



Watowwan Soil & Water Conservation District

Board of Supervisors – Meeting Minutes

Monday, September 21, 2020

108 8th 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 Monday, September 21, 2020.

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

Others Present: Land Management Director, David Haler
SWCD Assistant Manager & County Ditch Inspector, Chad Hildebrand
Solid Waste Administrator / Assistant Zoning Administrator, Kyla Schломann

AGENDA

Motion by Sodeman, second by Durheim to approve the September 21, 2020 amended agenda as presented.

Affirmative: Durheim, Enger, and Sodeman

Opposed: None

Motion Carried

MEETING MINUTES

Motion by Durheim, second by Bergeman to approve the August 17, 2020 meeting minutes as presented.

Affirmative: Durheim, Enger, and Sodeman

Opposed: None

Motion Carried

FINANCIAL & ACCOUNTING

Treasurer's Report: Haler discussed the expense report.

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

Affirmative: Durheim, Enger, and Sodeman

Opposed: None

Motion Carried

Bills to Pay: Haler discussed the bills to pay.

Motion by Durham, Second by Sodeman to approve payment of bills in the amount of \$7,500.00.

Affirmative: Durham, Enger, and Sodeman
Opposed: None
Motion Carried

Supervisor Per Diem:

Date	Meeting Attended	Rich Enger	Noren Durham	Bret Braaten	Steve Sodeman	Jordan Bergeman
8/17/2020	SWCD Monthly Meeting	X	X		X	
8/19/2020	District Technician Interviews				X	
8/26/2020	1W1P Policy Mtg	X				
9/11/2020	GBERBA Policy	X				
9/15/2020	1W1P Public Hearing	X	X			
9/21/2020	SWCD Monthly Meeting	X	X		X	

Motion by Durham, second by Sodeman to approve supervisors per diems.

Affirmative: Durham, Enger, and Sodeman
Opposed: None
Motion Carried

BOARD REPORTS

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

MASWCD: No update.

County Water Plan: No update

South Central TSA: Next mtg is 9/22/2020.

Liaison Committee: New Technician started 9/21/2020.

Commissioner Report: No update.

SWCD ACTION ITEMS / BUSINESS ITEMS

Dew Drop Seed Drill Rental:

Motion by Durham, second by Sodeman to approve the Dew Drop rental rates be the same as the Great Plains Seed Drill at a rate of \$10 per acre after 7.5 acres with a minimum charge of \$75.

Affirmative: Durham, Enger, and Sodeman
Opposed: None
Motion Carried

Spatial Analyst License:

Motion by Sodeman, second by Durham to approve the purchase of a Spatial Analyst license for the new District Technician.

Affirmative: Durham, Enger, and Sodeman
Opposed: None
Motion Carried

Final Draft Watonwan River Comprehensive Watershed Management Plan:

Motion by Durham, second by Sodeman to approve submitting the final draft Watonwan River Comprehensive Watershed Management Plan and all comments received to plan review authorities for final review, pending approval to submit by the Watonwan Watershed Planning Partnership Policy Committee.

Affirmative: Durham, Enger, and Sodeman
Opposed: None
Motion Carried

Cost-Share Contract Cancellation:

Contract: 18-01 Bill Miller
Project: Grassed Waterway
Encumbered: \$2,353.50

Motion by Durham, second by Sodeman to approve cancellation of contract 18-01 for Bill Miller.

Affirmative: Durham, Enger, and Sodeman
Opposed: None
Motion Carried

Cost-Share Contract Amendment:

Contract: 18-03 Herman Anderson
Project: Water & Sediment Control Basin
Encumbered: \$9,990.00
Reduced Encumbered Funds: \$8,490.00

Motion by Sodeman, second by Durham to approve amendment of contract 18-03 for Herman Anderson.

Affirmative: Durham, Enger, and Sodeman
Opposed: None
Motion Carried

Cost-Share Contract Approval:

Contract: 19-01 George Sill

Project: Grade Stabilization Structure (410)
Funding: FY19 & FY20 Watonwan State Cost-Share
Estimated Project Cost: \$10,676.60
Amount Requested: \$8,007.45 (75%)

Motion by Sodeman, second by Durham to approve cost-share contract for George Sill.

Affirmative: Durham, Enger, and Sodeman
Opposed: None
Motion Carried

SWCD PROGRAM UPDATES & REPORTS

1W1P Update: Haler, Enger, & Hildebrand told the board the next steps in this process.

Annual Watonwan Land Management / SWCD Insert: This came out in the Shopper this week.

Staff Agency Reports:

WCA LGU: No report.

Farm Bill Biologist: No Report.

NRCS District Conservationist: No Report.

District Technician: Verbal report from Hildebrand. New Tech was hired and started Sept. 21.

BWSR: No report

UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS

September 22, 2020	South Central TSA Meeting (Virtual)	Chad, Noren
September 23, 2020	GBERBA Technical Meeting (Virtual)	Chad
October 19, 2020	SWCD Board Meeting (St. James, MN)	Staff, Supervisors
October 20 – 21, 2020	MN Water Resources Conference (Virtual)	Staff
October 27 – 29, 2020	BWSR Academy (Virtual)	Staff

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

Affirmative: Durham, Enger, and Sodeman
Opposed: None
Motion Carried

OTHER BUSINESS

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Sodeman, second by Durham to adjourn at 10:10 am

Affirmative: Durham, Enger, and Sodeman

Opposed: None

Motion Carried

**Next Regular SWCD Board Meeting will be on
Monday, October 19, 2020 at 8:30 am at the District Office.**

District Supervisor

District Administrator