



# Watowwan Soil & Water Conservation District Board of Supervisors – Meeting Minutes

**Tuesday, August 9, 2022**

108 8<sup>th</sup> Street South, St. James, MN 56081

The Watowwan Soil & Water Conservation District Board of Supervisors held their monthly meeting at the District Office in St. James, Minnesota on Tuesday, August 9, 2022.

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman Rich Enger at 8:35 am.

**SWCD 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  
Solid Waste Administrator / Assistant Zoning Administrator, Kyla Schломann  
SWCD Assistant Manager / County Ditch Inspector, Carrie Schultz  
District Technician II, Jacob VanRyswyk  
County Commissioner, Dillon Melheim

## AGENDA

Motion by Braaten, second by Durheim to approve the August 9, 2022 amended agenda.

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

Opposed: None Motion carried

## MEETING MINUTES

Motion by Durheim, second by Braaten to approve the July 12, 2022 meeting minutes as presented.

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

Opposed: None Motion carried

## FINANCIAL & ACCOUNTING

### **Treasurer's Report:**

Motion by Braaten, second by Durheim to approve the Treasurer's report as presented by Haler.

Affirmative: Braaten, Durheim, Enger, and Sodeman

Opposed: None Motion carried

### **Bills to Pay:**

Motion by Braaten, second by Durheim to approve paying bills as presented in the amount of \$223.25.

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

Opposed: None Motion carried

**Supervisor Per Diem:**

Date	Meeting Attended	Rich Enger	Noren Durham	Bret Braaten	Steve Sodeman	Jordan Bergeman
6/17/2022	GBERBA Executive (WebEx)	X				
6/23/2022	TSA		X			
6/28/2022	Area VI		X		X	
7/12/2022	July Monthly SWCD Meeting	X	X	X	X	
7/15/2022	GBERBA Tech / Policy				X	
8/9/2022	August Monthly SWCD Meeting	X	X	X	X	X

Motion by Durham, second by Bergeman to approve supervisors per diem as presented.

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

Opposed: None Motion carried

**BOARD REPORTS**

**Greater Blue Earth River Basin Alliance (GBERBA):** Update from Schultz

**MASWCD Area VI:** Schultz gave brief update from the last meeting

**South Central TSA:** Durham gave an update from the last meeting.

**Commissioner Report:** Update on spraying of ditches was given

**SWCD ACTION ITEMS / BUSINESS ITEMS**

**2022 MASWCD Outstanding Conservationist Nomination:** Board agreed that the decision should be left to the staff to decide who to nominate as they are the ones that have worked with them and on the projects.

**Approval of GBERBA Well Decommissioning Contracts:**

- A. Contract: WBIF-WW-21-83-19  
Estimate cost: \$500.00  
50% up to \$1,000.00 cost share: \$250.00  
Funding: WWIMP Grant 41  
Practice: 351 Well Decommissioning
  
- B. Contract: WBIF-WW-21-83-20  
Estimate cost: \$3000.00  
50% up to \$1,000.00 cost share: \$1000.00  
Funding: WWIMP Grant 41  
Practice: 351 Well Decommissioning
  
- C. Contract: WBIF-WW-21-83-21  
Estimate cost: \$895.00  
50% up to \$1,000.00 cost share: \$447.50  
Funding: WWIMP Grant 41  
Practice: 351 Well Decommissioning

Motion by Braaten, second by Durham to approve the Well Decommissioning contracts as listed above.

Affirmative: Bergeman, Braaten, Durham, Enger and Sodeman

Opposed: None Motion carried

**Approval of GBERBA Project Contracts:**

- A. Contract: WBIF-WW-21-83-22  
 Estimate cost: \$64,672.00  
 95% up to \$50,000.00 cost share: \$35,940.40  
 NRCS: \$25,498.00  
 Funding: WWIMP Grant 41  
 Practice: 638 Water and Sediment Control Basin (4)
  
- B. Contract: WBIF-WW-21-83-23  
 Estimate cost: \$17,505.00  
 95% up to \$50,000.00 cost share: \$10,140.75  
 NRCS: \$6,489.00  
 Funding: WWIMP Grant 41  
 Practice: 412 Grassed Waterway
  
- C. Contract: WBIF-WW-21-83-24  
 Estimate cost: \$20,920.00  
 95% up to \$50,000.00 cost share: \$12,348.00  
 NRCS: \$7,526.00  
 Funding: WWIMP Grant 41  
 Practice: 638 Water and Sediment Control Basin

Motion by Sodeman, second by Bergeman to approve the project contracts as listed above.

Affirmative: Bergeman, Braaten, Durham, Enger and Sodeman

Opposed: None Motion carried

**SWCD PROGRAM UPDATES & REPORTS**

**Staff Agency Reports:**

- WCA LGU: No Report
- Farm Bill Biologist: Vacant Position – job has been posted
- NRCS District Conservationist: No Report
- SWCD Assistant Manager: Verbal Report
- District Technician I: Written Report.
- District Technician II: Verbal Report
- BWSR: No Report

**UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS**

8/19/2022	GBERBA Exec	Supervisors
8/24/2022	GBERBA Tech	Staff & Supervisors
9/13/2022	September SWCD Meeting	Staff & Supervisors

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

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

Opposed: None Motion carried

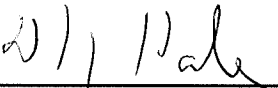
**OTHER BUSINESS:** None

**ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting was adjourned by Chairman Enger at 9:57am

**Next Regular SWCD Board Meeting will be on Tuesday, September 13, 2022 at 8:30 am at the District Office.**

  
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**District Supervisor**

  
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**District Administrator**