



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

Tuesday, March 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, March 14, 2023.

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman Rich Enger at 8:38 am.

SWCD Members Present: Chairman, Rich Enger
Vice Chairman, Noren Durheim
Treasurer, Jordan Bergeman
Secretary, Steve Sodeman

Others Present: Land Management Director, Dave Haler
Solid Waste Administrator / Assistant Zoning Administrator, Kyla Schломann
SWCD Assistant Manager, Carrie Schultz
County Commissioner, Dillon Melheim

AGENDA

Motion by Bergeman, second by Durheim to approve the March 14, 2023 amended agenda.

Affirmative: Bergeman, Durheim, Enger, and Sodeman

Opposed: None Motion carried

MEETING MINUTES

Motion by Durheim, second by Bergeman to approve the February 14, 2023 meeting minutes as presented.

Affirmative: Bergeman, Durheim, Enger, and Sodeman

Opposed: None Motion carried

FINANCIAL & ACCOUNTING

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

Bills to Pay:

Motion by Durheim, second by Bergeman to approve payment of the bills in the amount of \$12,452.00.

Affirmative: Bergeman, Durheim, Enger, and Sodeman

Opposed: None Motion carried

BOARD REPORTS

Greater Blue Earth River Basin Alliance (GBERBA): update from Enger

MASWCD Area VI: Sibley County will host the next meeting

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

Commissioner Report: part time Engineer hired, Big Bend Energy project on hold

SWCD ACTION ITEMS / BUSINESS ITEMS

FY23 Capacity Grant Agreement:

Motion by Durham, second by Bergeman to approve signing the capacity grant agreement.

Affirmative: Bergeman, Durham, Enger, and Sodeman

Opposed: None Motion carried

FY23 Buffer Law Grant Agreement:

Motion by Bergeman, second by Durham to approve signing the buffer grant agreement.

Affirmative: Bergeman, Durham, Enger, and Sodeman

Opposed: None Motion carried

Rental Rates:

Motion by Sodeman, second by Durham to approve rental rates as presented by Carrie Schultz.

Affirmative: Bergeman, Durham, Enger, and Sodeman

Opposed: None Motion carried

Local Cost Share policy:

Motion by Sodeman, second by Durham to approve the recommendation by Carrie Schultz of the cost share policy.

Affirmative: Bergeman, Durham, Enger, and Sodeman

Opposed: None Motion carried

GBERBA Cost Share Payment:

Motion by Durham, second by Bergeman to approve payment for the following contract.

Contract: WBIF-WW-21-83-01

Estimate Cost: \$850.00

Actual Cost: \$850.00

50% up to \$1000.00 cost share: \$425.00

Funding: WWIMP Grant 41

Practice: 351 Well Decommissioning

Affirmative: Bergeman, Durham, Enger, Sodeman

Opposed: None Motion carried

GBERBA Cost Share Contract:

Motion by Bergeman, second by Durham to approve sending the following contract to GBERBA for approval.

Contract: WBIF-WW-21-83-31

Estimate Cost: \$975.00

50% up to \$1000.00 cost share: \$487.50

Funding: WWIMP Grant 41

Practice: 351 Well Decommissioning

Affirmative: Bergeman, Durham, Enger, and Sodeman

Opposed: None Motion carried

SWCD PROGRAM UPDATES & REPORTS

Staff Agency Reports:

- WCA LGU: No Report
- Farm Bill Biologist: No Report
- NRCS District Conservationist: No Report
- SWCD Assistant Manager: Verbal Report
- District Technician I: No Report.
- District Technician II: Schultz read his written report
- BWSR: No Report – Schultz noted that eLink changes are coming

UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS

3/17/2023	GBERBA Policy	Rich
3/22/2023	GBERBA Tech	Staff
4/11/2023	SWCD Board	Staff/Supervisors

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

Affirmative: Bergeman, Durham, Enger, and Sodeman

Opposed: None Motion carried

OTHER BUSINESS: None

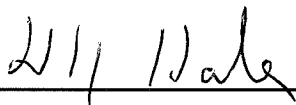
ADJOURNMENT

Adjourned by Chairman Enger at 10:23am.

Next Regular SWCD Board Meeting will be on Tuesday, April 11, 2023 at 8:30 am at the District Office.



District Supervisor



District Administrator