



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

Tuesday, May 10, 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, May 10, 2022.

The meeting was called to order by the Vice Chairman Noren Durheim at 8:35 am.

SWCD Members Present: Vice Chairman, Noren Durheim
Secretary, Steve Sodeman
PR&I, Bret Braaten

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

AGENDA

Motion by Braaten, second by Sodeman to approve the May 10, 2022 amended agenda.

Affirmative: Braaten, Durheim, and Sodeman
Opposed: None Motion carried

MEETING MINUTES

Motion by Braaten, second by Sodeman to approve the April 12, 2022 meeting minutes as presented.

Affirmative: Braaten, Durheim, and Sodeman
Opposed: None Motion carried

FINANCIAL & ACCOUNTING

Treasurer's Report:

Motion by Braaten, second by Sodeman to approve the Treasurer's report as presented by Haler.

Affirmative: Braaten, Durheim, and Sodeman
Opposed: None Motion carried

Bills to Pay:

Motion by Braaten, second by Sodeman to approve paying bills as presented in the amount of \$6,983.14.

Affirmative: Braaten, Durheim, and Sodeman
Opposed: None Motion carried

Supervisor Per Diem: None

Motion by Sodeman, second by Braaten to approve supervisors per diem as presented.

Affirmative: Braaten, Durham, and Sodeman

Opposed: None Motion carried

Date	Meeting Attended	Rich Enger	Noren Durham	Bret Braaten	Steve Sodeman	Jordan Bergeman
1/18/2022	January Monthly SWCD Meeting			X		
5/10/2022	May Monthly SWCD Meeting			X		

BOARD REPORTS

Greater Blue Earth River Basin Alliance (GBERBA): No update

MASWCD Area VI: No update

South Central TSA: No update

Commissioner Report: No update

SWCD ACTION ITEMS / BUSINESS ITEMS

Elections: Discussion was held on upcoming SWCD Board elections.

Cover Crop Policy: Discussion was had on the cover crop policy, Carrie will make the changes discussed and bring a final copy to the June meeting.

Motion by Braaten, second by Sodeman to approve the amended cover crop policy.

Affirmative: Braaten, Durham, and Sodeman

Opposed: None Motion carried

2022 Resolutions: Discussion on resolutions for MASWCD. We have decided that we will not bring forth any resolutions.

Approval of GBERBA Contracts:

Applicant: **Brad Asendorf**

Contract: WBIF-WW-21-83-16

Estimate cost: \$49,902.90

95% up to \$50,000 cost share: \$26,849.76

NRCS funding: \$20,558.00

Landowner: \$2,495.14

\$49,902.90 = Total Cost Estimate (From NRCS)

\$47,407.75 = 95% Cost-share (Ceiling)

\$20,558 = NRCS Funding (~ 41%, From NRCS 1202)

\$26,849.75 = Remaining cost to reach 95% Cost-share (i.e. contract amount) (~ 53%)

NRCS Funding + Contract Amount = \$47,407.75 (95% CS)

Funding : WWIMP Grant 41

Practice: 410 Grade stabilization & 638 WASCOB

Motion by Braaten, second by Sodeman to approve the Grade Stabilization contract for Brad Asendorf.

Affirmative: Braaten, Durham, and Sodeman

Opposed: None Motion carried

Applicant: Bernetta Hesse
Contract: WBIF-WW-21-83-17
Estimate cost: \$900.00
50% up to \$1,000.00 cost share: \$450.00
Funding: WWIMP Grant 41
Practice: 351 Well decommissioning

Motion by Braaten, second by Sodeman to approve the well sealing contract for Bernetta Hesse.

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

Fair Booth Rental:

Motion by Braaten, second by Durham to approve payment of \$100 for fair booth rental for 2022.

Affirmative: Braaten, Durham, 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: No Report
SWCD Assistant Manager: Verbal Report
District Technician I: No Report.
District Technician II: Verbal Report
BWSR: No Report

UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS

5/13/2022	GBERBA Policy	Staff & Supervisors
5/25/2022	GBERBA Tech	Staff & Supervisors

Motion by Braaten, second by Sodeman to approve the upcoming meetings as listed above.

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

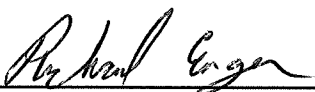
OTHER BUSINESS

ADJOURNMENT

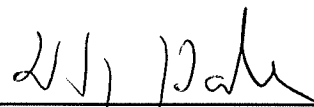
Motion by Braaten, second by Sodeman to approve adjourning the meeting at 9:55am.

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

Next Regular SWCD Board Meeting will be on Tuesday, June 14, 2022 at 8:30 am at the District Office.



District Supervisor



District Administrator