



Watonwan Soil & Water Conservation District

Board of Supervisors – Meeting Minutes

Monday, June 21, 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, June 21, 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
District Technician, Laura Quiring
Land Management/SWCD Technical Clerk, Jody M. Anderson
County Commissioner, Dillion Melheim
NRCS Soil Conservationist, Jacob Gross

AGENDA

Motion by Braaten, second by Durheim to approve the June 21, 2021 agenda as presented.

Affirmative: Braaten, Durheim, Enger, and Sodeman

Opposed: None

Motion carried

MEETING MINUTES

Motion by Braaten, second by Durheim to approve the May 17, 2021 meeting minutes as amended.

Affirmative: Braaten, Durheim, Enger, Sodeman

Opposed: None

Motion carried

FINANCIAL & ACCOUNTING

Treasurer’s Report: Haler discussed the expense report.

Motion by Braaten, second by Durham to approve the treasurer’s report.

Affirmative: Braaten, Durham, 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 monthly bills in the amount of \$165.00.

Affirmative: Braaten, Durham, Enger, and Sodeman

Opposed: None

Motion carried

Supervisor Per Diem:

Date	Meeting Attended	Rich Enger	Noren Durham	Bret Braaten	Steve Sodeman	Jordan Bergeman
1/21/2021	January SWCD Board Meeting					X
2/18/2021	February SWCD Board Meeting					X
3/15/2021	March SWCD Board Meeting				X	
3/24/2021	GBERBA Technical Mtg				X	
4/19/2021	April SWCD Board Meeting			X		
4/28/2021	GBERBA Technical Meeting	X			X	
5/14/2021	GBERBA Policy Meeting	X				
5/17/2021	May SWCD Board Meeting	X	X	X	X	
5/26/2021	GBERBA Technical Meeting				X	
6/8/2021	SWCD Asst. Manager Interviews	X				
6/9/2021	SWCD Asst. Manager Interviews	X				
6/11/2021	GBERBA Executive Meeting	X				
6/21/2021	June SWCD Board Meeting	X	X		X	

Motion by Braaten, Second by Durham, to pay Per Diems from March to June 2021 submitted by Supervisors: Enger, Braaten, Durham, Sodeman, Bergeman.

Affirmative: Braaten, Durham, Enger, and Sodeman

Opposed: None

Motion carried

BOARD REPORTS

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

MASWCD: Enger gave an update.

Watonwan River Comprehensive Watershed Management Plan: Haler gave and update.

South Central TSA: Durham gave an update.

Liaison Committee: Melheim gave an update.

Commissioner Report: Melheim gave an update.

SWCD ACTION ITEMS / BUSINESS ITEMS

Trimble:

Motion by Braaten, second by Durham to purchase the Trimble Survey GPS tool from original bid submitted previously.

Affirmative: Braaten, Durham, Enger and Sodeman

Opposed: None

Motion carried

Cost-Share Projects:

Motion by Braaten, second by Durham to pay and approve Kurt Blomgren project that prior approved, but now adjusted to fit BWSR requirements.

Affirmative: Braaten, Durham, Enger, and Sodeman

Opposed: None

Motion carried

SWCD PROGRAM UPDATES & REPORTS

1. SWCD Assistant Manager Hire – Carrie Schultz was hired and will start July 6, 2021.

2. 2021 RIM Site Inspection Update – Laura Quiring gave an update

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: Position has been filled – Carrie Schultz

District Technician: Laura Quiring gave an update

BWSR: No Report

UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS

6/23/2021	GBERBA Tech	Staff
6/24/2021	TSA Meeting	Staff, Noren
6/30/2021	NRCS Working Group Meeting – Human Services	Staff, Supervisors
7/16/2021	GBERBA Policy Meeting	Staff, Rich & Steve
7/19/2021	July Monthly SWCD Board Meeting	Staff, Supervisors
8/25/2021	GBERBA Executive	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 10:23am.

Next Regular SWCD Board Meeting will be on Monday, July 19, 2021 at 8:30 am at the District Office.

District Supervisor

District Administrator