



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

Monday, April 19, 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, April 19, 2021.

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman Rich Enger at 8:36 am.

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

Others Present: Land Management Director, Dave Haler
SWCD Assistant Manager / Co. Ditch Inspector, Chad Hildebrand
Solid Waste Administrator / Assistant Zoning Administrator, Kyla Schlomann
District Technician, Laura Quiring (via phone)
County Commissioner, Dillion Melheim
NRCS Soil Conservationist, Jacob Gross (via Zoom)

AGENDA

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

Affirmative: Braaten, Durheim, and Enger

Opposed: None

Motion carried

MEETING MINUTES

Motion by Braaten, second by Durheim to approve the March 15, 2021 meeting minutes as presented.

Affirmative: Braaten, Durheim, and Enger

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, and Enger

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 \$1,835.50.

Affirmative: Braaten, Durham, and Enger

Opposed: None

Motion carried

Supervisor Per Diem:

Date	Meeting Attended	Rich Enger	Noren Durham	Bret Braaten	Steve Sodeman	Jordan Bergeman
3/12/2021	GBERBA Policy	X				
3/15/2021	March Monthly SWCD Meeting	X	X			
3/16/2021	TSA Meeting		X			
3/25/2021	MASWCD Chairman's Meeting	X				
4/6/2021	Liaison Committee Meeting	X				
4/19/2021	April Monthly SWCD Meeting	X	X			

Motion by Durham, Second by Braaten to approve supervisor Per Diems.

Affirmative: Braaten, Durham, and Enger

Opposed: None

Motion carried

BOARD REPORTS

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

MASWCD: Enger gave an update. Area VI will have a meeting in September.

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

South Central TSA: Durham gave an update on the 3/26/2021 meeting.

Liaison Committee: Melheim gave an update on the meeting that was held.

Commissioner Report: Melheim gave an update.

SWCD ACTION ITEMS / BUSINESS ITEMS

MDA Noxious Weed Grant Funds Acceptance:

Motion by Braaten, second by Durham to accept the \$5,000.00 noxious weed grant from the MDA.

Affirmative: Braaten, Durham, and Enger

Opposed: None

Motion carried

Watowan Memorandum of Agreement:

Motion by Braaten, second by Durham to accept the Watowan County Memorandum of Agreement with NRCS.

Affirmative: Braaten, Durham, and Enger

Opposed: None

Motion carried

Approval for Staff Signatory:

Motion by Braaten, second by Durham to approve Kyla Schlomann as a signatory for Well Sealing Cost Share, Walk-in-Access, and Re-Invest in Minnesota (RIM).

Affirmative: Braaten, Durham, and Enger

Opposed: None

Motion carried

Watonwan County Fair Booth Rental:

Motion by Durham, second by Braaten to approve doing a fair booth for the 2021 Watonwan County fair if it is held.

Affirmative: Braaten, Durham, and Enger

Opposed: None

Motion carried

Trimble TSC7 and accessories:

Motion by Braaten, second by Durham to approve the purchase of the Trimble TSC7 and accessories in the amount of \$16,989.42.

Affirmative: Braaten, Durham, and Enger

Opposed: None

Motion carried

Cost Share Projects:

A. Jerry Noren: Contract 21-01

- Project: Grassed Waterway
- Total Estimated Cost: \$3,300.00
- 75% Cost-Share Encumbered: \$2,475.00 (FY21 State Cost-Share)

Motion by Braaten, second by Durham to approve the project for Jerry Noren in the amount of \$2,475.00.

Affirmative: Braaten, Durham, and Enger

Opposed: None

Motion carried

Noxious Weed Grant:

Motion by Durham, second by Braaten to approve \$1,000.00 each for Nelson Township and Odin Township.

Affirmative: Braaten, Durham, and Enger

Opposed: None

Motion carried

Tree Planter Agreement:

Motion by Durham, second by Braaten to approve the tree planter agreement as amended.

Affirmative: Braaten, Durham, and Enger

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: No Report

District Technician: Verbal Report

BWSR: No Report

UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS

May 14, 2021	GBERBA Policy Meeting	Staff, Rich & Steve
May 17, 2021	SWCD Monthly Meeting	Staff & Supervisors

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

Affirmative: Braaten, Durham, and Enger

Opposed: None

Motion Carried

OTHER BUSINESS

Discussion on Resignation of Chad Hildebrand

Supervisors in attendance were given their county issued iPads.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Enger adjourned the meeting at 9:40am

Next Regular SWCD Board Meeting will be on Monday, May 17, 2021 at 8:30 am at the District Office.

District Supervisor

District Administrator