



Watonwan Soil & Water Conservation District

Board of Supervisors – Meeting Minutes

Monday, October 18, 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, October 18, 2021.

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman Rich Enger at 8:37 am.

SWCD Members Present: Chairman, Rich Enger
Vice Chairman, Noren Durheim
Secretary, Steve Sodeman

Others Present: Land Management Director, Dave Haler
Asst. Zoning Administrator / Solid Waste Administrator, Kyla Schломann
SWCD Asst. Manager/County Ditch Inspector, Carrie Schultz
District Technician, Laura Quiring
County Commissioner, Dillon Melheim

AGENDA

Motion by Durheim, second by Sodeman to approve the October 18, 2021 agenda as presented.

Affirmative: Durheim, Enger, and Sodeman

Opposed: None

Motion carried

MEETING MINUTES

Motion by Durheim, second by Sodeman to approve the September 20, 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 Durham, second by Sodeman 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 \$19.49.

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
6/21/2021	June Monthly SWCD Meeting			X		
7/18/2021	July Monthly SWCD Meeting			X		
8/25/2021	GBERBA Exec. Meeting	X				
9/10/2021	GBERBA Policy Meeting	X				
9/14/2021	TSA Meeting (mileage only)		X			
9/20/2021	Sept. Monthly SWCD Meeting	X	X	X	X	
9/21/2021	MASWCD Area VI Meeting	X	X		X	
9/22/2021	GBERBA Technical Meeting				X	
9/28/2021	TSA Meeting		X			
10/15/2021	GBERBA Exec. Meeting	X				
10/18/2021	October SWCD Monthly Meeting	X	X		X	

Motion by Durham, Second by Sodeman to approve supervisor Per Diems.

Affirmative: Durham, Enger, and Sodeman

Opposed: None

Motion carried

BOARD REPORTS

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

MASWCD Area VI: Update from Sodeman

Watowan River Comprehensive Watershed Management Plan: No update.

South Central TSA: Update from Durham

Liaison Committee: Hoping to advertise new position by November 1, 2021

Commissioner Report: No Report

SWCD ACTION ITEMS / BUSINESS ITEMS

MASWCD Annual Convention:

Motion by Durham, second by Sodeman to register staff and supervisors for convention when the registration information arrives.

Affirmative: Durham, Enger and Sodeman

Opposed: None

Motion carried

Seed Drill and Dew Drop Drill Cost Agreement:

Motion by Sodeman, second by Durham to approve creating an agreement with a discounted drill rental rate for seeding of Easements in which the current owner did not receive any prior payment for easement management.

Affirmative: Durham, Enger and Sodeman

Opposed: None

Motion carried

SWCD Tablets for Staff:

Motion by Sodeman, second by Durham to approve purchase of 3 new tablets and accessories for SWCD staff.

Affirmative: Durham, Enger, & Sodeman

Opposed: None

Motion carried

Purchase of sign posts for CREP Sites:

Motion by Durham, second by Enger to approve purchase of sign posts for CREP sites.

Affirmative: Durham, and Enger

Opposed: Sodeman (due to requirement of having posts every 500')

Motion carried

2022 Nursery Stock Dealer Certificate renewal:

Motion by Sodeman, second by Durham to approve renewal of Nursery Stock Dealer License

Affirmative: Durham, Enger & Sodeman

Opposed: None

Motion carried

National Association of Conservation Districts:

Motion by Sodeman, second by Durham to disregard request for NACD dues.

Affirmative: Durham, Enger, and Sodeman

Opposed: None

Motion carried

Clean Water Fund SWCD Capacity Program & Buffer Law Implementation Program Grant Agreement:

Motion by Durham, second by Sodeman to approve Clean water fund SWCD Capacity program and Buffer Law Implementation Program Grant Agreement.

Affirmative: Durham, Enger, and Sodeman

Opposed: None

Motion carried

Audit Representation Letter:

Motion by Sodeman, second by Durham to approve signing the Audit Representation Letter

Affirmative: Durham, Enger, and Sodeman

Opposed: None

Motion carried

Cover Crops and GBERBA:

Discussion was had on cover crop and GBERBA policies. Board will further discuss and prepare a new Watonwan SWCD policy. No action was taken today.

Tree Program order form:

Motion by Sodeman, second by Durham to approve tree order form. Staff may make changes to adjust availability of product as needed.

Affirmative: Durham, Enger, and Sodeman

Opposed: None

Motion carried

SWCD PROGRAM UPDATES & REPORTS

Staff Agency Reports:

WCA LGU: No Report.

Farm Bill Biologist: Vacant Position, No Report.

NRCS District Conservationist: No Report

SWCD Assistant Manager: Verbal Report

District Technician: Verbal Report

BWSR: No Report

UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS

10/27/2021	GBERBA Technical Meeting	Staff, Supervisors
11/19/2021	GBERBA Policy/Exec/Tech Meeting	Rich, staff
12/12-14/2021	MASWCD Annual Convention	Staff, Supervisors
12/14-15/2021	Soil Management Summit	Staff

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

Affirmative: Durham, Enger, and Sodeman

Opposed: None

Motion Carried

OTHER BUSINESS

None

ADJOURNMENT

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

Affirmative: Durham, Enger, & Sodeman

Opposed:
Motion carried

Next Regular SWCD Board Meeting will be on Monday, November 15, 2021 at 8:30 am at the District Office.



District Supervisor



District Administrator