

**WATONWAN SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
MEETING MINUTES  
APRIL 20, 2020**

The Watonwan Soil and Water Conservation District Board of Supervisors held their monthly meeting via teleconference on April 20, 2020. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Rich Enger at 8:30 am.

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

Others Present:                   Land Management Director, Dave Haler  
  District Technician, Chad Hildebrand  
  Land Management Sr. Technical Clerk, Kyla Schломann  
  County Commissioner, Ray Gustafson  
  Pheasants Forever Farm Bill Biologist, Carrie Schultz  
  NRCS Conservationist, Betsy Norland

**AGENDA**

Motion by Sodeman, second by Durheim to approve the April 20, 2020 amended agenda as presented.

Affirmative:     Braaten, Durheim, Enger, and Sodeman.

Opposed:        None.

Motion carried.

**MEETING MINUTES**

Motion by Sodeman, second by Braaten to approve the March 16, 2020 amended meeting minutes.

Affirmative:     Braaten, Durheim, Enger, and Sodeman.

Opposed:        None.

Motion carried.

**FINANCIAL & ACCOUNTING**

**Treasurer's Report** - Haler discussed the expense report.

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

Affirmative:     Braaten, Durheim, Enger, and Sodeman.

Opposed:        None.

Motion carried.

**Bills to Pay**

Motion by Braaten, second by Sodeman to approve payment of bills in the amount of \$856.78.

Affirmative:     Braaten, Durheim, Enger, and Sodeman.

Opposed:        None.

Motion carried.

**Supervisor Per Diem**

Due to meeting via teleconference because of COVID-19 supervisors opted to hold their per diems until next time we meet.

**BOARD REPORTS**

**GREATER BLUE EARTH RIVER BASIN ALLIANCE (GBERBA)** – Meeting is April 22 via teleconference.

**MASWCD Area VI** – no update

**CO. WATER PLAN** – no update

**SOUTH CENTRAL TSA** – no update

**LIAISON COMMITTEE** – no update

**COMMISSIONER REPORT** – no update

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

Affirmative:     Braaten, Durheim, Enger, and Sodeman.

Opposed:        None.

Motion carried.

**SWCD ACTION ITEMS / BUSINESS ITEMS**

**Well Sealing Cost-Share Contracts**

Motion by Durheim, second by Braaten to Delegate Authority to Chad Hildebrand to approve well sealing cost-share contracts.

Affirmative: Braaten, Durheim, Enger, and Sodeman.

Opposed: None.

Motion carried.

**Cost-Share Projects**

Motion by Braaten, second by Durheim to approve payment of contracts 319-TMDL-16-83-08 in the amount of \$2,625.00 for cover crop application and 319-TMDL-16-83-09 in the amount of \$2,625.00 for cover crop application

Affirmative: Braaten, Durheim, Enger, and Sodeman.

Opposed: None.

Motion carried.

Motion by Sodeman, second by Braaten to approve cancellation of cover crop contracts as listed: 319-TMDL-16-83-01, 319-TMDL-16-83-02, 319-TMDL-16-83-03, and 319-TMDL-83-05.

Affirmative: Braaten, Durheim, Enger, and Sodeman.

Opposed: None.

Motion carried.

**SWCD PROGRAM UPDATES & REPORTS**

**1W1P Update** – Haler gave an update on One Watershed, One Plan.

**Trees** – Hildebrand gave an update on trees. Pick up scheduled for May 7<sup>th</sup>, 2020.

**Intern**

Motion by Sodeman, second by Braaten to approve the hiring of a summer intern and extending the Pheasants Forever Farm Bill Biologist position.

Affirmative: Braaten, Durheim, Enger, and Sodeman.

Opposed: None.

Motion carried.

**Staff Reports**

WCA LGU – No Report

Farm Bill Biologist – Verbal Report

NRCS District Conservationist – Verbal Report

District Technician - Verbal Report

**MEETINGS**

April 22, 2020	GBERBA Technical Meeting (Teleconference)	Staff
April 22, 2020	1W1P – Steering Team (Teleconference)	Dave, Chad
May 18, 2020	SWCD Board Meeting (St. James, MN)	Staff, Supervisors
May 20, 2020	1W1P – Steering Team (TBD)	Dave, Chad
May 20, 2020	1W1P – Policy Committee (TBD)	Rich or Noren, Dave

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

Affirmative: Braaten, Durheim, Enger, and Sodeman.

Opposed: None.

Motion carried.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Braaten, second by Sodeman to adjourn at 9:10 am.

Affirmative: Braaten, Durheim, Enger, and Sodeman.

Opposed: None.

Motion carried.

**Next Regular Meeting will be on Monday, May 18, 2020 at 8:30am at the District Office.**

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**District Supervisor**

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**District Administer**