and Rutten. Froemming absent. Also, in attendance were Cole Montgomery, NRCS, Staff attending Haggenmiller, Albertsen, Anderson, Arceneau, Jenc, Rice and Olson.

Pledge was recited.

Minutes of the regular August 10, 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 –** Barsness reported they met on Friday, September 11. They reviewed the Treasurer Report. There will be a special review of dairy expansion, Perkin dam will be closed for cleaning,
C. **Sauk River Report –** Rutten reviewed JD2,data funding, monitoring data, sed ponds, reviewed Fiscal Reports.
D. **Chippewa River Report –** Ledermann reviewed overall funding for clean water funding.
E. **Long Prairie Report –** No Meeting
F. **Water Quality Legacy Fund –** No report was Given
G. **Douglas County Commissioner Report**- No Report was Given

Old Business

A. **Tree Shed driveway repair quote-** Still waiting on getting quotes to fix.
B. **2027 Budget Meeting –** Haggenmiller presented the 2027 Budget on August 18th.
C. **Fair –** Supervisor's and Staff reported it went well this year.

New Business

NRCS Field Office Montgomery mentioned all staff received a letter of intent if they would like to stay in their current positions or to seek a new one through critical vacancy announcements. Those will come out in October. Received 1 large EQIP preapproval for strip-till & cover crop. Working on getting that completed. The EQIP AND CSP sign-up deadlines will be September 11th. There're 85 EQIP applications and 25 CSP applications to be screened. 40% of the acres must have no-till/strip-till & cover crops for multiple years to be ranked OR application must contain a structure. Reg Ag Pool 20% acres in no-till/strip-till each year Pasture - must already have livestock and are looking to improve or expand current operation. Planning applications, Forestry/Wildlife, and Farmstead-other would automatically be high applications that meet any of those parameters would pass and need to get eligibility to be ranked by January 8th.

A. Cost Share Amendments

1. D-LPWBIF 23-05 Add City of Alexandria as main landowner/partner for gully fix project on Lake Victoria Motion by Dropik to approve to add City of Alexandria as main landowner/partner for gully fix project on Lake Victoria. Second by Rutten, Motion Carried.

B. Cost Share Applications

1. Pdt WBIF-Evansville Township Section 5 Water & Sediment Control Basins Total Project Cost $28,577.00 Cost Share 75% using $14,024.56 EQIP & $7,408.19 Pdt WBIF Funds Motion by Dropik to $28,577.00 Cost Share 75% using $14,024.56 EQIP & $7,408.19 Pdt WBIF Funds. Second by Rutten, Motion Carried.

2. FY26RCPP Soil Health #20 Spruce Hill Township Single Species Cover Crop 234.4 Acres @$35/Acre Total Cost Share $8,204 using FY26 RCPP Soil Health Cost Share Motion by Ledermann to approve 234.4 Acres @$35/Acre Total Cost Share $8,204 using FY26 RCPP Soil Health Cost Share. Second by Rutten, Motion Carried.

C. Cost Share Payments

1. CRWBIF24 25-030 Brandon Township Section 31 Water & Sediment Control Basin Total Cost $30,053.75 Cost Share 75% $22,540.31 using FY24 Chippewa WBIF Funds. Motion by Rutten to approve $30,053.75 Cost Share 75% $22,540.31 using FY24 Chippewa WBIF Funds. Second by Barsness, Motion Carried.

2. FY 26 NRBG # 2 Alexandria Section 2 Septic Update Total Cost $24,830.00 Cost Share Flat Rate $12,000.00 using FY26NRBG Septic Funds Motion by Ledermann to approve $24,830.00 Cost Share Flat Rate $12,000.00 using FY26NRBG Septic Funds. Second by Dropik, Motion Carried.

D. Area II Meeting will be held on September 17, 2026, in Paynesville, Dropik, Ledermann & Rutten will attend.

E. BWSR Academy Oct 20-22. Motion by Dropik to approve Albertsen, Anderson, Arceneau, Jenc, Olson & Rice to attend, second by Ledermann, Motion Carried.

F. Pomme De Terre Contract for Services Motion by Ledermann to sign the Pomme De Terre Contract for Services, second by Rutten, Motion Carried.

G. **Tire quote for Dodge Pickup** Motion by Rutten to purchase tires for Dodge pickup, second by Dropik, Motion Carried.
H. **Resolution for Sauk WBIF FY24 Grant Extension & Amendment** Motion by Rutten to approve Resolution for Sauk WBIF FY24 Grant Extension & Amendment, second by Ledermann, Motion Carried.
I. **City of Alexandria MOU** Motion by Dropik to approve the City of Alexandria MOU, second by Ledermann, Motion Carried.
J. **2025 Audit Letter of Management Signature** Motion by Rutten to sign the 2025 Audit Letter of Management, second by Ledermann, Motion Carried.
K. **MASWCD Conference November30-December 2** – Supervisor's and Staff will attend
L. **Lake Management Task Force** Since the task force is for in lake chemical treatment Douglas SWCD will not be taking the lead position.
M. **Dropik Landowner Project**. Supervisor Dropik met a landowner who worked with Douglas SWCD on a CRP project and had great words on working with the district.

Bills to Pay. During the month of September, the Douglas SWCD issued Checks #12377-12412 for a total of $188,601.86 including eFile (State Withholding) and EFTP (Federal Withholding). Motion by Ledermann to pay the bills, seconded by Rutten. Motion carried.

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

Secretary,

Bill Dropik, Secretary