



Watonwan Soil & Water Conservation District

Board of Supervisors – Meeting Minutes

Monday, May 17, 2021

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, May 17, 2021.

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman Rich Enger at 8:34 am.

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

Others Present: Land Management Director, Dave Haler
Solid Waste Administrator / Assistant Zoning Administrator, Kyla Schlomann
District Technician, Laura Quiring
County Commissioner, Dillion Melheim
NRCS Soil Conservationist, Jacob Gross (via Zoom)

AGENDA

Motion by Braaten, second by Durheim to approve the May 17, 2021 agenda as presented.

Affirmative: Braaten, Durheim, Enger, and Sodeman

Opposed: None

Motion carried

MEETING MINUTES

Motion by Durheim, second by Braaten to approve the April 19, 2021 meeting minutes as presented.

Affirmative: Braaten, Durheim, Enger, and Sodeman

Opposed: None

Motion carried

FINANCIAL & ACCOUNTING

Treasurer's Report: Haler discussed the expense report.

Motion by Braaten, second by Durheim to approve the treasurer's report.

Affirmative: Braaten, Durheim, Enger and Sodeman

Opposed: None

Motion carried

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

Motion by Braaten, Second by Durham to approve payment of bills in the amount of \$15,612.29.

Affirmative: Braaten, Durham, Enger, and Sodeman

Opposed: None

Motion carried

Supervisor Per Diem: None

BOARD REPORTS

Greater Blue Earth River Basin Alliance (GBERBA): Enger gave an update.

MASWCD: Enger gave an update. 1 meeting in September.

Watowan River Comprehensive Watershed Management Plan: Haler gave and update.

South Central TSA: No Report

Liaison Committee: SWCD Assistant Manager position closed May 16, 2021.

Commissioner Report: Melheim gave an update on JD18.

SWCD ACTION ITEMS / BUSINESS ITEMS

Seed Drill Agreement:

Motion by Sodeman, second by Braaten to approve changes to the Seed Drill Agreement.

Affirmative: Braaten, Durham, Enger and Sodeman

Opposed: None

Motion carried

MDA Noxious Weed Grant Contract:

Motion by Braaten, second by Sodeman to approve Noxious Weed Contract for Riverdale Township in the amount of \$1,000.00.

Affirmative: Braaten, Durham, Enger, and Sodeman

Opposed: None

Motion carried

Pheasants Forever:

Motion by Braaten, second by Sodeman to approve the Pheasants Forever Request for Interest.

Affirmative: Braaten, Durham, Enger, and Sodeman

Opposed: None

Motion carried

Cost Share Projects:

A. Robert Reihls: Contract 21-LCG-01

- Project: WASCOB
- Total Estimated Cost: \$12,056.00
- 75% Cost-Share Encumbered: \$9,042.00

Motion by Durham, second by Braaten to approve the project for Robert Reihls in the amount of \$9,042.00.

Affirmative: Braaten, Durham, Enger, and Sodeman

Opposed: None
Motion carried

SWCD PROGRAM UPDATES & REPORTS

Staff Agency Reports:

WCA LGU: No Report from Bucklin.
Farm Bill Biologist: Vacant Position, No Report.
NRCS District Conservationist: Jacob Gross gave an update from NRCS
SWCD Assistant Manager: Vacant Position, No Report
District Technician: Verbal Report
BWSR: No Report

UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS

5/14/2021	GBERBA Policy Meeting	Staff, Rich & Steve
5/26/2021	GBERBA Tech	Staff
6/11/2021	GBERBA Exec.	Staff, Supervisors
6/21/2021	June Monthly SWCD Board Meeting	Staff, Supervisors

Motion by Braaten, second by Durham to approve listed upcoming meetings.

Affirmative: Braaten, Durham, Enger, and Sodeman

Opposed: None

Motion Carried

OTHER BUSINESS

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Enger adjourned the meeting at 10:16am.

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

District Supervisor

District Administrator