



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

Tuesday, February 14, 2023

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 14, 2023.

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman Rich Enger at 8:34 am.

SWCD Members Present: Chairman, Rich Enger
Vice Chairman, Noren Durham
Treasurer, Jordan Bergeman

Others Present: Land Management Director, Dave Haler
Solid Waste Administrator / Assistant Zoning Administrator, Kyla Schломann
SWCD Assistant Manager, Carrie Schultz
District Technician I, Laura Quiring
PF Farm Bill Biologist, Jake Dearborn
NRCS District Conservationist, Karen Boysen
County Commissioner, Jim Pettersen

AGENDA

Motion by Durham, second by Bergeman to approve the February 14, 2023 amended agenda.

Affirmative: Bergeman, Durham, and Enger

Opposed: None Motion carried

MEETING MINUTES

Motion by Durham, second by Bergeman to approve the January 10, 2023 meeting minutes as presented.

Affirmative: Bergeman, Durham, and Enger

Opposed: None Motion carried

FINANCIAL & ACCOUNTING

Treasurer's Report: discussion on treasurer's report.

Bills to Pay:

Motion by Bergeman, second by Durham to approve payment of the bills in the amount of \$51,322.10.

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
1/10/2023	January SWCD Meeting	X	X			X
1/13/2023	GBERBA Policy Mtg	X				
2/1/2023	MASWCD Area VI Mtg	X				
2/14/2023	February SWCD Mtg	X	X			X

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

Affirmative: Bergeman, Durham, and Enger

Opposed: None Motion carried

BOARD REPORTS

Greater Blue Earth River Basin Alliance (GBERBA): Exec & Policy mtgs on 2/17/2023

MASWCD Area VI: Update from Enger

South Central TSA: No update, next mtg is 3/21/2023

Commissioner Report: No update

SWCD ACTION ITEMS / BUSINESS ITEMS

Watonwan County Fair Booth:

Motion by Durham, second by Bergeman to approve paying for a 2023 fair booth.

Affirmative: Bergeman, Durham, and Enger

Opposed: None Motion carried

Signatory Authority on Audit Engagement:

Motion by Bergeman, second by Durham to approve Dave Haler to sign the audit engagement letter from Peterson Company.

Affirmative: Bergeman, Durham, and Enger

Opposed: None Motion carried

FY23 Soil Health Cost-Share Agreement:

Motion by Bergeman, second by Durham to approve signing of the Soil Health Cost-Share agreement

Affirmative: Bergeman, Durham, and Enger

Opposed: None Motion carried

Broadcast Seeder Options:

Motion by Bergeman, second by Durham to approve up to \$21,000 for additional accessories on broadcast seeder.

Affirmative: Bergeman, Durham, and Enger

Opposed: None Motion carried

Tree Planter Purchase Agreement:

Motion by Bergeman, second by Durham to approve Dave Haler to sign the Tree Planter purchase agreement.

Affirmative: Bergeman, Durham, and Enger

Opposed: None Motion carried

Rental Rates:

Motion by Bergeman, second by Durham to approve to keep rental rates the same for the seed drill and broadcast seeder.

Affirmative: Bergeman, Durham, and Enger

Opposed: None Motion carried

SWCD PROGRAM UPDATES & REPORTS

Staff Agency Reports:

WCA LGU: No Report- update from Haler on some WCA happenings

Farm Bill Biologist: Verbal Report

NRCS District Conservationist: Verbal Report

SWCD Assistant Manager: Verbal Report

District Technician I: Verbal Report.

District Technician II: Verbal Report from Carrie

BWSR: No Report

UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS

2/17/2023	GBERBA Executive Meeting	Rich
2/17/2023	GBERBA Technical Meeting	Staff
2/22/2023	I-90 & Hwy 14 Tour	Staff/Supervisors
3/14/2023	March SWCD Meeting	Staff/Supervisors
3/14-15/2023	MN Shade Tree Short Course	Laura
3/21/2023	SCTSA	Noren

Motion by Bergeman, second by Durham to approve the upcoming meetings as listed above.

Affirmative: Bergeman, Durham, and Enger

Opposed: None Motion carried

OTHER BUSINESS: None

ADJOURNMENT

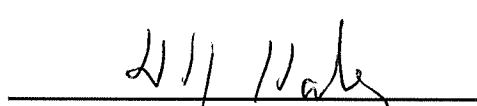
Motion by Bergeman, second by Durham to at 9:52am

Affirmative: Bergeman, Durham, and Enger

Opposed: None Motion carried

Next Regular SWCD Board Meeting will be on Tuesday, March 14, 2023 at 8:30 am at the District Office.


District Supervisor


District Administrator