

**DOUGLAS SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION
DISTRICT MINUTES**

Monday, March 11, 2024 – 8:00 A.M.

The Douglas Soil & Water Conservation District Board of Supervisors met at the Douglas SWCD Conference Room on Monday, March 11, 2024. Chairman Barsness called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m. Members attending were: Barsness, Dropik, Froemming, Rutten, and Cleary. Also, in attendance were Commissioner England, Staff attending Albertsen, Anderson, Arceneau, Rice and Olson.

Pledge was recited.

Minutes of the regular February 12, 2024, meeting was discussed. Motion by Cleary to approve, subject to audit, seconded by Dropik 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 was absent no report given.
- B. Pomme de Terre Update** – Barsness reported they reviewed the Contract for Services with Stevens County; Discussed New employee will be housed in Stevens SWCD. Water basin in 2024 will be 2% Ag Practices.
- C. Sauk River Report** – Rutten reported they met on February 15. Election of Officers, Reviewed workplan and resolutions.
- D. Chippewa River Report** – Cleary mentioned they will meet on March 16th where they will review the 1W1P that is out for review.
- E. Long Prairie Report** – Dropik reported they met on January 18, 2024. Reviewed projects, \$60,000 for outreach. Dropik said Anderson did a great job running the meeting.
- F. Water Quality Legacy Fund** – Cleary mentioned they met on January 17. The next meeting Froemming will attend in April.
- G. Douglas County Commissioner Report-** England reviewed Solor Panels, Assistant County defends Attorneys wage increase.
- H. DCLA Report** – No report given.
- I. Area II Meeting** was in Royalton on March 6. Barsness, Cleary, Dropik, Rutten and Albertsen reported on the meeting.

Old Business

- A. Tree Cooler** – Rice reported the electricity has been installed and inspected.
- B. Website Updates** Albertsen reviewed several quotes. Motion by Cleary to go with White Box Marketing, seconded by Rutten. Motion carried.

New Business

- A. NRCS Field Office Update** – No NRCS staff was present.
- B. Approval for Arceneau to help at the State Envirothon May 20th in Duluth** Motion by Rutten to approve Arceneau to help at the State Envirothon, seconded by Froemming. Motion carried.

C. Quote on Office Cubicles – Anderson reviewed the quotes on new cubicles. Motion by Froemming to go four cubicles on the south wall, seconded by Rutten. Motion carried.

D. Sauk River 1W1P Resolution

- Motion by Rutten to amend FY 22-23, seconded by Dropik. Motion carried.
- Motion by Dropik to adopt CRP incentive Program Workplan, seconded by Rutten. Motion carried.
- Motion by Rutten to adopt FY 22-23 Supplemental Workplan, seconded by Froemming. Motion carried.

E. Cost Share Application – Lakeshore Restoration Section 19 Miltona Township Total Cost \$16,000.00 Cost Share 60% \$9,600.00 using Lake Carlos 319 Funds. Cost Share 15% 2,400.00 using FY22 State Cost Share. Motion by Froemming to approve Cost Share Application, seconded by Cleary. Motion carried.

Bills to Pay. During the month of March, the Douglas SWCD issued Checks #11314-11346 for a total of \$94,093.41 including eFile (State Withholding) and EFTP (Federal Withholding). Motion by Cleary to pay the bills, seconded by Rutten Motion carried.

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

Secretary,

Bill Dropik, Secretary