



## Watonwan Soil & Water Conservation District

### Board of Supervisors – Meeting Minutes

**Monday, December 20, 2021**

108 8<sup>th</sup> 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, December 20, 2021.

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  
Treasurer, Jordan Bergeman  
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 Bergeman, second by Durheim to approve the December 20, 2021 amended agenda as presented.

Affirmative: Bergeman, Durheim, Enger, and Sodeman

Opposed: None

Motion carried

#### MEETING MINUTES

Motion by Durheim, second by Bergeman to approve the November 15, 2021 meeting minutes as amended.

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

Opposed: None

Motion carried

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

Motion by Bergeman, Second by Durham to approve payment of monthly bills in the amount of \$6,267.42.

Affirmative: Bergeman, Durham, Enger and Sodeman

Opposed: None

Motion carried

**Supervisor’s Per Diem:**

Date	Meeting Attended	Rich Enger	Noren Durham	Bret Braaten	Steve Sodeman	Jordan Bergeman
11/15/2021	November Monthly SWCD Mtg	X	X		X	X
11/19/2021	GBERBA Policy & Tech Mtg	X				
12/17/2021	GBERBA Executive Mtg	X				
12/20/2021	December Monthly SWCD Mtg	X	X		X	X

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

Affirmative: Bergeman, Durham, Enger, and Sodeman

Opposed: None

Motion carried

**BOARD REPORTS**

**Greater Blue Earth River Basin Alliance (GBERBA):** Update was given on the 12/17/2021 mtg.

**MASWCD Area V1:** No Update

**Watowan River Comprehensive Watershed Management Plan:** No update.

**South Central TSA:** No Update

**Liaison Committee:** Interviews will happen this week

**Commissioner Report:** Update on some where some ditch issues stand

**SWCD ACTION ITEMS / BUSINESS ITEMS**

**January & February 2022 Meeting Dates:**

Motion by Bergeman, second by Durham to approve moving of the regular monthly meeting date and times due to them falling on a holiday. January’s meeting will be held on Tuesday the 18<sup>th</sup> at 1:30pm and February’s meeting will be held on Tuesday the 22<sup>nd</sup> at 1:30pm.

Affirmative: Bergeman, Durham, Enger, and Sodeman

Opposed: None

Motion carried

**Buffer Grant Workplan:** Discussion was had on the buffer grant workplan

**Minnesota Campaign Finance Board:** The board was reminded that they need to go online and fill out the appropriate information as an elected official.

**County Water Plan Extension Approval:**

Motion by Sodeman, Second by Bergeman to approve the County Water Plan Extension.

Affirmative: Bergeman, Durham, Enger, and Sodeman

Opposed: None

Motion carried

**GBERBA Watonwan Watershed Implementation Grant 2021-2023:**

Motion by Sodeman, Second by Durham to approve the ratification of the GBERBA \$5,500 contract and add Jordan Bergeman's affirmative vote.

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

Opposed: None

Motion carried

**Well Sealing Cost-Share Payment Approval:**

Motion by Bergeman, second by Durham to approve payment of the following contracts as listed.

- A. Applicant: Beverly Welchlin  
Contract: 19-LCG-AW-06  
Estimate cost: \$875.00  
Actual cost: \$875.00  
50% or \$400.00 cost share: \$400.00  
Funding: Local Capacity Grant  
Practice: 351 Well Decommissioning
  
- B. Applicant: Sid Askeland  
Contract: 19-LCG-AW-12  
Estimate cost: \$775.00  
Actual cost: \$387.50  
50% or \$400.00 cost share: \$387.50  
Funding: Local Capacity Grant  
Practice: 351 Well Decommissioning
  
- C. Applicant: Kevin Lassas  
Contract: 19-LCG-AW-07  
Estimate cost: \$845.00  
Actual cost: \$845.00  
50% or \$400.00 cost share: \$400.00  
Funding: Local Capacity Grant  
Practice: 351 Well Decommissioning

Affirmative: Bergeman, Durheim, Enger and Sodeman  
Opposed: None  
Motion carried

**Well Sealing Contract update:** Carrie gave an update on where the rest of the current contracts we have stand.

**Waiting to be completed by sealing company**

- A. Applicant: Randy Romsdahl**  
Contract: 19-LCG-AW-05  
Estimate cost: \$1,125.00  
50% or \$400.00 cost share: \$400.00  
Funding : Local Capacity Grant  
Practice: 351 Well Decommissioning
- B. Applicant: Hayden Fast**  
Contract: 19-LCG-AW-13  
Estimate cost: \$850.00  
50% or \$400.00 cost share: \$400.00  
Funding : Local Capacity Grant  
Practice: 351 Well Decommissioning
- C. Applicant: Leota Hall Trust**  
Contract: 19-LCG-AW-11  
Estimate cost: \$1,050.00  
50% or \$400.00 cost share: \$400.00  
Funding : Local Capacity Grant  
Practice: 351 Well Decommissioning

**Well sealing completed, company waiting for payment from landowner**

- D. Applicant: Lonnie Meier**  
Contract: 19-LCG-AW-10  
Estimate cost: \$790.00  
50% or \$400.00 cost share: \$395.00  
Funding : Local Capacity Grant  
Practice: 351 Well Decommissioning

**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**

1/14/2022	GBERBA Policy Meeting	Rich, Supervisors
1/18/2022	GBERBA Technical Meeting	Staff
1/26/2022	January monthly SWCD Meeting	Staff, Supervisors

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

Affirmative: Bergeman, Braaten, Durheim, and Enger

Opposed: None

Motion Carried

**OTHER BUSINESS**

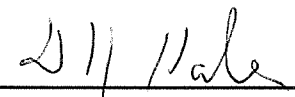
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**ADJOURNMENT**

Chairman Enger adjourned the meeting at 9:55am

**Next Regular SWCD Board Meeting will be on Tuesday, January 18, 2022 at 1:30 pm at the District Office.**

  
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District Supervisor

  
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District Administrator