



Watonwan Soil & Water Conservation District Board of Supervisors – Meeting Minutes

Monday, December 21, 2020

108 8th Street South, St. James, MN 56081

The Watonwan Soil & Water Conservation District Board of Supervisors held their monthly meeting at the District Office in St. James, Minnesota on Monday, December 21, 2020.

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman Rich Enger at 8:35 am.

SWCD Members Present: Chairman, Rich Enger
Vice Chairman, Noren Durheim
Secretary, Steve Sodeman
PR & I, Bret Braaten
Treasurer, Steve Sodeman

Others Present: SWCD Assistant Manager & County Ditch Inspector, Chad Hildebrand
Solid Waste Administrator / Assistant Zoning Administrator, Kyla Schломann
District Technician, Laura Quiring
County Commissioner, Ray Gustafson (via phone)
Pheasants Forever Farm Bill Biologist, Carrie Schultz (via phone)
BWSR Board Conservationist, Jill Sackett-Eberhart (via phone)

AGENDA

Motion by Durheim, second by Bergeman to approve the December 21, 2020 amended agenda as presented.

Affirmative: Bergeman, Enger, Durheim, and Sodeman

Opposed: None

Motion Carried

MEETING MINUTES

Motion by Durheim, second by Bergeman to approve the November 16, 2020 meeting minutes as presented.

Affirmative: Bergeman, Enger, Durheim, and Sodeman

Opposed: None

Motion Carried

FINANCIAL & ACCOUNTING

Treasurer's Report: Hildebrand discussed the expense report.

Motion by Sodeman, second by Bergeman to approve the treasurer's report.

Affirmative: Bergeman, Enger, Durheim, and Sodeman

Opposed: None

Motion Carried

Bills to Pay: Hildebrand discussed the monthly bills to pay.

Motion by Bergeman, Second by Durham to approve payment of bills in the amount of \$4,103.35.

Affirmative: Bergeman, Enger, Durham, and Sodeman

Opposed: None

Motion Carried

Supervisor Per Diem:

Date	Meeting Attended	Rich Enger	Noren Durham	Bret Braaten	Steve Sodeman	Jordan Bergeman
8/17/2020	SWCD Board Meeting					X
10/26/2020	Special SWCD Board Meeting	X	X			X
11/16/2020	SWCD Board Meeting	X	X	X	X	
11/19/2020	BWSR Regional Meeting	X				
11/20/2020	GBERBA Policy Meeting	X				
12/4/2020	1W1P Executive Meeting	X				
12/8/2020	MASWCD Annual Convention	X	X		X	
12/21/2020	SWCD Board Meeting	X	X	X	X	X

Motion by Bergeman, second by Durham to approve supervisors per diems.

Affirmative: Bergeman, Enger, Durham, and Sodeman

Opposed: None

Motion Carried

BOARD REPORTS

Greater Blue Earth River Basin Alliance (GBERBA): Update from Enger

MASWCD: Annual Meeting was held via Webex on 12/8/2020

County Water Plan: No Report

South Central TSA: No Report

Liaison Committee: No Report

Commissioner Report: Ray said it has been a pleasure working with us and wished us the best moving forward. He said that the SWCD has really evolved since he has been involved which was nice to see.

SWCD ACTION ITEMS / BUSINESS ITEMS

Minnesota Campaign Finance Board- Statements of Economic Interest:

Hildebrand gave board notice that they need to make sure they go on and get that taken care of. They should be receiving a letter about it.

January & February 2021 SWCD Board Meeting Dates:

Motion by Durham, second by Bergeman to approve the change in date of the January and February 2021 meetings to the 3rd Thursday of the month due to the 3rd Monday being holidays both those months.

Affirmative: Bergeman, Enger, Durham, and Sodeman

Opposed: None

Motion carried

GBERBA Joint Powers Agreement (JPA) Approval:

Motion by Durham, second by Braaten to approve GBERBA 2020 revised Joint Powers Agreement

Affirmative: Bergeman, Braaten, Enger, and Durham

Opposed: Sodeman

Motion carried

2021 MASWCD Dues:

Motion by Sodeman, second by Bergeman to pay the 2021 MASWCD dues in the amount of \$3,064.69.

Affirmative: Bergeman, Braaten, Enger, Durham, and Sodeman

Opposed: None

Motion carried

Watowan Watershed Comprehensive Watershed Management Plan Resolution Adoption:

Motion by Sodeman, second by Bergeman to adopt the Watowan Watershed Comprehensive Watershed Management Plan Resolution.

Affirmative: Bergeman, Braaten, Enger, Durham, and Sodeman

Opposed: None

Motion carried

Cost-Share Project Approval:

Herman Anderson: Contract: 18-03

Total Project Cost: \$9,542.29

75% Cost-Share Amount: \$7,156.72

Motion by Durham, second by Braaten to approve contract 18-03 for \$7,156.72.

Affirmative: Bergeman, Braaten, Enger, Durham, and Sodeman

Opposed: None

Motion carried

Cost-Share Project Payment:

George Sill: Contract: 19-01

Total Project Cost: \$9,986.66

75% Cost-share Amount: \$7,490.00

Motion by Durham, second by Braaten to approve payment of contract 19-01 in the amount of \$7,490.00.

Affirmative: Bergeman, Braaten, Enger, Durham, and Sodeman

Opposed: None

Motion carried

Well Sealing Cost-Share Payment Reimbursements:

A. Charles Ulmen: 18-LCG-AW-01

- Total Project Cost = \$700.00

- 50% Cost-Share Amount = **\$350.00**

B. Norman Penner: 18-LCG-AW-04

- Total Project Cost = \$585.00

- 50% Cost-Share Amount = **\$292.50**

C. Austin Wyatt: 18-LCG-AW-05

- Total Project Cost = \$995.00

- 50% Cost-Share Amount = **\$337.50**

- D. Larry Dannen: 18-LCG-AW-07
 - Total Project Cost = \$735.00
 - 50% Cost-Share Amount = **\$367.50**
- E. Erik Gratz: 18-LCG-AW-08
 - Total Project Cost = \$760.00
 - 50% Cost-Share Amount = **\$380.00**
- F. Doug Anderson: 18-LCG-AW-10
 - Total Project Cost = \$675.00
 - 50% Cost-Share Amount = **\$337.50**

Motion by Braaten, second by Bergeman to approve six contract well sealing cost-share reimbursements for the specific amounts listed above.

Affirmative: Bergeman, Braaten, Enger, Durham, and Sodeman

Opposed: None

Motion carried

SWCD PROGRAM UPDATES & REPORTS

1WIP Update Hildebrand previously stated that it has been approved by the BWSR board and the funding application is being worked on.

Cost-Share Projects: Hildebrand gave an update on the well sealing contracts that did not get finished and some money will be sent back to the state due to that reason.

Staff Agency Reports:

WCA LGU: No Report

Farm Bill Biologist: Verbal Report via phone

NRCS District Conservationist: No Report – Betsy will be leaving for a different position.

Karen or Jake are our contact people moving forward.

SWCD Assistant Manager: Verbal Report

District Technician: Verbal Report

BWSR: Verbal Report. Mentioned that the reporting deadline is February 1st.

UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS

1/15/2021	GBERBA Policy Meeting	Rich
1/21/2021	SWCD Board Meeting	Staff & Supervisors
2/18/2021	SWCD Board Meeting	Staff & Supervisors

Motion by Bergeman, second by Braaten to approve upcoming meetings.

Affirmative: Bergeman, Braaten, Enger, Durham, and Sodeman

Opposed: None

Motion Carried

OTHER BUSINESS

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Bergeman, second by Braaten to adjourn at 10:37 am

Affirmative: Bergeman, Braaten, Enger, Durham, and Sodeman

Opposed: None

Motion Carried

Next Regular SWCD Board Meeting will be on Thursday, January 21, 2021 at 8:30 am at the District Office.

District Supervisor

District Administrator