

**WATONWAN SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MEETING MINUTES
JUNE 15, 2020**

The Watonwan Soil and Water Conservation District Board of Supervisors held their monthly meeting via teleconference on June 15, 2020. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Rich Enger at 8:32 am.

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

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
Vance Blomgren, St. James Twp. }
Larry Brummond Antrim Twp. } Attended Local Work Group
Wes Beck, Watonwan Co. Landowner } Portion Only
Ron Marks, Adrian Twp. }
Darwin Knaak, Antrim Twp. }
Jacob Gross, NRCS }

AGENDA

Motion by Sodeman, second by Braaten to approve the June 15, 2020 amended agenda as presented.
Affirmative: Braaten, Durheim, Enger, and Sodeman.
Opposed: None. Motion carried.

MEETING MINUTES

Motion by Braaten, second by Sodeman to approve the May 18, 2020 meeting minutes as amended.
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 \$50,050.45.
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) – Hildebrand gave update.

MASWCD Area VI – June cancelled, resolutions can be sent directly to MASWCD.

CO. WATER PLAN – 60-day comment period is open until July 20, 2020.

SOUTH CENTRAL TSA – meeting will be held June 16, 2020.

LIAISON COMMITTEE – waiting on Lisa for applications so we can review.

COMMISSIONER REPORT – no update. Ray mentioned there will be no County fair this year.

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

Affirmative: Braaten, Durham, Enger, and Sodeman.

Opposed: None.

Motion carried.

SWCD ACTION ITEMS / BUSINESS ITEMS

Living Snow Fence Easement Contracts – tabled until July in order to do more research.

Private Well Reading Contract -

Motion by Sodeman, second by Durham to approve the private well reading contract for Lance Mikkelson pending approval of County Attorney Stephen Lindee.

Affirmative: Braaten, Durham, Enger, and Sodeman.

Opposed: None.

Motion carried.

SWCD PROGRAM UPDATES & REPORTS

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

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. – No Report

MEETINGS

June 16, 2020	South Central TSA Meeting (Teleconference)	Staff, Noren
June 24, 2020	GBERBA Technical Meeting (Teleconference)	Staff
July 10, 2020	GBERBA Joint Technical / Policy Meeting (TBD)	Staff, Rich
July 20, 2020	Watonwan SWCD Board Meeting	Staff, Supervisors

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

Affirmative: Braaten, Durham, Enger, and Sodeman.

Opposed: None.

Motion carried.

LOCAL WORK GROUP

Chair Rich Enger recessed the SWCD Board mtg at 9:26am and will reconvene it at 1:30pm at the Watonwan County Fairground roller rink building.

Chair Rich Enger reconvened the Watonwan SWCD Board Meeting at 1:32pm.

Discussion about the Watonwan County Local Work Group was held with NRCS staff, local township officials, SWCD Supervisors, and local farmers. Development of the county resource priorities for cropland, pasture, farmstead, and forests.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Rich Enger adjourned the meeting at 2:40pm.

Next Regular Meeting will be on Monday, July 20, 2020 at 8:30am.

District Supervisor

District Administer