

**DOUGLAS SOIL & WATER
CONSERVATION DISTRICT MINUTES
Monday, May 13, 2024 – 7:30 A.M.**

The Douglas Soil & Water Conservation District Board of Supervisors met at the Douglas SWCD Conference Room on Monday, May 13, 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 April 8, 2024, meeting was discussed. Motion by Rutten to approve, subject to audit, seconded by Froemming Motion carried.

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

Reports

- A. Coordinator's Report** – Haggemiller handed out his monthly report.
- B. Pomme de Terre Update** – Barsness reported they met on Friday, April 12. Pete Waller gave a presentation, reviewed finances, Jared submitted his resignation. Next meeting will be on June 14th, 2024.
- C. Sauk River Report** – Rutten reported they met on May 15th. Samples will be taken on May 20th; Lake Improvement District didn't pass.
- D. Chippewa River Report** – Public Hearing for the reviewed the 1W1P was held on April 19th.
- E. Long Prairie Report** – No report given.
- F. Water Quality Legacy Fund** – Froemming mentioned the April 17, and May 8th meetings. Ditch 23 project, Walking Path Alexandria Nature Trail.
- G. DCLA** – Danielle mentioned that they had 2024 cooler pickup, increase membership and activity, reviewed water quality and shoreland permits.
- H. Douglas County Commissioner Report-** England mentioned they are reviewing bids for a 15-slot bus garage for Rainbow Rider. Mental Health Walk is on Friday, Next meeting the last week in June.

Old Business

- A. Soil Health Grant** –Haggemiller reported we received the grant for \$608,956.00.
- B. Local Work Group** – Scheduled for June 10.

New Business

A. NRCS Field Office Update –Cole Montgomery mentioned they received 3 pre-CSP approvals, Kevin is also working on 5 pre-approved EQIP applications Local Work Group will meet after the June 10th meeting.

B. Administrative Conference

- Motion by Cleary to approve Arceneau to attend the Administrative Conference. seconded by Rutten Motion carried.

C. Cell Phone Replacements

- Motion by to approve replacing 3 phones, seconded by Dropik Motion carried.

D. SWCD Supervisor Filing May 21-June 4- Cleary, Dropik, and Rutten

E. Cost Share Application

- Septic upgrade Solem Township Section 29 Cost Share Flat Rate of \$6,000.00 using FY22 NRBG Septic Cost Share Motion by Froemming to approve Septic upgrade Solem Township Section 29 Cost Share Flat Rate of \$6,000.00 using FY22 NRBG Septic Cost Share, seconded by Rutten. Motion carried.
- Lakeshore Restoration Carlos Township Section 33 Total Cost \$15,117.50 Cost Share 60% \$9,070.00 using \$887.93 FY22 State Cost Share and \$8,182.07 using FY 23 State Cost Share Motion by Cleary to approve Lakeshore Restoration Carlos Township Section 33 Total Cost \$15,117.50 Cost Share 60% \$9,070.00 using \$887.93 FY22 State Cost Share and \$8,182.07 using FY 23 State Cost Share, seconded by Rutten. Motion carried.
- Lakeshore Restoration Alexandria Township Section 24 Total Cost \$140,000.00 Cost Share \$10,000.00 using Long Prairie FY23 1W1P Funding. Motion by Rutten to approve Lakeshore Restoration Alexandria Township Section 24 Total Cost \$140,000.00 Cost Share \$10,000.00 using Long Prairie FY23 1W1P Funding, seconded by Rutten. Motion carried.

F. Cost Share Amendment

- Lake Shore Restoration Alexandria Township Section 24 Total Cost \$140,000.00 increase Cost Share \$34,602.25 using Carlos 319 Funds. Total Cost of Project Increased. Motion by Rutten to approve Lakeshore Restoration Alexandria Township Section 24 Total Cost \$140,000.00 Cost Share \$34,602.25 using Carlos 319 Funds, seconded by Rutten. Motion carried.

G. Area II Meeting June 12th Glenwood

H. Call for Resolutions

- **Resolution to adopt Chippewa River Watershed Comprehensive Watershed Management Plan.** Motion by Cleary to adopt Chippewa River Watershed 1W1P, seconded by Froemming. Motion carried.

I. Meeting Packet Mailing – Going to send meeting packets via email instead of mailing.

J. Starla Arceneau – 13 Year Review the Board appreciates the good work Motion by Cleary to increase \$1.70 per hour, seconded by Dropik. Motion carried.

Bills to Pay. During the month of May, the Douglas SWCD issued Checks #11347-11389 for a total of \$131,845.95 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