

**DOUGLAS SOIL & WATER  
CONSERVATION DISTRICT MINUTES  
Monday, April 8, 2024 – 7:30 A.M.**

The Douglas Soil & Water Conservation District Board of Supervisors met at the Douglas SWCD Conference Room on Monday, April 8, 2024. Chairman Barsness called the meeting to order at 7:30 a.m. Members attending were: Barsness, Dropik, Froemming, Rutten, and Cleary. Also, in attendance were Commissioner England, NRCS District Conservationist- Cole Montgomery, Staff attending Haggemiller, Albertsen, Anderson, Arceneau, Rice and Olson.

**Pledge was recited.**

**Minutes of the regular March 11, 2024, meeting** was discussed. Motion by Rutten to approve, subject to audit, seconded by Cleary Motion carried.

**Treasurer's Report** was read. Motion by Cleary to approve, subject to audit, seconded by Froemming. Motion carried.

**Reports**

- A. Coordinator's Report** – Haggemiller handed out his monthly report.
- B. Pomme de Terre Update** – Barsness reported they will meet on Friday, April 12.
- C. Sauk River Report** – Rutten reported their meeting was rescheduled.
- D. Chippewa River Report** – Cleary mentioned they reviewed the 1W1P comments, rescheduled Board, set Public Hearing for April 19<sup>th</sup>.
- E. Long Prairie Report** – No report given.
- F. Douglas County Commissioner Report**- England mentioned they are having trouble getting Rainbow Rider new buses. They have also hired new paver to complete around Commissioner Room.
- G. DCLA Report** – No report given.

**Old Business**

- A. Office Cubicles** – The cubicles have been ordered and should be in 6-8 weeks.
- B. Website Updates** Albertsen mentioned contract was signed and website should be up and running Mid July.
- C. Soil Health Grant** –Haggemiller reported we received the grant, still waiting on dollar amount awarded. Haggemiller will report more at the May Meeting.

**New Business**

- A. NRCS Field Office Update** – the new Conservationist Cole Montgomery mentioned Kevin and Cory are finishing up ranking the CSP 11 applications, ranking deadline for CSP is Friday the 12<sup>th</sup>, pre-approvals will come shortly after, Kevin is also working on

5 pre-approved EQIP applications, CRP general batching period closed on March 28<sup>th</sup>, Continuous is ongoing, Local Work Group will meet after the June 10<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**B. Cost Share Payment**

- Ag Waste Pit Closure Section 16 Miltona Township Total Cost \$62,428.00 Cost Share \$30,000.00 from Lake Carlos 319 Funds. Motion by Cleary to approve cost share payment for an Ag Waste Pit Closure Section 16 Miltona Township Total Cost \$62,428.00 Cost Share \$30,000.00 from Lake Carlos 319 Funds, seconded by Rutten Motion carried.

**C. Cost Share Application-**

- Lake Shore Restoration Section 15 Alexandria Township Total Cost \$21,065.00 Cost Share 60% \$12,639.00 using Lake Carlos 319 Funds Motion by Cleary to approve cost share application for a Lake Shore Restoration Section 15 Alexandria Township Total Cost \$21,065.00 Cost Share 60% \$12,639.00 using Lake Carlos 319 Funds, seconded by Dropik. Motion carried.
- Septic Update Section 9 Millerville Township Total Cost \$12,000.00 Cost Share Flat Rate \$7,500 using FY 22 NRBG Septic Motion by Cleary to approve cost share application for a Septic Update Section 9 Millerville Township Total Cost \$12,000.00 Cost Share Flat Rate \$7,500 using FY 22 NRBG Septic, seconded by Froemming Motion carried.

**D. Tree Planting Wages for 2024** Motion by Rutten to approve increase a \$2 per hour raise and leave \$2 per hour worked at end of season, seconded by Cleary Motion carried.

**E. EQIP Local Work Group Meeting** Rescheduled for June 10<sup>th</sup> after board meeting.

**F. State Managers Meeting May 29-30 Brainerd** Motion by Cleary to approve Haggemiller attend the State Managers meeting, seconded by Cleary Motion carried.

**Bills to Pay.** During the month of April, the Douglas SWCD issued Checks #11347-11389 for a total of \$131,845.95 including eFile (State Withholding) and EFTP (Federal Withholding). Motion by Froemming to pay the bills, seconded by Dropik Motion carried.

**Adjournment.** Motion by Barsness to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Rutten. Motion carried.

Secretary,

Bill Dropik, Secretary