



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

Tuesday, August 8, 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, August 8, 2023.

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman Rich Enger at 8:40 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 Schlomann
SWCD Assistant Manager / Ditch Inspector, Carrie Schultz
District Technician I, Laura Quiring
District Technician II, Jacob VanRyswyk
County Commissioner, Dillon Melheim

AGENDA

Motion by Braaten, second by Durheim to approve the August 8, 2023 amended agenda.

Affirmative: Braaten, Durheim, Enger, and Sodeman

Opposed: None Motion carried

MEETING MINUTES

Motion by Braaten, second by Durheim to approve the July 11, 2023 meeting minutes as presented.

Affirmative: Braaten, Durheim, Enger, and Sodeman

Opposed: None Motion carried

FINANCIAL & ACCOUNTING

Treasurer's Report: No report received prior to meeting

Bills to Pay:

Motion by Braaten, second by Durheim to approve payment of the bills in the amount of \$1,197.35.

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
6/14/2023	Local Working Group	X	X			
6/16/2023	GBERBA Exec Meeting	X				
6/21/2023	MASWCD Area 6	X	X			
6/27/2023	TSA Meeting		X			
7/11/2023	July SWCD Board Meeting	X	X	X	X	
7/14/2023	GBERBA Policy Meeting	X	X			
8/8/2023	August SWCD Board Meeting	X	X	X	X	

Motion by Bergeman, 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): update from Schultz.

MASWCD Area VI: No update

South Central TSA: No update

Commissioner Report: No update

SWCD ACTION ITEMS / BUSINESS ITEMS

SWCD Aid Resolution:

Motion by Braaten, second by Durham to approve signing the SWCD Aid Resolution

Affirmative: Braaten, Durham, Enger, and Sodeman

Opposed: None Motion carried

GBERBA Cost Share Projects

- A. Contract: WBIF-WW-21-83-25
- Estimated Cost: \$1,200.00
- Actual Cost: \$1,200.00
- 50% up to \$1,000.00 cost share: \$6000.00
- Funding: WWIMP Grant 41
- Practice: 351 Well Decommissioning

Motion by Braaten, second by Durham to approve contract WBIF-WW-21-83-25 for Well Decommissioning.

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

UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS

9/12/2023	SWCD Board Meeting	Staff / Supervisors
8/18/2023	GBERBA Exec Meeting	Rich
8/23/2023	GBERBA Tech	Staff
10/17-18/2023	MN Water Resources Conference	Staff
10/24-26/2023	BWSR Academy	Staff

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

Affirmative: Durham, Enger, and Sodeman

Opposed: None Motion carried

OTHER BUSINESS: None


ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Durham, second by Sodeman to adjourn at 9:59 am.

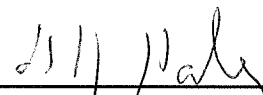
Affirmative: Durham, Enger, and Sodeman

Opposed: None Motion carried

Next Regular SWCD Board Meeting will be on Tuesday, September 12, 2023 at 8:30 am at the District Office.



District Supervisor



District Administrator