

**FARIBAULT COUNTY SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
FARIBAULT COUNTY AG. CENTER
415 SOUTH GROVE ST., SUITE 8
BLUE EARTH, MN 56013
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
JUNE 13, 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
TREASURER – DAVE MATHEWS

3. 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 amended to add Pilot 319 Small Watersheds Focus Grant Program to Future Grants and SWCD Health Insurance to SWCD Program Updates.

Second by Mathews.

ANDERSON – Yes, BELL – Yes, MATHEWS – Yes

MOTION CARRIED

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Mathews to approve the minutes of the May 9, 2018 SWCD Board Meeting. Second by Bell.

ANDERSON – Yes, BELL – Yes, MATHEWS – Yes

MOTION CARRIED

3. TREASURER'S REPORT

Motion by Bell to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented and to file it subject to audit.

Second by Mathews.

ANDERSON – Yes, BELL – Yes, MATHEWS – Yes

MOTION CARRIED

4. PAYMENT OF BILLS

Motion by Mathews to pay all outstanding bills. Second by Bell.

ANDERSON – Yes, BELL – Yes, MATHEWS – Yes

MOTION CARRIED

5. TRANSFER OF FUNDS

Motion by Bell to approve the transfer of \$50,000.00 from the district savings account to the district checking account. Second by Mathews.

ANDERSON – Yes, BELL – Yes, MATHEWS – Yes

MOTION CARRIED

II. OLD BUSINESS

1. GRIEVANCES – None

III. NEW BUSINESS

1. NRCS – Josiah

Updates/Reports: EQIP; CSP; RCPP; Staff update; and Proposed Conservation Delivery Team Centers (CDTC).

FSA – Nicki

Updates/Reports: County Committee Election; CRP and Soil Rental Rates.

2. COST-SHARE CONTRACT and VOUCHER SPREADSHEET ENCUMBERING –

Motion by Mathews to approve Encumbering the list attached to June 2018 SWCD Minutes. Second by Bell.

ANDERSON – Yes, BELL – Yes, MATHEWS – Yes

MOTION CARRIED

VOUCHER PAYMENTS –

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

ANDERSON – Yes, BELL – Yes, MATHEWS – Yes

MOTION CARRIED

3. GRANTS UPDATE

GRANTS –

Existing –

Shane

Cost-Share – An update on available Cost-Share funding was given. Drone pictures of a current C-S project were shared.

CREP – An update on the MN CREP June 2018 Program was given. Will keep the board updated on any changes to the program.

Michele W.

A review of the **Cover Crop Workshop** was given. There will be a Soil Health Team meeting in August and a Soil Health field day at Joel Rauenhorst's in September.

CWP Grant –

The deadline for the close out of the current NRI - CWP Grant is June 30, 2018.

Motion by Mathews to approve and pay all final expenses to close out the grant by June 30, 2018. Second by Bell.

ANDERSON – Yes, BELL – Yes, MATHEWS – Yes

MOTION CARRIED

Michele S.

BE Watershed TMDL/WRAPS Update – We are in the 2nd year of water monitoring. Testing will focus on e-coli and phosphorous. This is different than last years testing for nitrates.

**Future –
Michele S.**

Farm Bill Tech 2019

2019 request for funds will be completed for the Farm Bill Technician position.

Brandee –

Pilot 319 Small Watersheds Focus Grant Program –

A presentation and map for the Pilot 319 grant program was given. Focus for the SWCD will be on the Brush Creek Watershed.

Motion by Mathews to express interest and to move forward with Step 2 of the Pilot 319 Small Watersheds Focus Grant. Second by Anderson.

ANDERSON – Yes, BELL – Yes, MATHEWS – Yes

MOTION CARRIED

Other Grant Items –

Michele S. –

Ob Well Groundwater Monitoring Contract –

Motion by Bell to approve the Ob Well Contract for July 2018 to June 2019. Second by Anderson.

ANDERSON – Yes, BELL – Yes, MATHEWS – Yes

MOTION CARRIED

Nate –

GBERBA Cover Crop Cost-Share Payment –

Discussion was held on GBERBA Cover Crop C-S payments.

Motion by Bell to approve applying our current Cover Crop policy where payment of any Cover Crop Cost-Share contracts will be in December of any year. Second by Mathews.

ANDERSON – Yes, BELL – Yes, MATHEWS – Yes

MOTION CARRIED

4. PROGRAM UPDATES –

Michele S. –

Winnebago Watershed One Watershed One Plan – Discussion was held regarding the degree of involvement of the SWCD in the Winnebago One Watershed, One Plan.

Motion by Anderson to approve sending a letter of support for the Winnebago One Watershed, One Plan to the process, however, limit our participation and to have our Program Administrator, or successor, be on the Advisory Committee and not fully participate. Second by Mathews.

ANDERSON – Yes, BELL – Yes, MATHEWS – Yes

MOTION CARRIED

Administrative Assistant Position –

An update was given on the Administrative Assistant position. Looking at posting the position with a July 20th deadline.

Motion by Bell to move forward and to post the Administrative Assistant position. Second by Mathews.

ANDERSON – Yes, BELL – Yes, MATHEWS – Yes

MOTION CARRIED

Buffers –

Supervisor Bell brought up confusion by landowners on the Buffers, discussion was held.

Groundwater Workshop –

Will be held on Tuesday, June 19th at the Community Center in Delavan. A presentation will be given by the MDH, MDA, and RMB Labs at 11:00 and 12:00. Complimentary lunch will be provided to attendees.

ISG Drainage Workshop –

Will be held on Wednesday, June 27th in Mankato. Michele S will be facilitating a breakout session and Andy Linder has agreed to be a speaker for this session.

Manager Update –

Attended the MACDE Directors meeting. Established goals for 2019. Discussed some way that the Board of Directors could be more involved with more locally led efforts. Discussed the Statewide Manager's meetings scheduled for July 25 and 26.

GBERBA Tech./Policy –

Next meeting will be held on June 27th. Discussion on hosting the July 13th meeting.

PEIP Health Insurance – Public Employees Insurance Program

An update and presentation was given on the Health Insurance program for SWCD employees. Discussion was held.

Motion by Anderson to move forward with the Health Insurance options for SWCD employees and to begin on August 1, 2018. Second by Mathews.

ANDERSON – Yes, BELL – Yes, MATHEWS – Yes

MOTION CARRIED

SUPERVISOR/OTHER UPDATE – None

III. MISCELLANEOUS

1. July Board Meeting - The July Board Meeting is scheduled to be held on Wednesday, July 11, 2018, 8:30 AM in the SWCD office.

IV. UPCOMING MEETINGS

Motion by Anderson to approve attendance to the following meetings:

June 1	MACPZA, Owatonna – Shane
June 14	Asmus Farm Supply Mtg., Rake – Michele W., Nate
June 18	Area VI Manager's Mtg., St. Peter – Michele S.
June 19	Groundwater Workshop, Delavan – Michele S., Brandee, Michele W. SCTSA, Mankato – Bill, Shane
June 20	Septic Regulator's Mtg., Owatonna – Chad
June 21	Area VI, Courtland – Supervisors & Staff
June 22	Cover Crops, Rochester – Nate
June 27	GBERBA Tech., Mankato – ISG Ag. Drainage Workshop, Mankato – Michele S.
June 28	Joint Soil Health, Albert Lea – Michele S., Nate
July 10	PC/BOA, Ag. Center – Linda

Second by Bell.

ANDERSON – Yes, BELL – Yes, MATHEWS – Yes

MOTION CARRIED

Adjournment –

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

ANDERSON – Yes, BELL – Yes, MATHEWS – Yes

MOTION CARRIED

Chairman Mensing adjourned the meeting at 10:30 AM.

