

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

**Regular Board Meeting Minutes
June 14, 2023**

Vice-Chairman called the Regular Board Meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

SUPERVISORS PRESENT:

Michael Humburg
Bill Anderson
Neal Mensing
Jeff Bell

SUPERVISORS ABSENT:

Randy Feist

STAFF & OTHERS PRESENT:

Shane Johnson, Nate Carr, Hadley Mensing – SWCD Staff | Nicki Miranowski – FSA | Nick Segar – NRCS | Herman Bartsch – MAWQCP

I. APPROVALS

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

Motion by Anderson to approve the Agenda. Seconded by Bell.
Voting unanimously in favor by were: Anderson, Bell, and Mensing,
Voting against – None. Motion Carried.

2. APPROVAL OF MAY 10, 2023, BOARD MEETING MINUTES (Action Item)

Motion by Bell to approve the May 10, 2023, Regular Board Meeting Minutes. Seconded by Mensing.
Voting unanimously in favor by were: Anderson, Bell, and Mensing.
Voting against – None. Motion Carried.

3. APPROVE TREASURER’S REPORT (Action Item)

Motion by Bell to approve the May 2023 Treasurer’s Report as presented and to file it subject to audit.
Seconded by Mensing.
Voting unanimously in favor by were: Anderson, Bell, and Mensing.
Voting against – None. Motion Carried.

4. PAYMENT OF BILLS (Action Item)

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

5. TRANSFER OF FUNDS TO PAY BILLS (Action Item)

Motion by Anderson to approve the Transfer of Funds in the amount of \$40,000.00 from Savings to Checking to pay the bills. Seconded by Mensing.
Voting unanimously in favor by were: Anderson, Bell, and Mensing.
Voting against – None. Motion Carried.

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II. OLD BUSINESS

- 1. Grievances / Other** (Discussion Item) – None.

III. NEW BUSINESS

1. FSA, NRCS, and Drainage Update

- FSA: Nicki M gave an FSA update.
- NRCS: Nick S gave an NRCS update.
- Drainage: No update.

2. COST SHARE CONTRACT / VOUCHER SPREADSHEET

- A. Encumbering** (Action Item) – Shane updated the Board on the Cost Share Requests.

Motion by Mensing to approve the Cost Share Requests as presented for a total of \$1,000.00.
Seconded by Bell.

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

Voting against – None. Motion Carried.

- B. Voucher Payments** (Action Item) – Shane updated the Board on the Cost Share Payments.

Motion by Bell to approve the Cost Share Payments as presented for a total of \$1,000.00.

Seconded by Mensing.

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

Voting against – None. Motion Carried.

3. STAFF PROGRAM & GRANT UPDATES – Including Policy Updates, Contract Approvals, etc.

- A. MAWQCP Update** – Herman Bartsch (Discussion Item)

Herman gave a MAWQCP update to the Board and gave them a handout of all the certified producers in Faribault County, MN.

- B. Future Grants – MDM County Ditch 26** (Discussion Item)

Nate mentioned there is a potential sediment basin project happening within the CD26 system.

- C. Current Grants – Capacity Funding** (Discussion Item)

Nate informed the Board that the district will no longer receive capacity funding from BWSR, and instead will get a direct payment from the state.

- D. 2023-2024 Observation Well Contract** (Action Item)

Chad submitted a written report stating the 2023-2024 Observation Well Contract will arrive within the next week or two. The district gets paid to monitor the site throughout the year.

Motion by Bell to approve the 2023-2024 Observation Well Contract if no major changes are made to the contract. Seconded by Mensing.

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

Voting against – None. Motion Carried.

4. BOARD SUPERVISOR UPDATES

- A. Supervisor Updates from Meetings | Trainings | Events** (Discussion Item)

No updates.

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B. Upcoming Meetings | Trainings | Events for Supervisors (Action Item)

Motion by Bell to approve attendance to the following:

June 21 st	Area 6 MASWCD Meeting; Gaylord
June 22 nd	Local Working Group; Waldorf
June 23 rd	1W1P (Randy)
June 27 th	TSA Meeting (Bill)
June 27 th	Soil Health Team Meeting (Jeff, Michael, Neal)

Seconded by Mensing.

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

Voting against – None. Motion Carried.

The Board took a short recess from 9:23a.m. to 9:29a.m.

IV. MISCELLANEOUS

1. Staff Reports (Chad, Shane, Nate, Hadley)

SWCD staff members gave job and project updates to the Board. Chad submitted a written report.

2. Juneteenth Holiday (Action Item)

Nate informed the Board that the county approved June 19th (Juneteenth) as a paid holiday. Since the district and the county share an office, they would not be present that day, so mentioned adopting it as a holiday as well.

Motion by Bell to approve June 19th (Juneteenth) as a paid holiday. Seconded by Mensing.

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

Voting against – None. Motion Carried.

3. 1W1P Resolution (Action Item)

Motion by Bell to approve the Resolution to support a Blue Earth River Watershed One Watershed, One Plan project. Seconded by Mensing.

A roll call vote was called:

Bill Anderson – Yes.

Jeff Bell – Yes.

Neal Mensing – Yes.

Michael Humburg – Yes.

Voting against – None. Resolution Approved 4-0.

4. Conservationist of the Year (Discussion Item)

Members of the Board along with SWCD staff were asked to provide a list of qualified candidates to nominate for Faribault County's Conservationist of the Year, which will be recognized at the state convention.

5. Tree Planter Update (Discussion Item)

Hadley mentioned a customer rented the district's tree planter this spring and blew a tire while transporting. The district then replaced the back two tires. She asked the Board if they were in favor of fixing up the tree planter and storing it inside, so it will stay in better condition for customers. The Board was in favor of fixing the tree planter and looking for storage options.

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6. Vehicle Trade (Discussion Item)

Shane mentioned local dealerships have trucks in stock if we wanted to trade in the district's 2014 Ford 150 pickup. After some discussion, it was decided to get a quote before proceeding further.

7. July Board Meeting – Wednesday, July 12, 2023 – 8:30 a.m., Ag Center Conference Room

V. APPROVE MEETINGS | EVENTS | TRAININGS FOR STAFF (Action Item)

Motion by Mensing to approve attendance to the following:

June 21 st	Area 6 MASWCD Meeting; Gaylord – Shane, Nate
June 22 nd	Local Working Group; Waldorf – Nate
June 23 rd	1W1P – Nate
June 27 th	Soil Health Team Meeting – Nate, Hadley
June 27 th	Kiwanis Meeting – Nate
July 11 th	1W1P, Steering Team – Nate

Seconded by Bell.

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

Voting against – None. Motion Carried.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

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

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

Voting against – None. Motion Carried.

Vice-Chairman Humburg adjourned the Regular Board Meeting at 10:47