

FARIBAULT COUNTY SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
FARIBAULT COUNTY AG CENTER
SWCD AG CENTER CONFERENCE ROOM
BLUE EARTH, MN 56013

Regular Board Meeting Minutes
July 14th, 2021

Chairman Bell called the Regular Board Meeting to order at 8:40 a.m.

SUPERVISORS PRESENT:

Jeff Bell
Randy Feist
Dave Mathews
Neal Mensing
Bill Anderson

SUPERVISORS ABSENT

None

STAFF & OTHERS PRESENT

Shane Johnson, Nathan Carr, Hadley Mensing, Myles Elsen – NRCS, Dustin Anderson – Drainage

I. APPROVALS

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA/ADDITIONS (noted in red)

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 Feist to approve the Minutes from the June 9, 2021, SWCD Board Meeting. Seconded by Mathews.
Voting unanimously in favor by were: Feist, Mathews, Mensing, and Anderson.
Voting against – None. Motion Carried.

3. TREASURER'S REPORT

Motion by Mathews to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented and to file it subject to audit.
Seconded by Feist.
Voting unanimously in favor by were: Feist, Mathews, Mensing, and Anderson.
Voting against – None. Motion Carried.

4. PAYMENT OF BILLS

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

5. TRANSFER OF FUNDS TO PAY BILLS

Motion by Feist to approve the Transfer of Funds in the amount of \$30,000.00 from Savings to Checking to pay the bills. Seconded by Mathews.
Voting unanimously in favor by were: Feist, Mathews, Mensing, and Anderson.
Voting against – None. Motion Carried.

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II. OLD BUSINESS

- 1. GRIEVANCES/OTHER** – None

III. NEW BUSINESS

- 1. FSA UPDATE, NRCS UPDATE, DRAINAGE UPDATE –**

-There was no FSA update this month.

Myles – Discussed NRCS Business.

Dustin – Discussed Drainage Business.

- 2. COST SHARE CONTRACT/VOUCHER SPREADSHEET**

Shane Johnson and Nathan Carr briefed the Board on the Cost Share Requests.

A. ENCUMBERING –

Motion by Feist to approve the Cost Share Encumbering Requests as presented for a total of \$32,937.00. Seconded by Mathews.

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

Voting against – None. Motion Carried.

B. VOUCHER PAYMENTS –

Motion by Mathews to approve the Cost Share Payments as presented for a total of \$34,436.00. Seconded by Feist.

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

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.

- 3. STAFF PROGRAM & GRANT UPDATE - Including Policy Updates, Contract Approval, etc.**

A. Future Grants – No update

B. Current Grants – No update

C. CREP Update – Shane Johnson gave a CREP update to the Board.

D. FY22 & FY23 Cost Share Policy –

Motion by Anderson to approve the FY22 & FY23 Cost Share Policy effective July 14, 2021. Seconded by Feist.

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

Voting against – None. Motion Carried.

- 4. BOARD SUPERVISOR UPDATES**

A. Supervisor Updates from Trainings/Meetings/Other

Board member Anderson gave s TSA meeting update and mentioned they are still looking for a technician.

Board member Feist gave a 1W1P meeting update and mentioned the next meeting will be held in person.

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B. Meetings/Trainings/Events for Supervisors

Motion by Anderson to approve attendance to the following:

July 16 th	GBERBA, Policy (Neal)
July 23 rd	1W1P (Randy)

Seconded by Mensing.

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

Voting against – None. Motion Carried.

IV. MISCELLANEOUS

1. Staff Reports (Shane Johnson, Chad Viland, Nathan Carr, Hadley Mensing)

SWCD staff members gave project and job updates to the Board. Staff member Chad Viland was unable to attend.

2. Budget Discussion

No action was taken. Nathan briefed the board on the proposed 2022 Budget, which is the same as 2021.

3. Metro Blooms Training Update (Hadley) –

Hadley informed the Board on Metro Blooms' training fees. She also mentioned there is a youth training available and will come back with more information.

4. 2021 Faribault County Fair Discussion –

Hadley presented handouts to the Board for the fair and informed them the SWCD booth will be set up in the Gold Building at the Fairgrounds.

5. August Board Meeting – Wednesday, August 11, 2021 – 8:30 a.m., Ag Center, SWCD Conference Room.

V. MEETINGS/EVENTS/TRAININGS FOR STAFF

Motion by Mensing to approve attendance to the following:

July 15 th	SSTS TAP – Chad
July 23 rd	1W1P, Policy – Nate
August 2 nd	Windbreaks (Pt. 1) – Hadley

Seconded by Mathews.

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

Voting against – None. Motion Carried.

Chairman Bell adjourned the meeting at 11:18 a.m.