

**FARIBAULT COUNTY SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
FARIBAULT COUNTY AG. CENTER
415 SOUTH GROVE ST., SUITE 8
BLUE EARTH, MN 56013
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 14, 2018**

1. MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER BY CHAIRMAN NEAL MENSING AT 8:30 AM.

2. OATH OF OFFICE –

Randy Feist was welcomed and appointed as a New Supervisor to District 3. Randy took the Oath of Office and was appointed as P/R for the Faribault County SWCD.

3. SUPERVISORS PRESENT:

CHAIRMAN – NEAL MENSING
VICE-CHAIRMAN – BILL ANDERSON
SECRETARY – JEFF BELL
TREASURER – DAVE MATHEWS
P/R – RANDY FEIST

4. STAFF PRESENT:

PROGRAM ADMINISTRATOR – MICHELE STINDTMAN
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT – LINDA BERNDT
OTHER STAFF as NECESSARY

I. APPROVALS

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Bell to approve the Agenda as presented. Second by Mathews.
ANDERSON – Yes, BELL – Yes, FEIST – Yes, MATHEWS – Yes
MOTION CARRIED

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Mathews to approve the minutes of the January 10, 2018 SWCD Board Meeting.
Second by Bell.
ANDERSON – Yes, BELL – Yes, FEIST – Yes, MATHEWS – Yes
MOTION CARRIED

3. TREASURER'S REPORT

Motion by Anderson to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented and to file it subject to audit.
Second by Bell.
ANDERSON – Yes, BELL – Yes, FEIST – Yes, MATHEWS – Yes
MOTION CARRIED

4. PAYMENT OF BILLS

Motion by Mathews to pay all outstanding bills. Second by Feist.
ANDERSON – Yes, BELL – Yes, FEIST – Yes, MATHEWS – Yes
MOTION CARRIED

5. TRANSFER OF FUNDS

Motion by Bell to approve the transfer of \$52,000.00 from the district savings account to the district checking account. Second by Mathews.

ANDERSON – Yes, BELL – Yes, FEIST – Yes, MATHEWS – Yes
MOTION CARRIED

II. OLD BUSINESS

1. GRIEVANCES – There were none.

III. NEW BUSINESS

1. NRCS – Josiah –

Updates/Reports were given on: the Local Work Group Meeting will be held following the March SWCD meeting on March 14th at 11:00 AM; NRCS Personnel; CRP and CSP.

FSA – Nicki –

Updates/Reports were given on: USDA Reorganization; ARC; programs available; equipment loans; bat habitat; commodity loans; CRP; Buffer Law; farm loan teams; beginning farmer tax credit through the Dept. of Ag.; and the Farm Bill.

2. COST-SHARE CONTRACT and VOUCHER SPREADSHEET ENCUMBERING –

Motion by Bell to approve Encumbering the following 45 FY-18 Buffer Cost-Share Contracts: FY-18 B18-1 through FY-18 B18-45 (full listing attached to February 2018 SWCD Minutes). Second by Mathews.

ANDERSON – Yes, BELL – Yes, FEIST – Yes, MATHEWS – Yes
MOTION CARRIED

Shane – Next month we will send back any Buffer Cost-Share funding that has not been encumbered by March 1st.

VOUCHER PAYMENTS – None

3. GRANTS UPDATE GRANTS –

- We may apply for a 319 Grant which is due in March

4. PROGRAM UPDATES –

• Cover Crop Violation - Nate

An update was given on the Cover Crop Violation for Contract #CWP-17-Gen-9 concerning the cover crop, pictures of the project were shown. Discussion was held on the violation. A Corrective Action Transmittal letter was presented.

Motion by Anderson to send the letter to the landowner. Second by Bell.

ANDERSON – Yes, FEIST – Yes, MATHEWS – Yes
MOTION CARRIED

- **Cover Crop C-S Program Policy - Nate**

Nate gave an update on the FY-18 Cover Crop Cost-Share Policy.

Motion by Bell to approve the changes to the FY-18 Cover Crop Cost-Share Policy. Second by Feist.
ANDERSON – Yes, FEIST – Yes, MATHEWS – Yes
MOTION CARRIED

- **Conservation Tillage Work Shop – Nate**

Will be held on March 26th at the Ag. Center.

- **Cover Crop Work Shop – Nate**

Will be held in June.

- **Soil Your Undies Presentation – Nate**

Will be held late summer, early fall.

Supervisor Jeff Bell left the meeting.

- **Agreement for Services with Faribault County – Michele S.**

Motion by Feist to approve the Agreement for Service with Faribault County through Dec. 31, 2023.
Second by Mathews.

ANDERSON – Yes, FEIST – Yes, MATHEWS – Yes

MOTION CARRIED

- **Adopt the 10 Year Water Plan as the Comprehensive Plan – Michele S.**

Motion by Feist to adopt the 10 Year Water Plan as the Comprehensive Plan Through December 31, 2027. Second by Mathews.

ANDERSON – Yes, FEIST – Yes, MATHEWS – Yes

MOTION CARRIED

Michele S. –

Updates/Reports were given on: Personnel Meetings; IDP's for Staff; Technical Staff Training by Aaron Peter, BWSR; Levy Authority; MACDE – First Statewide Manager's Meeting, Feb. 28th & March 1st; upcoming MASWCD Legislative Days; Huntley Newsletter; Township Water Testing with the MN Dept. of Health; and non-compliant parcels.

5. SUPERVISOR/OTHER UPDATE – SCTSA – Bill

Update was given on: hiring of staff.

GBERBA – Neal

Funding available for Cover Crops.

III. MISCELLANEOUS

1. March Board Meeting - The March Board Meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 14, 2018, 8:30 AM in the SWCD office. The NRCS Working Group will meet at 11:00 following the SWCD meeting.

2. Upcoming Events –

March 14 – Blue Earth River Watershed Elected Officials Mtg., Riverside T&CC – Board Members

IV. UPCOMING MEETINGS

Motion by Anderson to approve attendance to the following meetings:

February 14 Department Heads, SWCD – Michele S.
February 15 Area VI Managers – Michele S.
TAP, St. Paul - Chad
February 20 County Commissioners, Courthouse –
MDA Nutrient Mgmt. Training, Mankato – Michele W.
February 21 GBERBA Tech., Mankato – Michele S.
BECE, Mankato – Michele S.
February 22 Area VI Chairmen, New Ulm – Neal
Feb 28-Mar 1 Statewide Manager's Mtg., St. Cloud – Michele S.
March 6 County Commissioners, Courthouse –
March 8 BECE, Ag. Center – Michele S.
March 9 GBERBA Policy/Tech., Mankato – Michele S., Neal
March 12 PC/BOA, Ag. Center – Linda
March 12 & 13 MASWCD Days at Capitol – Michele S.
March 14 BE Elected Officials, Riverside T&CC - Supervisors

Second by Mathews.

ANDERSON – Yes, FEIST – Yes, MATHEWS – Yes

MOTION CARRIED

Adjournment –

Motion by Anderson to adjourn the meeting. Second by Mathews.

ANDERSON – Yes, FEIST – Yes, MATHEWS – Yes

MOTION CARRIED

Chairman Mensing adjourned the meeting at 10:50 AM.

SWCD BOARD MEETING COST SHARE ENCUMBERING AND/OR PAYMENT REQUEST

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