

**FARIBAULT COUNTY SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
FARIBAULT COUNTY AG CENTER
SWCD AG CENTER CONFERENCE ROOM
BLUE EARTH, MN 56013
REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES
February 10th, 2021**

Chairman Bell called the Regular Board Meeting to order at 8:35 a.m.

SUPERVISORS PRESENT:

-JEFF BELL
-RANDY FEIST
-DAVE MATHEWS
-NEAL MENSING
-BILL ANDERSON

SUPERVISORS ABSENT:

NONE

STAFF & OTHERS PRESENT:

Amy Huber, Nate Carr, Chad Viland, Merissa Lore, Gary Feyereisen – USDA, Myles Elsen – NRCS, Nicki Miranowski – FSA, Jill Sackett Eberhart – BWSR

I. APPROVALS

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA/ADDITIONS

Motion by Feist to approve the Agenda. Seconded by Mensing.
Voting unanimously in favor by were: Feist, Mathews, Mensing, and Anderson.
Voting against – none. Motion carried.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Anderson to approve the minutes of the January 13, 2021, SWCD Board meeting.
Seconded by Feist.
Voting unanimously in favor by were: Feist, Mathews, Mensing, and Anderson.
Voting against – None. 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 Mensing.
Voting unanimously in favor were: Feist, Mathews, Mensing, and Anderson.
Voting against – None. Motion carried.

4. PAYMENT OF BILLS

Motion by Mathews to pay all outstanding bills. Seconded by Feist.
Voting unanimously in favor were: Feist, Mathews, and Mensing. Board member Anderson abstained.
Voting against – None. Motion carried.

5. TRANSFER OF FUNDS TO PAY BILLS

Motion by Mensing to approve the Transfer of Funds in the amount of \$47,406.06 from Savings to Checking to pay the bills. Seconded by Mathews.
Voting unanimously in favor were: Feist, Mathews, Mensing, and Anderson.

Voting against – None. Motion carried.

II. OLD BUSINESS

1. GRIEVANCES/OTHER – None

III. NEW BUSINESS –

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

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

ENCUMBERING –

None this month.

VOUCHER PAYMENTS –

Motion by Feist to approve the Cost Share Payments as presented for a total of \$1,320.00.

Seconded by Mensing.

Voting unanimously in favor were: Feist, Mathews, and Mensing. Board member Anderson abstained.

Voting against – None. 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.

2. GRANTS, POLICY, CONTRACTS –

Shane Johnson proposed Well Sealing be increased to \$500.00. Motion by Feist to approve the FY-21 State Cost-Share Policy. Seconded by Mathews.

Voting unanimously in favor were: Feist, Mathews, Mensing, and Anderson.

Voting against – None. Motion carried.

3. SUPERVISOR UPDATES -

Board member Mensing gave a GBERBA meeting update to the Board.

4. STAFF PROGRAM UPDATES -

CD62, Bioreactor Presentation – Chad Viland and Gary Feyereisen presented an informational presentation of CD62 to the Board.

5. DRAINAGE UPDATE, NRCS UPDATE, FSA UPDATE -

Merissa – Drainage Business

Nicki – FSA Business

Myles – NRCS Business

IV. MISCELLANEOUS -

1. Accept Resignation from Amy Huber

Motion by Anderson to approve Amy's resignation. Seconded by Feist.

Voting unanimously in favor were: Feist, Mathews, Mensing, and Anderson.

Voting against – None. Motion carried.

2. Consider sale of Plotter to the County -

Motion by Mathews to consider the sale of the plotter to the County for \$1,500.00, in addition to having access and using it throughout the year. Seconded by Feist.

Voting unanimously in favor were: Feist, Mathews, Mensing, and Anderson.

Voting against – None. Motion carried.

3. Review/approval of Contract for Provision of Services with Faribault County & MOU's -

No action was taken. Will be further discussed at a work session which will take place on Tuesday, February 16, 2021 at 8:30 a.m.

The Board took a short recess for lunch at 11:53 a.m. and resumed the meeting at 12:25 p.m.

4. Staffing Discussion/Consideration –

Discuss Funding/Budget for Positions – A discussion was held, and a decision was made to hold a work session on Tuesday, February 16, 2021 at 8:30 a.m. to further discuss. Jill Sackett Eberhart provided staffing input and suggestions.

5. March Board Meeting – Wednesday, March 10, 2021, 8:30 a.m., Ag. Ctr. Conference Room

V. MEETINGS/EVENTS/TRAININGS FOR STAFF -

Motion by Feist to approve attendance to the following:

February 9 th	Nitrogen Reduction Conference, Virtual – Chad
February 16 th	Nutrient Conference, Virtual – Chad

Seconded by Mathews.

Voting unanimously in favor were: Feist, Mathews, Mensing, and Anderson.

Voting against – None. Motion carried.

VI. ADJOURNMENT –

Motion by Anderson to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Mensing.

Voting unanimously in favor were: Feist, Mathews, Mensing, and Anderson.

Voting against – None. Motion carried.

Chairman Bell adjourned the meeting at 2:24 p.m.