

**WATONWAN SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MEETING MINUTES
MARCH 16, 2020**

The Watonwan Soil and Water Conservation District Board of Supervisors held their monthly meeting at the District Office, St. James, MN on March 16, 2020. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Rich Enger at 8:34 am.

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

Others Present: Land Management Director, Dave Haler
 Assistant Land Management Director, Heidi Salminen
 District Technician, Chad Hildebrand (called in)
 Land Management Sr. Technical Clerk, Kyla Schломann
 County Commissioner, Ray Gustafson
 Pheasants Forever Farm Bill Biologist, Carrie Schultz
 NRCS Conservationist, Karen Boysen

AGENDA

Motion by Durheim, second by Sodeman to approve the March 16, 2020 amended agenda as presented.

Affirmative: Durheim, Enger, and Sodeman.

Opposed: None. Motion carried.

MINUTES

Motion by Sodeman, second by Durheim to approve the February 24, 2020 amended meeting minutes.

Affirmative: Durheim, Enger, and Sodeman.

Opposed: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Sodeman, second by Durheim to approve the January 27, 2020 amended meeting minutes.

Affirmative: Durheim, Enger, and Sodeman.

Opposed: None. Motion carried.

ACCOUNTING

FINANCIAL – Haler

Treasurer’s Report - Haler discussed the expense report.

Bills to Pay

Motion by Braaten, second by Durheim to approve payment of bills in the amount of \$7,386.00.

Affirmative: Braaten, Durheim, Enger, and Sodeman.

Opposed: None. Motion carried.

Supervisor Per Diem

Monthly SWCD Board meeting, February 24, 2020 – Sodeman

1W1P Meeting with HEI, March 4, 2020 – Enger

GBERBA, March 13, 2020 – Enger, Sodeman

Monthly SWCD Board Meeting, March 16, 2020 – Enger, Sodeman

Motion by Durheim, second by Braaten to approve Supervisor Per Diems as presented and listed above.

Affirmative: Braaten, Durheim, Enger, and Sodeman.

Opposed: None. Motion carried.

BOARD REPORTS

GREATER BLUE EARTH RIVER BASIN ALLIANCE (GBERBA) – Rich Enger, alternate Steve Sodeman –
Discussion was had on the last meeting.

MASWCD Area VI – Rich Enger – Discussion on upcoming March 31, 2020 meeting.

CO. WATER PLAN –Rich Enger, 1st alternate Noren Durheim, 2nd alternate Steve Sodeman –
No Report

SOUTH CENTRAL TSA – Noren Durheim, alternative Bret Braaten – No Report

LIAISON COMMITTEE – Rich Enger, Jordan Bergeman, Ray Gustafson

Motion by Braaten, second by Durheim to approve Liaison Committee of Rich and Steve with Bret as an alternate, along with Commissioner Gustafson and Commissioner Rinne to meet to approve a plan for hiring new staff to replace Salminen.

Affirmative: Braaten, Durheim, Enger, and Sodeman.

Opposed: None.

Motion carried.

COMMISSIONER REPORT – Raymond Gustafson – No report

Motion by Braaten, second by Durheim to approve board reports.

Affirmative: Braaten, Durheim, Enger, and Sodeman.

Opposed: None.

Motion carried.

BUSINESS

ADMINISTRATIVE – Haler & Salminen

1W1P Update – Haler gave an update on One Watershed, One Plan. Discussion was had on how things are progressing. Discussion on operational agreements.

Trees – Salminen gave an update on tree sales. Has 42 orders.

Grant Update – Haler gave an update on where all the grants stand.

Exec board to approve bills –

Motion by Sodeman, second by Durheim to grant authority for Rich and Steve with Noren as an alternate to pay the bills without an official meeting only as long as COVID-19 problem exists.

Affirmative: Braaten, Durheim, Enger, and Sodeman.

Opposed: None.

Motion carried.

PROJECTS

Salminen gave an update on how things are progressing along for a few of the projects.

MEETINGS

March 18 1W1P-Steering Team- TBD

Dave, Heidi

March 18 1W1P- Policy Committee- TBD

Rich or Noren, Dave, Heidi

April 1 1W1P-Steering Team- TBD

Dave

April 15 1W1P-Steering Team- TBD

Dave

April 15 1W1P- Policy Committee- TBD

Rich or Noren, Dave

Motion by Sodeman, second by Braaten to approve the meetings as listed above.

Affirmative: Braaten, Durheim, Enger, and Sodeman.

Opposed: None.

Motion carried.

WCA LGU – Dave Bucklin – No Report

FARM BILL BIOLOGIST – Carrie Schultz – Verbal and Written Report

NRCS DISTRICT CONSERVATIONIST – Vacant – Karen Boysen – Verbal Report

DISTRICT TECHNICIAN – Chad Hildebrand – Verbal Report (called in)

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Braaten, second by Durheim to adjourn at 10:30 am.

Affirmative: Braaten, Durheim, Enger, and Sodeman.

Opposed: None.

Motion carried.

Next Regular Meeting will be on Monday, April 20, 2020 at 8:30am at the District Office.

District Supervisor

District Administer