



**WATONWAN COUNTY SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT**  
**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING**  
**Tuesday, January 09, 2024 – 8:30 A.M.**  
**Location: Watonwan Resources Building**  
**108 8<sup>th</sup> Street South, Saint James, MN 56081**

**Call to Order and Attendance**

**Agenda** – (Additions, Corrections) Approval

**Minutes** – SWCD Board Meeting Date: December 12<sup>th</sup>, 2023

**Financial & Accounting**

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| 1. Treasurer’s Report                           | Discussion |
| 2. SWCD Bills to Pay                            | Action     |
| 3. Supervisor Per Diem (Last submitted December | Action     |

**SWCD Board Supervisor Reports**

1. Greater Blue Earth River Basin Alliance (GBERBA)
2. MASWCD Area VI
3. South Central Technical Service Area (TSA)
4. County Commissioner’s Report

**SWCD Action and Business Items**

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| 5. Soil Health Staffing Grant   | Discussion |
| 1. MN Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure (2 <sup>nd</sup> reminder) | Discussion |
| 2. Mileage Reimbursement Rate   | Action     |
| 3. Board appointments for 2024  | Action     |
| a. 2023 Board Seats   |            |
| i. Chairman – Rich  |            |
| ii. Vice Chair Noren  |            |
| iii. Secretary – Steve (who will be 2 <sup>nd</sup> when he is absent)  |            |
| iv. Treasurer – Jordan  |            |
| v. PR&I – Bret  |            |
| b. 2023 Committee elections   |            |
| i. Liaison Committee – Rich and Steve                                   |            |
| ii. Personnel – Bret and Jordan   |            |
| iii. Annual Planning – Rich and Steve                                   |            |
| iv. GBERBA Representative – Rich and Steve                              |            |
| v. South Central TSA Representative – Noren, Bret - alt                 |            |
| vi. Reinvest in Minnesota (RIM) – Full Board                            |            |
| vii. Cost Share – Full Board  |            |
| viii. Environmental Education - Steve                                   |            |
| ix. EQIP -Jordan & Steve  |            |
| x. Grants – Full Board  |            |
| xi. – PR&I and Legislation – Jordan and Bret                            |            |
| xii. Wetland Conservation Act – Full Board                              |            |
| 4. Official Authorization for 2024                                      | Action     |
| a. Financial  |            |

- b. Newspaper
- 5. Approval for staff signatory authority Action
  - a. BWSR Financial Reports, Grant Agreements and other related documents
  - b. Well Decommissioning Contracts
  - c. Walk-In-Access Program
  - d. Reinvest in Minnesota Program
- 6. State Cost Share Rates 2024 Action
  - a. Well Decommissioning (2023 50% up to \$550.00)
  - b. Alternative Tile Intakes
    - i. Rock intake (2023 = \$550.00)
    - ii. Hickenbottom (2023 = \$200.00)
- 7. Approve GBERBA Incentives Action
  - a. Contract: CWF-SH-22-81-05  
\$200/ac incentive payment with a maximum incentive of \$2,000.00 and 10 acres: \$148.00  
(0.74 acres located in Tier 2 enrolled into CRP)  
Funding: GBERBA Soil Health Implementation Grant 2022 – 2025  
Practice: CRP Incentive CP21 – Continuous
- 8. Approve GBERBA Payments Action
  - a. **Contract: WBIF-WW-21-83-33**  
**Estimate cost: \$22,606.00**  
**Actual cost: \$16,280.96**  
**85% up to \$50,000.00 cost share: \$13,838.82**  
**Slippage: \$5,376.28**  
**Funding: WWIMP Grant 41**  
**Practice: 410 Grade Stabilization structure**
- 9. Approve GBERBA Contracts
  - a. **Contract: WBIF-WW-24-83-01**  
**Estimated cost: \$1,420.00**  
**50% up to \$1,000.00 cost share: \$ 710.00**  
**Funding: WWIMP Grant 45**  
**Practice: 351 Well decommissioning**

**SWCD Program Updates and Reports**

- 1. Program Updates Discussion
- 2. Reports Discussion
  - a. BWSR, Board Conservationist – Jill Sacket – Eberhart
  - b. NRCS, District Conservationist – Karen Boysen
  - c. WAC Coordinator – Dave Bucklin
  - d. Pheasants Forever, Farm Bill Biologist – Jacob Dearborn
  - e. SWCD District Tech – Laura Quiring
  - f. SWCD District Tech – Jacob VanRyswyk
  - g. SWCD Assistant Manager- Carrie Schultz

**Meetings / Trainings / Workshops**

Action

2/13/2024	SWCD Board Meeting	Staff/Supervisors
2/16/2024	GBERBA Executive	Supervisors
2/28/2024	GBERBA Tech	Staff
3/15/2024	GBERBA Policy	Staff/Supervisors

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**Other Business**

**Adjourn**

**Next Monthly SWCD Board of Supervisors meeting**

**Tuesday, February 13<sup>th</sup>, 2024 at 8:30 A.M.**