



Watonwan Soil & Water Conservation District Board of Supervisors – Meeting Minutes

Monday, July 19, 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, July 19, 2021.

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman Rich Enger at 8:40 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
Asst. Zoning Administrator / Solid Waste Administrator, Kyla Schломann
SWCD Asst. Manager / Ditch Inspector, Carrie Schultz
District Technician, Laura Quiring
County Auditor, Kelly Pauling
County Commissioner, Dillon Melheim

AGENDA

Motion by Sodeman, second by Durheim to approve the July 19, 2021 agenda as presented.

Affirmative: Durheim, Enger, and Sodeman

Opposed: None

Motion carried

MEETING MINUTES

Motion by Durheim, second by Sodeman to approve the June 21, 2021 meeting minutes as amended.

Affirmative: Durheim, Enger, Sodeman

Opposed: None

Motion carried

FINANCIAL & ACCOUNTING

Treasurer's Report: Haler discussed the expense report.

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

Affirmative: Durham, Enger and Sodeman

Opposed: None

Motion carried

Bills to Pay: Haler discussed the monthly bills to pay.

Motion by Durham, Second by Sodeman to approve payment of monthly bills in the amount of \$64,595.64.

Affirmative: Braaten, Durham, Enger, and Sodeman

Opposed: None

Motion carried

Supervisor Per Diem:

Motion by Sodeman, second by Durham to create a policy to pay supervisors per diems as a team on ever other month on the even numbered months (Feb, April, June, Aug, Oct. Dec.)

Affirmative: Braaten, Durham, Enger, and Sodeman

Opposed: None

Motion carried

BOARD REPORTS

Greater Blue Earth River Basin Alliance (GBERBA): Discussion on last meeting.

MASWCD: No update.

Watonwan River Comprehensive Watershed Management Plan: No update.

South Central TSA: Durham gave an update.

Liaison Committee: No update.

Commissioner Report: No update.

SWCD ACTION ITEMS / BUSINESS ITEMS

MDA, NRCS, SWCD, & State MOA:

Motion by Durham, second by Sodeman to sign the MOA with MDA, NRCS, SWCD, & State of MN.

Affirmative: Braaten, Durham, Enger and Sodeman

Opposed: None

Motion carried

Supervisor Per Diems:

Motion by Sodeman, second by Braaten to set the Per Diem for SWCD Supervisors at \$70 for the day's first meeting and \$35 for a second, if it occurs, to be in line with the Watonwan County Commissioners.

After discussion, Sodeman withdrew his motion. No action taken.

Motion by Sodeman, second by Braaten to table the discussion on Per Diems until the August meeting so all supervisors can be present.

Affirmative: Braaten, Enger, & Sodeman

Opposed: Durham

Motion carried

Noxious Weed Grant Reimbursement Approval:

Motion by Durham, second by Sodeman to approve the payment of \$1,000.00 to Nelson Township and Riverdale Township as per their contracts for weed spraying reimbursement.

Affirmative: Braaten, Durham, Enger, & Sodeman

Opposed: None

Motion carried

Darwin Knaak: Discussion was had at length about the bill the SWCD received from Darwin regarding rent he feels he is owed to him due to having to put in a buffer. Haler & Schломann will talk with the county attorney on a response and Schломann will forward the information to Kevin Roth, who is the Buffer Enforcement person with BWSR, so he is aware of the situation.

SWCD PROGRAM UPDATES & REPORTS

- 1. 2021 RIM Site Inspection Update – Quiring stated they would be started sometime in August and we would be putting up signage at the same time. This will be a big project as none of the easement boundaries have ever been marked.

Staff Agency Reports:

WCA LGU: No Report.

Farm Bill Biologist: Vacant Position, No Report.

NRCS District Conservationist: Written report

SWCD Assistant Manager: Verbal Report

District Technician: Verbal Report

BWSR: No Report

UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS

8/16/2021	August Monthly SWCD Board Meeting	Staff, Supervisors
8/25/2021	GBERBA Executive	Staff, Supervisors

Motion by Durham, second by Braaten to approve listed upcoming meetings.

Affirmative: Braaten, Durham, Enger, and Sodeman

Opposed: None

Motion Carried

OTHER BUSINESS

It was noted for the board that Carrie would be sending out the future meeting emails, and it would be going to their county emails so that they can utilize the iPads that were purchased for their use.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Durham, second by Braaten to adjourn the meeting at 11:13am.

Affirmative: Braaten, Enger, & Sodeman

Opposed: Durham

Motion carried

Next Regular SWCD Board Meeting will be on Monday, August 16, 2021 at 8:30 am at the District Office.

District Supervisor

District Administrator