

**FARIBAULT COUNTY SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
FARIBAULT COUNTY AG CENTER
SWCD AG CENTER CONFERENCE ROOM
BLUE EARTH, MN 56013
REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES
November 10th, 2020**

Chairman Bell called the Regular Board Meeting to order at 8:31 a.m.

SUPERVISORS PRESENT:

CHAIRMAN – JEFF BELL
VICE-CHAIRMAN – RANDY FEIST
TREASURER – DAVE MATHEWS
SECRETARY – NEAL MENSING

SUPERVISORS LATE:

P/R – BILL ANDERSON – (8:50 a.m.)

STAFF & OTHERS PRESENT:

Nate Carr, Amy Huber, Shane Johnson, and Merissa Lore

I. APPROVALS

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA/ADDITIONS

Motion by Mathews to approve the Agenda. Seconded by Mensing. Motion carried.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Mensing to approve the minutes of the October 7th, 2020, SWCD Board meeting. Seconded by Mathews. Motion carried.

Motion by Mensing to approve the minutes of the October 26th, 2020, SWCD Special Board meeting. Seconded by Mathews. Motion carried.

Motion by Mathews to approve the minutes of the October 30th, 2020, SWCD Special Board meeting. Seconded by Mensing. Motion carried.

3. TREASURER'S REPORT

Motion by Feist to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented and to file it subject to audit. Seconded by Mathews. Motion carried.

4. PAYMENT OF BILLS

Motion by Mensing to pay all outstanding bills. Seconded by Mathews. Motion carried.

5. TRANSFER OF FUNDS TO PAY BILLS

Motion by Mathews to approve the Transfer of Funds in the amount of \$39,000.00 from Savings to Checking to pay the bills. Seconded by Mensing. Motion carried.

II. OLD BUSINESS

1. GRIEVANCES/OTHER – None

III. NEW BUSINESS –

1. DRAINAGE DEPARTMENT UPDATE

Merissa Lore provided an update on drainage business, noncompliance of the Buffer Law and penalties, and had a handout on project updates, which was discussed with the Board.

- Bill Anderson – joined meeting – 8:50am

2. COST-SHARE CONTRACT/VOUCHER SPREADSHEET/PROJECT LOG

Shane Johnson and Nate Carr briefed the Board on the Cost-Share Requests & Payments.

ENCUMBERING –

Motion by Feist to approve the Cost-Share Encumbering Requests as presented for a total of \$78357.55. Seconded by Mensing. Motion Carried.

The complete and detailed list of Encumbering and Payment requests are attached to the official minutes and are available in the SWCD office.

PROJECT LOG –

Shane Johnson provided an updated Project Log for the Board to review.

3. PROGRAM UPDATES –

Nathan Carr – updated board on the first 1W1P Orientation meeting. He mentioned that there is approximately \$700,000 of implementation funds.

4. GRANTS, POLICY, CONTRACTS –

Amy Huber – provided an update on University of Illinois/CIG Grant. Further information will be available from Gary Feyereisen as he receives more information.

Discussed possible grant support from Local COOP's, CHS, and other businesses.

GBERBA Joint Powers Agreement and By-Laws: Amy mentioned the Faribault County Attorney has reviewed the agreement. GBERBA's attorney will review and approve any suggested changes from the Counties/SWCD's. Once the final draft is approved by GBERBA, it will then be brought back to the local counties and SWCD's for final approval and signatures.

Grant extension request to 12/31/2021 for the FY19 SSTs Low Income Grant fund, which expires 12/30/20: Amy said the funds are allocated, but owners are waiting for invoices from contractors. However, applications for FY19 cannot be finalized until final invoices are sent and then submitted to the County.

Motion by Anderson to approve the grant extension request to BWSR. Seconded by Mathews. Motion Carried.

IV. SUPERVISOR UPDATES –

Board member Mensing attended the GBERBA Executive meeting.

Board member Anderson attended the TSA meeting in September and mentioned they hired 1 TSA Tech recently.

A list of upcoming meetings Board members could consider attending were reviewed:

November 20 th , 2020	GBERBA Tech/Policy Meeting
December 1 st , 2020	Drainage Research Forum, via Zoom

Board member Mathews provided information on camera options for the office to consider. Amy will provide information to County & SWCD staff for input. Further discussions can be held with County Board and SWCD Board Subcommittee.

Motion by Feist to approve the upcoming meetings for Board Supervisors. Seconded by Mathews. Motion Carried.

V. MISCELLANEOUS -

Audit

Motion by Anderson to Approve the 2019 Audit of Financial Statements prepared by Peterson Company, LTD. Seconded by Feist. Motion Carried.

Organizational Review Progress

Amy provided MOU update, also discussed the Septic MOU and questions that have come up in the process.

SWCD Subcommittee with Faribault County

Motion by Mensing to approve Board member Mathews to be on the SWCD/County subcommittee in place of Board member Feist. Seconded by Anderson. Motion Carried.

November Board Meeting

The next SWCD Regular Board meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, December 10th, at 8:30 a.m., Ag Center Conference Room.

MEETINGS/EVENTS/TRAININGS FOR STAFF -

Motion by Mensing to approve attendance to the following:

November 20 th , 2020	– GBERBA Tech Meeting – Amy/Nate
December 1 st , 2020	– Drainage Research Forum, via Zoom – All staff can attend
December 2 nd , 2020	– Huntley Sewer District Meeting, Winnebago – Chad

Seconded by Mathews. Motion carried.

VI. ADJOURNMENT –

Motion by Anderson to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Feist. Motion carried. Chairman Bell adjourned the meeting at 11:25 a.m.