

The Watonwan Soil & Water Conservation District Board of Supervisors held their monthly meeting at the District Office in St. James, Minnesota on Tuesday, April 12, 2022.

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
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
District Technician, Jacob VanRyswyk
County Commissioner, Dillion Melheim
District Conservationist, Karen Boysen

AGENDA

Motion by Durheim, second by Bergeman to approve the April 12, 2022 amended agenda.

Affirmative: Bergeman, Durheim, Enger, and Sodeman

Opposed: None Motion carried

MEETING MINUTES

Motion by Bergeman, second by Durheim to approve the March 8, 2022 meeting minutes as presented.

Affirmative: Bergeman, Durheim, Enger, and Sodeman

Opposed: None Motion carried

FINANCIAL & ACCOUNTING

Treasurer's Report: Haler went through any questions the board had on the treasurer's report.

Bills to Pay: No bills to pay this month.

Supervisor Per Diem: None

Date	Meeting Attended	Rich Enger	Noren Durham	Bret Braaten	Steve Sodeman	Jordan Bergeman
3/8/2022	March Monthly Board Meeting	X	X		X	
3/9/2022	Local Working Group Meeting	X	X			
3/11/2022	GBERBA Policy	X				
3/22/2022	TSA		X			
4/6/2022	MASWCD Area VI	X				
4/12/2022	Monthly SWCD Board Meeting	X	X		X	X

Motion by Bergeman, second by Durham to approve supervisors per diem as presented.

Affirmative: Bergeman, Durham, Enger, and Sodeman

Opposed: None Motion carried

BOARD REPORTS

Greater Blue Earth River Basin Alliance (GBERBA): Next meeting is April 27, 2022.

MASWCD Area VI: Enger/Staff recapped the April 6, 2022 meeting in New Ulm

South Central TSA: Durham gave an update on the last meeting.

Commissioner Report: Update on JD 9, update on redistricting.

SWCD ACTION ITEMS / BUSINESS ITEMS

Elections: Discussion was held on upcoming SWCD Board elections. Steve will talk to Bret to see if he wants to run.

Board meeting time: Discussion on board meeting start time.

Motion by Durham to set SWCD meeting start time to 9:00am. Motion died for lack of a second.

Raptor Center Payment Approval:

Motion by Bergeman, second by Durham to approve payment of up to 75% of the cost of the Raptor Center for the 4-H/SWCD Environmental Day Event in July.

Affirmative: Bergeman, Durham, Enger, and Sodeman

Opposed: None Motion carried

Approval of Cost-Share Contracts:

Applicant: **Bob Cunningham**

Contract: 21-03

Estimate cost: \$3,410.00

75% cost share: \$ 2,557.50

Funding: FY21 state cost share (\$2,210.07) & FY21 Local Capacity Grant (\$347.43)

Practice: 412 Grassed Waterway

Motion by Bergeman, second by Durham to approve contract for Bob Cunningham grassed waterway.

Affirmative: Bergeman, Durham, Enger, and Sodeman

Opposed: None Motion carried

Approval of Payment for Cost-Share Contracts:

Applicant: **Jerry Noren**

Contract: 21-01

Estimate cost: \$3,300.00

Actual cost: \$3,740.00

75% cost share: \$2,475.00
Funding: FY21 state cost share
Practice: 412 Grassed Waterway

Motion by Bergeman, second by Durham to approve of \$2,475.00 for Jerry Noren's grassed waterway.
Affirmative: Bergeman, Durham, Enger, and Sodeman
Opposed: None Motion carried

Approval of GBERBA Contracts:

Applicant: **Gary Dannhoff**
Contract: WBIF-WW-21-83-07
Estimate cost: \$13,760.00
85% cost share: \$11,696.00
Funding: WWIMP Grant 41
Practice: 638 Water and Sediment Control Basin (1)

Applicant: **Gary Dannhoff**
Contract: WBIF-WW-21-83-08
Estimate cost: \$19,985.00
85% cost share: \$16,987.25
Funding: WWIMP Grant 41
Practice: 638 Water and Sediment Control Basin (2)

Applicant: **Gary Dannhoff**
Contract: WBIF-WW-21-83-09
Estimate cost: \$36,364.00
85% cost share: \$30,909.40
Funding: WWIMP Grant 41
Practice: 638 Water and Sediment Control Basin (4)

Applicant: **Gary Dannhoff**
Contract: WBIF-WW-21-83-10
Estimate cost: \$36,785.00
85% cost share: \$31,267.25
Funding: WWIMP Grant 41
Practice: 638 Water and Sediment Control Basin (2)

Applicant: **Gary Dannhoff**
Contract: WBIF-WW-21-83-11
Estimate cost: \$27,284.00
85% cost share: \$23,191.40
Funding: WWIMP Grant 41
Practice: 638 Water and Sediment Control Basin (2)

Applicant: **Gary Dannhoff**
Contract: WBIF-WW-21-83-12
Estimate cost: \$31,380.00
85% cost share: \$26,673.00

Funding: WWIMP Grant 41

Practice: 638 Water and Sediment Control Basin (2)

Motion by Sodeman, second by Durham to approve contracts for Gary Dannhoff.

Affirmative: Bergeman, Durham, Enger, and Sodeman

Opposed: None Motion carried

Approval of GBERBA Contracts:

Applicant: **Ronald Thiessen**

Contract: WBIF-WW-21-83-13

Estimate cost: \$16,740.00

85% cost share: \$14,229.00

Funding: WWIMP Grant 41

Practice: 412 Grassed Waterway

Motion by Sodeman, second by Durham to approve contract for Ronald Thiessen.

Affirmative: Bergeman, Durham, Enger, and Sodeman

Opposed: None Motion carried

Applicant: **Kermit Carlson**

Contract: WBIF-WW-21-83-14

Estimate cost: \$19,740.00 (188 ac. \$35 per ac. = \$6,580.00 per year for 3 years)

Flat rate \$35.00 per ac cost share: \$19,740.00

Funding: WWIMP Grant 41

Practice: 340 cover crops

Motion by Durham, second by Bergeman to approve contract for Kermit Carlson.

Affirmative: Bergeman, Durham, Enger, and Sodeman

Opposed: None Motion carried

Applicant: **Mark Sill**

Contract: WBIF-WW-21-83-15

Estimate cost: \$800.00

50% up to \$1,000.00 cost share: \$400.00

Funding: WWIMP Grant 41

Practice: 351 Well decommissioning

Motion by Bergeman, second by Durham to approve contract for Mark Sill.

Affirmative: Bergeman, Durham, Enger, and Sodeman

Opposed: None Motion carried

SWCD PROGRAM UPDATES & REPORTS

Staff Agency Reports:

WCA LGU: No Report

Farm Bill Biologist: Vacant Position

NRCS District Conservationist: Verbal Report

SWCD Assistant Manager: Verbal Report

District Technician I: No Report.

District Technician II: Verbal Report

BWSR: No Report

UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS

4/27/2022	GBERBA Tech	Staff & Supervisors
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Motion by Durham, second by Bergeman to approve the above upcoming meetings.

Affirmative: Bergeman, Durham, Enger, and Sodeman

Opposed: None Motion carried

OTHER BUSINESS

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Sodeman, second by Bergeman to adjourn at 9:55 am.

Affirmative: Bergeman, Durham, Enger, and Sodeman

Opposed: None Motion carried

Next Regular SWCD Board Meeting will be on Tuesday, May 10, 2022 at 8:30 am at the District Office.

District Supervisor

District Administrator