

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

**Regular Board Meeting Minutes
March 8, 2023**

Chairman Feist called the Regular Board Meeting to order at 8:29 a.m.

SUPERVISORS PRESENT:

Randy Feist
Michael Humburg
Bill Anderson
Neal Mensing

SUPERVISORS ABSENT:

Jeff Bell

STAFF & OTHERS PRESENT:

Shane Johnson, Nate Carr, Hadley Mensing, and Chad Viland – SWCD Staff | Nicki Miranowski – FSA | Nick Segar – NRCS | Dustin Anderson – Drainage Dept.

I. APPROVALS

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

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

2. APPROVAL OF FEBRUARY 8, 2023, BOAR MEETING MINUTES (Action Item)

Motion by Mensing to approve the February 8, 2023, Regular Board Meeting Minutes. Seconded by Humburg.
Voting unanimously in favor by were: Anderson, Humburg, and Mensing.
Voting against – None. Motion Carried.

3. APPROVE TREASURER’S REPORT (Action Item)

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

4. PAYMENT OF BILLS (Action Item)

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

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

Motion by Mensing to approve the Transfer of Funds in the amount of \$56,000.00 from Savings to Checking to pay the bills. Seconded by Humburg.
Voting unanimously in favor by were: Anderson, Humburg, and Mensing.
Voting against – None. Motion Carried.

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II. OLD BUSINESS

- 1. Grievances / Other – None**

III. NEW BUSINESS

1. FSA, NRCS, and Drainage Update

-FSA: Nicki M gave an FSA update.

-NRCS: Nick S gave an NRCS and mentioned the Local Working Group.

-Drainage: Dustin A gave a Drainage Dept. update.

2. COST SHARE CONTRACT / VOUCHER SPREADSHEET

A. Encumbering (Action Item) – Nate updated the Board on the Cost Share Request.

Motion by Mensing to approve the Cost Share Requests as presented for a total of \$21,375.00.

Seconded by Humburg.

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

Voting against – None. Motion Carried.

B. Voucher Payments – None.

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

A. Future Grants – No Update

B. Current Grants – No Update

4. BOARD SUPERVISOR UPDATES

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

Board member Mensing gave a Soil Health Workshop updates, and mentioned there was a great turnout for the event.

Board member Feist gave a 1W1P meeting update.

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

Motion by Anderson to approve attendance to the following:

~~March 9th – CD62 Bioreactor Meeting~~ – (Postponed to March 16th)

March 17th GBERBA, Policy (Neal)

March 21st TSA Board Meeting (Bill)

March 24th 1W1P (Randy)

Seconded by Mensing.

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

Voting against – None. Motion Carried.

The Board took a short recess from 9:45a.m. to 9:52a.m.

IV. MISCELLANEOUS

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

SWCD staff members gave job and project updates to the Board.

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2. Polaris ATV (Action Item)

Shane presented the Board with price estimates on the district's ATV. He mentioned the Highway Department is very interested in purchasing it for \$1,500.00.

Motion by Anderson to sell the Polaris ATV to the Highway Department for \$1,500.00. Seconded by Humburg.

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

Voting against – None. Motion Carried.

3. Picnic Tables vs. Chairs (Action Item)

Hadley mentioned purchasing picnic tables for upcoming field days and events. She mentioned tables and chair don't do as well on the uneven ground, whereas picnic tables do. She presented the Board with a couple of different options. After some discussion, it was decided a total of 4 – 6' picnic tables would be sufficient.

Motion by Anderson to purchase 4 – 6' picnic tables for no more than \$300.00 per table. Seconded by Mensing.

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

Voting against – None. Motion Carried.

4. OWL Purchase (Action Item)

Nate proposed purchasing an OWL, which is a smart video conference camera, microphone, and speaker for virtual meetings. This OWL also has automatic speaker focus and smart zooming, so it will automatically focus on the person speaking.

Motion by Anderson to purchase the OWL. Seconded by Humburg.

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

Voting against – None. Motion Carried.

5. 2014 F150 Pickup (Action Item)

Board members wanted to circle back to the 2014 F150 Pickup, which was starting to rust. Options to either fix the rust or trade the pickup in for a newer one was brought up in the past.

Nate mentioned adopting a new policy stating if a vehicle is "10 years old or has 100,000 miles, whichever comes first, the vehicle will be traded in". After some discussion, it was decided to check back in with local dealerships to see trade-in values and availability. No decision was made.

6. 2-Stage Ditch Contract (Discussion Item)

Nate went over the proposed improvement for the 2-stage ditch on CD64 and how it will be funded.

7. April Board Meeting – Wednesday, April 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:

March 9 th	CD62 Bioreactor Meeting – Chand, Nate, Hadley (Postponed to March 16 th)
March 10/13/17 th	Cover Crop Training, Webinars – Hadley
March 14 th	1W1P, Steering Team – Nate
March 14/15 th	New E-Link Training – Staff
March 21 st	TSA Board Meeting – Staff
March 28 th	Township Meeting – Nate

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March 28th

Wetland Banking – Shane

March 30th

BWSR Spring Training – Staff

March 31st

Cover Crop Training; Austin, MN – Hadley

April 10th

MPCA Talking Tour, Zoom – Chad

April 11th

1W1P, Steering Team – Nate

Seconded by Humburg.

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

Voting against – None. Motion Carried.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

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

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

Voting against – None. Motion Carried.

Chairman Feist adjourned the Regular Board Meeting at 10:49 a.m.