



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

Monday, August 16, 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, August 16, 2021.

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman Rich Enger at 8:33 am.

SWCD Members Present: Chairman, Rich Enger
Vice Chairman, Noren Durheim
Secretary, Steve Sodeman
Treasurer, Jordan Bergeman

Others Present: Land Management Director, Dave Haler
Asst. Zoning Administrator / Solid Waste Administrator, Kyla Schломann
SWCD Asst. Manager / Ditch Inspector, Carrie Schultz
District Technician, Laura Quiring
County Commissioner, Dillon Melheim

AGENDA

Motion by Durheim, second by Bergeman to approve the August 16, 2021 agenda as presented.

Affirmative: Bergeman, Durheim, Enger, and Sodeman

Opposed: None

Motion carried

MEETING MINUTES

Motion by Sodeman, second by Durheim to approve the July 19, 2021 meeting minutes as amended.

Affirmative: Bergeman, Durheim, Enger, Sodeman

Opposed: None

Motion carried

FINANCIAL & ACCOUNTING

Treasurer’s Report: Haler discussed the expense report.

Motion by Sodeman, second by Durham to approve the treasurer’s report.

Affirmative: Bergeman, Durham, Enger and Sodeman

Opposed: None

Motion carried

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

Motion by Sodeman, Second by Bergeman to approve payment of monthly bills in the amount of \$4,570.24.

Affirmative: Bergeman, Durham, Enger, and Sodeman

Opposed: None

Motion carried

Supervisor Per Diem:

Date	Meeting Attended	Rich Enger	Noren Durham	Bret Braaten	Steve Sodeman	Jordan Bergeman
6/24/2021	TSA Mtg		X			
6/30/2021	NRCS Local Work Group	X	X			
7/16/2021	GBERBA Policy Mtg	X				
7/19/2021	July Monthly SWCD Mtg	X	X		X	
8/16/2021	August Monthly SWCD Mtg	X	X		X	X

Motion by Bergeman, second by Durham to pay Per Diems as presented above

Affirmative: Bergeman, Durham, Enger, and Sodeman

Opposed: None

Motion carried

BOARD REPORTS

Greater Blue Earth River Basin Alliance (GBERBA): Nothing since last meeting

MASWCD Area V1: Next meeting is September 21, 2021.

Watowan River Comprehensive Watershed Management Plan: No update.

South Central TSA: Next meeting is in September.

Liaison Committee: No update.

Commissioner Report: Dillon check on the remodel timeline and we are on the list.

SWCD ACTION ITEMS / BUSINESS ITEMS

Dew Drop Rental:

Motion by Sodeman, second by Bergeman to leave the Dew Drop rental at \$75.00 per day.

Affirmative: Bergeman, Durham, Enger and Sodeman

Opposed: None

Motion carried

Supervisor Per Diems:

Motion by Durham, second by Enger to set the Per Diem for SWCD Supervisors at \$100 for a half day and \$125 for a full day. A lengthy discussion was had before a vote was cast.

- Affirmative: Durham & Enger
- Opposed: Bergeman & Sodeman
- Motion Failed

Motion by Sodeman, second by Bergeman to set Per Diem for SWCD Supervisors at \$75.00 for time spent up to 3 hours, \$100 for time spent from 3-5 hours, and \$125 for 5 hours or more with travel included for non-monthly meetings with this all being reviewed in January 2022 or soon after.

- Affirmative: Bergeman, Durham, & Enger
- Opposed: Sodeman
- Motion Carried

Signatory Authority:

Motion by Sodeman, second by Durham to approve signatory authority for Carrie Schultz for State Cost-Share, Well Sealing, RIM/CREP, WIA, and other misc. SWCD paperwork.

- Affirmative: Bergeman, Durham, Enger, & Sodeman
- Opposed: None
- Motion carried

SWCD PROGRAM UPDATES & REPORTS

Staff Agency Reports:

- WCA LGU: No Report.
- Farm Bill Biologist: Vacant Position, No Report.
- NRCS District Conservationist: Written report
- SWCD Assistant Manager: Verbal Report
- District Technician: Verbal Report
- BWSR: No Report

UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS

8/18/2021	2021 MACATFO Drainage Conference	Carrie
9/20/2021	September Monthly SWCD Mtg	Staff, Supervisors
9/21/2021	Area VI MASWCD Mtg	2 staff, 2 supervisors

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

- Affirmative: Bergeman, Durham, Enger, and Sodeman
- Opposed: None
- Motion Carried

OTHER BUSINESS

None

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Sodeman, second by Bergeman to adjourn the meeting at 10:30am.

Affirmative: Bergeman, Durheim, Enger, & Sodeman

Opposed:

Motion carried

Next Regular SWCD Board Meeting will be on Monday, September 20, 2021 at 8:30 am at the District Office.

District Supervisor

District Administrator