

**FARIBAULT COUNTY SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
FARIBAULT COUNTY AG. CENTER
415 SOUTH GROVE ST., SUITE 8
BLUE EARTH, MN 56013
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
JULY 11, 2018**

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

2. SUPERVISORS PRESENT:

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

3. STAFF PRESENT:

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

I. APPROVALS

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Anderson to approve the Agenda. Second by Bell.
ANDERSON – Yes, BELL – Yes, FEIST – Yes
MOTION CARRIED

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Anderson to approve the minutes of the June 13, 2018 SWCD Board Meeting. Second by Bell.
ANDERSON – Yes, BELL – Yes, FEIST – Yes
MOTION CARRIED

3. TREASURER'S REPORT

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

4. PAYMENT OF BILLS

Motion by Feist to pay all outstanding bills including second quarter wages. Second by Anderson.
ANDERSON – Yes, BELL – Yes, FEIST – Yes
MOTION CARRIED

5. TRANSFER OF FUNDS

Motion by Bell to approve the transfer of \$112,000.00 from the district savings account to the district checking account. Second by Feist.
ANDERSON – Yes, BELL – Yes, FEIST – Yes
MOTION CARRIED

II. OLD BUSINESS
1. GRIEVANCES – None

III. NEW BUSINESS

1. NRCS –

Updates/Reports: CRP; EQIP; and CSP.

FSA – Nicki

Updates/Reports: acreage reporting; CRP and the Farm Bill.

Bruce Ward / MPI Farms

Presented a 2018 Irrigation Applied Manure Plan for Charlie Carlson. Discussion was held.

Motion by Anderson to approve the MPI Farms 2018 Irrigation Applied Manure Plan for Charlie Carlson.
Second by Feist.

ANDERSON – Yes, BELL – Yes, FEIST – Yes

MOTION CARRIED

**2. COST-SHARE CONTRACT and VOUCHER SPREADSHEET
ENCUMBERING –**

Motion by Feist to approve Encumbering the list attached to July 2018 SWCD Minutes. Second by Anderson.

ANDERSON – Yes, BELL – Yes, FEIST – Yes

MOTION CARRIED

VOUCHER PAYMENTS –

Motion by Bell to approve the Payments (from Vouchers) on the list attached to July 2018 SWCD Minutes. Second by Feist.

ANDERSON – Yes, BELL – Yes, FEIST – Yes

MOTION CARRIED

3. GRANTS UPDATE

GRANTS –

Existing –

CWP Grant – Michele S.

The SWCD will close out the Nonpoint Reduction Implementation (CWP) Grant on June 30, 2018. Michele Wigern is working on the final report and preparing the final budget to be submitted to the MPCA. Final Budget and report will be included as an attachment.

Motion was made by Feist to pay all the remaining bills on or before June 30, 2018. Second by Anderson.

ANDERSON – Yes, BELL – Yes, FEIST – Yes

MOTION CARRIED

Blue Earth Watershed Civic Engagement Phase II - Michele S

The MPCA BECE Civic Engagement Phase II grant was discussed. Faribault Co SWCD will once again be taking on the administration of grant. The SWCD was also listed in the grant for potential assistance with the BECE website, second round of the Elected Officials Mtg., partnering with Martin County for another Women in Ag., Landowner Outreach, and Soil Health Field Days. \$93,500 (part of).

Future –

319 Small Watershed Focus – Michele S and Staff

Proposal for the Brush Creek Watershed was submitted to the MPCA's Pilot Clean Water Act Section 319 Small Watersheds Focus grant program. The MPCA has a series of actions that will be done to determine what watersheds will continue through the process. Their process is quite lengthy and final grant recipients would need to prepare an extensive workplan. Discussion was held.

Clean Water Fund – Michele S

Discussion was held regarding Taxing Authority for SWCD's. There was a presentation done by MASWCD at the recent Area VI meeting which spurred some discussion. There will be more information coming as MASWCD continues to pursue the options.

4. PROGRAM UPDATES –

Michele S.

County Budget Proposal –

An update was given on the July County Budget Proposal. Michele was anticipating a very minimum increase to the SWCD budget request to the county. Copy will be distributed at the next meeting.

Administrative Assistant Position –

The position has been posted. Applications are due by July 20, 2018

Staff will review the applications and bring a summary to the next meeting in hopes of scheduling interviews.

Nate

Buffers –

An update was given on Waivers, Seeding, Extensions and the November 1st deadline.

Dusty

Buffers –

An update was given on Buffer Enforcement: Twenty-two parcels need enforcement; talked to four landowners with seven parcels; contacted landowners of nine parcels; one parcel is eliminated from the list due to a site visit.

Shane

CREP –

Update: BWSR held CREP meetings in April; offering higher rates; Faribault County has three applications; and will allow existing CRP into CREP. A list of 2018 MN CREP Landowner Payment Rates dated June 2018 was presented.

Wetlands –

A Wetland Mitigation Proposal Draft Prospectus for a new Wetland Bank was presented and discussed.

SUPERVISOR/OTHER UPDATE –

Bill – Area VI

Presentations were given on: the Ground Water Protection Rule – MN Dept. of Ag.; Legislative Update – Senator Nick Frentz; AIS/Where do they fit into our goals as SWCDs – Diane Sander/CROW; Resolutions; and Butterflies – Wendy Caldwell, U of MN.

Bill – SCTSA

Updates were given on: Equipment purchases; Budget; Vehicle Leasing. The SWCD's in the TSA area are required to provide a 22% match of local funds to support the TSA budget.

Motion by Bell to pay the request for the Faribault County SWCD portion. Second by Feist.

ANDERSON – Yes, BELL – Yes, FEIST – Yes

MOTION CARRIED

III. MISCELLANEOUS

1. August Board Meeting - The August Board Meeting is scheduled to be held on Wednesday, August 15, 2018, 8:30 AM in the SWCD office.

2. Supervisor Profiles – Discussion was held on “getting to know our Supervisors”.

IV. UPCOMING MEETINGS

Motion by Bell to approve attendance to the following meetings:

July 12	BECE, Extension Mtg. Room – Michele S., Michele W. Safety/CPR – Michele S.
July 13	GBERA Policy/Tech., Mankato –
July 16	Locally Lead Cons., Rochester – Michele S.
July 18	MCIT, St. Cloud – Michele S.
July 24-25	State Manager's Mtg., St. Cloud – Michele S.
July 25-28	Faribault County Fair –
July 30	PFI Small Grains, Mankato – Michele W.

Second by Feist.

ANDERSON – Yes, BELL – Yes, FEIST – Yes

MOTION CARRIED

Adjournment –

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

ANDERSON – Yes, BELL – Yes, FEIST – Yes

MOTION CARRIED

Chairman Mensing adjourned the meeting at 10:20 AM.

SWCD BOARD MEETING COST SHARE ENCUMBERING AND/OR PAYMENT REQUEST

Board Meeting Date	7/11/18
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Board Chair Signature _____

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