



# Watonwan Soil & Water Conservation District

## Board of Supervisors – Meeting Minutes

### Monday, May 17, 2021

108 8<sup>th</sup> 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  
Secretary, 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.**

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**District Supervisor**

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**District Administrator**