



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

Tuesday, June 14, 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, June 14, 2022.

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman Rich Enger at 8:37 am.

SWCD Members Present: Chairman, Rich Enger
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 I, Laura Quiring
District Technician II, Jacob VanRyswyk

AGENDA

Motion by Braaten, second by Durheim to approve the June 14, 2022 amended agenda.

Affirmative: Braaten, Durheim, Enger, and Sodeman

Opposed: None Motion carried

MEETING MINUTES

Motion by Braaten, second by Durheim to approve the May 10, 2022 meeting minutes as presented.

Affirmative: Braaten, Durheim, Enger, and Sodeman

Opposed: None Motion carried

FINANCIAL & ACCOUNTING

Treasurer's Report:

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

Affirmative: Braaten, Durheim, Enger, and Sodeman

Opposed: None Motion carried

Bills to Pay:

Motion by Durheim, second by Braaten to approve paying bills as presented in the amount of \$1,174.00.

Affirmative: Braaten, Durheim, Enger, and Sodeman

Opposed: None Motion carried

Supervisor Per Diem:

Date	Meeting Attended	Rich Enger	Noren Durham	Bret Braaten	Steve Sodeman	Jordan Bergeman
4/27/2022	GBERBA Executive (WebEx)	X				
5/10/2022	May Monthly SWCD Meeting		X		X	
5/13/2022	GBERBA Policy (WebEx)	X				
6/14/2022	June Monthly SWCD Meeting	X	X	X	X	

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

Affirmative: Braaten, Durham, Enger, and Sodeman

Opposed: None Motion carried

BOARD REPORTS

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

MASWCD Area VI: Meeting at the end of June in Mankato

South Central TSA: Hoping to go back to in person meetings

Commissioner Report: No update related to SWCD business

SWCD ACTION ITEMS / BUSINESS ITEMS

Cover Crop Policy: Final discussion was had on the cover crop policy.

Motion by Braaten, second by Durham to approve the cover crop policy as presented by Carrie.

Affirmative: Braaten, Durham, Enger, and Sodeman

Opposed: None Motion carried

Approval of Cost-Share Contracts:

A. Applicant: Nelson Township

Contract ID: 21-MDA-NW-01

Actual Cost: \$3,873.72

Grant Amount: \$1,000.00

Funding: MDA Noxious Weed Grant – Noxious Weed Management

B. Applicant: Riverdale Township

Contract ID: 21-MDA-NW-02

Actual Cost: \$3,224.04

Grant Amount: \$1,000.00

Funding: MDA Noxious Weed Grant – Noxious Weed Management

Motion by Braaten, second by Durham to approve the payment of \$1,000 each to Nelson and Riverdale townships for the MDA Noxious Weed Grant.

Affirmative: Braaten, Durham, Enger, and Sodeman

Opposed: None Motion carried

C. Applicant: Mark Sill

Contract: WBIF-WW-21-83-15

Estimate cost: \$800.00

Actual cost: \$720.00

50% up to \$1000.00 cost share: \$360.00

Funding: WWIMP Grant 41

Practice: 351 Well Decommissioning

Motion by Braaten, second by Durham to approve the payment of \$360.00 to Mark Sill for his Well Decommissioning.

Affirmative: Braaten, Durham, Enger, and Sodeman

Opposed: None Motion carried

D. Applicant: Klarice Rinne

Contract: 20-LCG-AW-01

Estimate cost: \$1195.00

Actual cost: \$1195.00

50% up to \$500.00 cost share: \$500.00

Funding: FY20 local capacity grant

Practice: 351 Well Decommissioning

Motion by Braaten, second by Durham to approve the payment of \$500.00 to Klarice Rinne for his Well Decommissioning.

Affirmative: Braaten, Durham, Enger, and Sodeman

Opposed: None Motion carried

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 Durham to approve the Grade Stabilization contract for Brad Asendorf.

Affirmative: Braaten, Durham, and Sodeman

Opposed: None Motion carried

CREP Outreach & Implementation Grant Agreement:

Motion by Braaten, second by Durham to approve signing of the CREP Outreach & Implementation Grant Agreement for the Pheasants Forever position.

Affirmative: Braaten, 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: Verbal Report.
District Technician II: Verbal Report
BWSR: No Report

UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS

6/16/2022	Area VI ATTT Meeting	Staff
6/17/2022	GBERBA Executive	Staff & Supervisors
6/22/2022	GBERBA Tech	Staff & Supervisors
6/23/2022	TSA	Noren
6/28/2022	Area VI MASWCD	Staff & Supervisors

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

Affirmative: Braaten, Durham, Enger, and Sodeman

Opposed: None Motion carried

OTHER BUSINESS: None

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Braaten, second by Durham to approve adjourning the meeting at 10:12am.

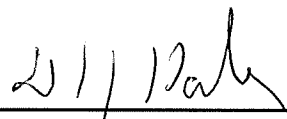
Affirmative: Braaten, Durham, Enger, and Sodeman

Opposed: None Motion carried

Next Regular SWCD Board Meeting will be on Tuesday, July 12, 2022 at 8:30 am at the District Office.



District Supervisor



District Administrator