DOUGLAS SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

MINUTES

Monday, July 13, 2026–8:00 A.M.

The Douglas Soil & Water Conservation District Board of Supervisors met at the Douglas SWCD Conference Room on Monday July 13, 2026. Chairman Barsness called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m. Members attending were Barsness, Dropik, Froemming and Rutten, Ledermann was absent. Also, in attendance were Commissioner Way, Alison Guzik, NRCS, Staff attending Albertsen, Arceneau Jenc, Rice and Olson.

Pledge was recited.

Minutes of the regular June 08, 2026, meeting were discussed. Motion by Rutten to approve subject to audit, seconded by Dropik. Motion carried.

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

Reports

A. **Coordinator's Report –** Rice reviewed Haggenmiller's monthly report.
B. **Pomme de Terre Update –** Barsness mentioned they hired Dan Muskgrave. Reviewed funding and new grants. They will meet with BWSR on July 14, 2026.
C. **Sauk River Report –** No Meeting for June, Next meeting July 20.
D. **Chippewa River Report –** No Meeting
E. **Long Prairie Report –** No Meeting for June, Next meeting July 16.
F. **Water Quality Legacy Fund –** No Meeting for June, Next meeting July 16.
G. **Douglas County Commissioner Report**- Way mentioned two candidates have filed for County Commissioner, also two applied for County Auditor, Way mentioned that CR 40 was repaved, CR 23 land acquisition, reviewing round about on CR 82 and McKay.

Old Business –

A. **Tree Shed driveway repair quote-** Still waiting on getting quotes to fix.
B. **Area II Meeting June 17 – Alexandria** – Well attended meeting.
C. **Draft Strategic Plan -** Will be reviewed at the August 10 meeting
D. **Long Prairie Watershed Pontoon Tour –** Scheduled for July 29th at 9:30 on Lake Carlos.

New Business

A. **NRCS Field Office** Alison reported EQIP – has received applications for funding for two WASCOB and two Ag Waste Facility. Five applications for FY26 Obligations. Six applications for CSP'S preapprovals. Seven obligations for FY 26 and 3 RCCP pivots have been certified.

B. MASWCD Awards Nominating due September 4th

C. Cost Share Applications

1. 21-1-12 Multi Species Cover Crops Section 19 Belle River Township, Section 25 and Carlos Township, 146.2 Acres @ $50 per Acre Total Cost Share $7,310.00 using FY 26 RCPP Soil Health Funds. Motion by Dropik to approve cost share application. Rutten Second by. Motion Carried.
2. CR-WBIF24-25-030 Chippewa River WBIF Terrace Section 31 Brandon Township, Total Cost Estimate $30,053.75 Cost Share 75% $22,540.31 using Chippewa WBIF FY24 and FY 26 Funds. Motion by Rutten to approve cost share application. Second by Dropik. Motion Carried.

D. Cost Share Payments

1. 21-1-5 No Till Section 9, 17, 20, 30 Holmes City Township Section 4 Ida Township, Section 35 Leaf Valley Township 334 Acres @ $30 per acre Total Maximum Payment $10,000.00 using FY26 Soil Health RCPP Funds. Motion by Rutten to approve payment. Second by Dropik. Motion Carried.
2. 21-1-6 No Till Section 13, 14 Brandon Township, Section 18, 29 Ida Township, 296.2 Acres @ $30 per acre. Total Payment $8,886.00 using FY 26 Soil Health RCPP Funds Motion by Froemming to approve payment. Second by Dropik. Motion
3. 21-1-6 No Till Section 28 Carlos Township, 84.9 Acres @ 30 Per Acre Total Payment $2,547.00 using FY 26 Soil Health RCPP Funds. Motion by Rutten to approve payment. Second by Dropik. Motion Carried.
4. 21-1-11 No Till Section 19 Belle River Township, Section 13, 35 Carlos Township, 101.6 Acres @ $30 per acre Total Payment $3,048.00 using FY 26 Soil Heath RCPP Funds Motion by Froemming to approve payment. Second by Dropik. Motion

E. 2027 Budget Meeting August 18 – Haggenmiller will present the 2027 proposed budget to the County Commissioners.

Bills to Pay. During the month of July, the Douglas SWCD issued Checks #122308-12343 for a total of $102694.72 including eFile (State Withholding) and EFTP (Federal Withholding). Motion by Dropik 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