

**WATONWAN SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MEETING MINUTES
MAY 18, 2020**

The Watonwan Soil and Water Conservation District Board of Supervisors held their monthly meeting via teleconference on May 18, 2020. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Rich Enger at 8:31 am.

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

Others Present: Land Management Director, Dave Haler
 SWCD Assistant Manager & County Ditch Inspector, Chad Hildebrand
 Land Management Sr. Technical Clerk, Kyla Schломann
 County Commissioner, Ray Gustafson
 Pheasants Forever Farm Bill Biologist, Carrie Schultz
 NRCS Conservationist, Betsy Norland
 BWSR Board Conservationist, Jill Sackett-Eberhart

AGENDA

Motion by Braaten, second by Durheim to approve the May 18, 2020 amended agenda as presented.

Affirmative: Bergeman, Braaten, Durheim, Enger, and Sodeman.

Opposed: None.

Motion carried.

MEETING MINUTES

Motion by Braaten, second by Durheim to approve the April 20, 2020 meeting minutes as presented.

Affirmative: Bergeman, 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: Bergeman, Braaten, Durheim, Enger, and Sodeman.

Opposed: None.

Motion carried.

Bills to Pay

Motion by Braaten, second by Durheim to approve payment of bills in the amount of \$5,867.15.

Affirmative: Bergeman, 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 was held May 8 via teleconference.

MASWCD Area VI – no update

CO. WATER PLAN – approval by county board of GBERBA being fiscal and administrative for 1W1P.

SOUTH CENTRAL TSA – meeting should be in June

LIAISON COMMITTEE – no update

COMMISSIONER REPORT – no update

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

Affirmative: Bergeman, Braaten, Durheim, Enger, and Sodeman.

Opposed: None.

Motion carried.

SWCD ACTION ITEMS / BUSINESS ITEMS

Signatory Authority

Motion by Bergeman, second by Braaten to Delegate Signatory Authority to Chad Hildebrand and David Haler for DNR Walk in Access Program Joint Powers Agreement.

Affirmative: Bergeman, Braaten, Durham, Enger, and Sodeman.

Opposed: None.

Motion carried.

Watowan SWCD Board of Supervisors By-Laws and Guidelines discussion was tabled until we can meet in person.

National Association of Conservation District membership discussion was tabled until we can meet in person.

2020 MASWCD Call for Resolutions was briefly discussed. Supervisors will bring forward any resolutions they have to the next meeting.

1W1P Fiscal and administrative agent

Motion by Braaten, second by Durham to approve GBERBA as the fiscal and administrative agent for the 1W1P grants.

Affirmative: Bergeman, Braaten, Durham, Enger, and Sodeman.

Opposed: None.

Motion carried.

SWCD PROGRAM UPDATES & REPORTS

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

Local Work Group Meeting – Will be held on June 15, 2020 at the Fairgrounds to ensure that we can social distance properly.

Staff Reports

WCA LGU – No Report

Farm Bill Biologist – Verbal Report

NRCS District Conservationist – Verbal Report

District Technician - Verbal Report

Seasonal Intern – Chad gave an update on what Chase has been working on as he was in the field.

BWSR B.C. – Verbal Report

MEETINGS

May 27, 2020	GBERBA Technical Meeting (TBD)	Staff
June 15, 2020	SWCD Board Meeting (St. James, MN)	Staff, Supervisors
June 15, 2020	Local Work Group Meeting (St. James)	Staff, Supervisors
June 15, 2017	ISG – Drainage (Mankato)	Staff

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

Affirmative: Bergeman, Braaten, Durham, Enger, and Sodeman.

Opposed: None.

Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Durham, second by Braaten to adjourn at 9:20 am.

Affirmative: Braaten, Durham, Enger, and Sodeman.

Opposed: None.

Motion carried.

Next Regular Meeting will be on Monday, June 15, 2020 at 8:30am at the District Office.

District Supervisor

District Administer