



Watonwan Soil & Water Conservation District Board of Supervisors – Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, February 22, 2022

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 Tuesday, February 22, 2022.

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman Rich Enger at 1:33 pm.

SWCD Members Present: Chairman, Rich Enger
Vice Chairman, Noren Durheim
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, via phone
County Commissioner, Dillion Melheim

AGENDA

Motion by Durheim, second by Bergeman to approve the February 22, 2022 amended agenda.

Affirmative: Bergeman, Durheim, and Enger

Opposed: None

Motion carried

MEETING MINUTES

Motion by Bergeman, second by Durheim to approve the January 18, 2022 meeting minutes as presented.

Affirmative: Bergeman, Durheim, and Enger

Opposed: None

Motion carried

FINANCIAL & ACCOUNTING

Treasurer's Report: Haler discussed the treasurer's report.

Motion by Bergeman, Second by Durheim to approve the treasurer's report as presented.

Affirmative: Bergeman, Durheim, and Enger

Opposed: None

Motion carried

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

Motion by Bergeman, Second by Durheim to approve payment of bills in the amount of \$3,791.30 which includes the South-Central Technical Service Area bill in the amount of \$3,550.00.

Affirmative: Bergeman, Durham, and Enger
 Opposed: None
 Motion carried

Supervisor Per Diem:

Date	Meeting Attended	Rich Enger	Noren Durham	Bret Braaten	Steve Sodeman	Jordan Bergeman
1/18/2022	January Monthly SWCD Meeting	X	X			X
1/28/2022	GBERBA Policy Mtg	X				
2/2/2022	MASWCD Area VI Chairman's Mtg	X				
2/11/2022	GBERBA Executive Mtg	X				
2/22/2022	February Monthly SWCD Mtg	X	X			X

Motion by Durham, second by Bergeman to approve the Per Diems as presented.

Affirmative: Bergeman, Durham, and Enger
 Opposed: None
 Motion carried

BOARD REPORTS

Greater Blue Earth River Basin Alliance (GBERBA): Update from Enger on last Executive meeting

MASWCD: Update from Enger on Chairman's meeting. Next meeting will be for all staff & supervisors on April 6, 2022 in New Ulm.

South Central TSA: No Report

Liaison Committee: No Report

Commissioner Report: There will be a meeting regarding JD 9 on Thursday 2/24/2022 in Martin Co.

SWCD ACTION ITEMS / BUSINESS ITEMS

2022 Local Work Group Meeting: Will be held March 9, 2022 at 9am at the Eagles club.

Motion by Bergeman, second by Durham to approve holding the Local Work Group Meeting on March 9, 2022 at the Eagles club.

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

Handbook Finalization:

Motion by Bergeman, second by Durham to approve the final changes made to the handbook.

Affirmative: Bergeman, Durham, and Sodeman
 Opposed: None
 Motion carried

Drone Training:

Motion by Bergeman, second by Durham to approve to staff to attend drone training up to the amount of \$1,495.00 and for Dave to sign the contract with the Twin Cities Drone School.

Affirmative: Bergeman, Enger, and Durham
 Opposed: None
 Motion carried

Drone Testing:

Motion by Bergeman, second by Durham to approve staff to take the drone testing after training in the amount of \$875.00.

Affirmative: Bergeman, Durham, and Enger

Opposed: None

Motion carried

Drone Hotel for Instructor:

Motion by Durham, second by Bergeman to approve paying for a hotel room at the Super 8 hotel here in St. James for 2 nights.

Affirmative: Bergeman, Durham, and Enger

Opposed: None

Motion carried

SWCD Audit Letter:

Motion by Durham, second by Bergeman to approve Dave to sign the Audit Engagement letter we received regarding our 2021 audit.

Affirmative: Bergeman, Braaten, and Enger

Opposed: Durham

Motion carried

Approval of upcoming GBERBA Contract:

A. Applicant: Wesley Beck

Contract: WBIF-WW-21-83-004

Estimate cost: \$9,520.00

\$35 flat rate cost share for year 2023: \$2,800.00

\$42.00 flat rate cost share for years 2022 & 2024: \$6,720.00

Funding : WWIMP Grant 41

Practice: 340 Cover Crops

B. Applicant: David Beck

Contract: WBIF-WW-21-83-05

Estimate cost: \$8,182.44

\$35.00 flat rate cost share for year 2023: \$2,406.60

\$42.00 flat rare cost share for years 2022 & 2024: \$5,775.84

Funding : WWIMP Grant 41

Practice: 340 Cover Crops

Motion by Durham, second by Bergeman to approve the above GBERBA contracts for Wesley Beck & David Beck.

Affirmative: Bergeman, Durham, and Enger

Opposed: None

Motion carried

C. Applicant: Bryon Christenson

Contract: WBIF-WW-21-83-06

Estimate cost: \$900.00

50% up to \$1000.00 cost share amount: \$450.00

Funding : WWIMP Grant 41
 Practice: 351 Well Decommissioning
 Motion by Bergeman, second by Durham to approve the above GBERBA contract for Bryon Christenson.
 Affirmative: Bergeman, Durham, and Enger
 Opposed: None
 Motion carried

SWCD PROGRAM UPDATES & REPORTS

Staff Agency Reports:

WCA LGU: No Report
 Farm Bill Biologist: Vacant Position
 NRCS District Conservationist: Written report from January that was received after our last mtg.
 SWCD Assistant Manager: Written & Verbal Report
 District Technician I: No Report Schultz gave and update on trees.
 District Technician II: No Report
 BWSR: No Report

UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS

2/22/2022	February SWCD Meeting	Staff & Supervisors
2/23/2022	GBERBA Tech	Staff
3/8/2022	March Monthly SWCD Meeting	Staff & Supervisors
3/9/2022	Local Working Group @ the Eagles Club	Staff & Supervisors

Motion by Bergeman, second by Durham to approve the above upcoming meetings.
 Affirmative: Bergeman, Durham, and Enger
 Opposed: None
 Motion Carried

OTHER BUSINESS

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Enger adjourned the meeting at 2:30 pm.

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

District Supervisor

District Administrator