

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

Regular Board Meeting Minutes

November 10, 2021

Chairman Bell called the Regular Board Meeting to order at 8:37 a.m.

SUPERVISORS PRESENT:

Jeff Bell
Randy Feist
Neal Mensing

SUPERVISORS ABSENT:

Dave Mathews
Bill Anderson

STAFF & OTHERS PRESENT:

Shane Johnson, Nate Carr, Hadley Mensing, Myles Elsen – NRCS, and Ciara Ahrens – NRCS

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: Bell, Feist, and Mensing.
Voting against – None. Motion carried.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Feist to approve the October 13, 2021, Regular Board Meeting Minutes. Seconded by Mensing.
Voting unanimously in favor by were: Bell, Feist, and Mensing.
Voting against – None. Motion Carried.

3. TREASURER'S REPORT

Motion by Mensing to approve the October 2021 Treasurer's Report as presented and to file it subject to audit. Seconded by Feist.
Voting unanimously in favor by were: Bell, Feist, and Mensing.
Voting against – None. Motion Carried.

4. PAYMENT OF BILLS

Motion by Feist to pay all outstanding bills. Seconded by Mensing.
Voting unanimously in favor by were: Bell, Feist, and Mensing.
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 \$40,000.00 from Savings to Checking to pay the bills. Seconded by Mensing.
Voting unanimously in favor by were: Bell, Feist, and Mensing.
Voting against – None. Motion Carried.

II. OLD BUSINESS

1. Grievances / Other – None

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III. NEW BUSINESS

1. FSA UPDATE, NRCS UPDATE, AND DRAINAGE UPDATE

- Hadley** – Gave an FSA Update for Nicki.
- Myles & Ciara** – Gave an NRCS Update.
- Drainage** – No update this month.

2. COST SHARE CONTRACT / VOUCHER SPREADSHEET

A. Encumbering – Shane and Hadley briefed the Board on the Cost Share Requests.

Motion by Feist to approve the Cost Share Encumbering requests as presented for a total of \$7,935.00.

Seconded by Mensing.

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

Voting against – None. Motion Carried.

B. Voucher Payments – Shane briefed the Board on the Cost Share Payments.

Motion by Mensing to approve the Cost Share Payments as presented for a total of \$19,625.00.

Seconded by Feist.

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

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 UPDATES – Including Policy Updates, Contract Approvals, etc.

A. Future Grants –

1. Rice Creek 319 – Nate briefed the Board on the Rice Creek Grant and mentioned the 9 Element plan was approved.

2. FY22 & FY23 SWCD Program & Operations Grant Agreement – Shane updated the Board on the SWCD Program & Operations Grant Agreement.

Motion by Mensing to approve the Grant Agreement. Seconded by Feist.

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

Voting against – None. Motion Carried.

3. **FY22 CREP Outreach and Implementation Program Grant Agreement** – Shane Updated the Board on the CREP Outreach and Implementation Grant Agreement.

Motion by Feist to approve the Grant Agreement. Seconded by Mensing.

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

Voting against – None. Motion Carried.

B. Current Grants – CD62; Corn Growers

Nate updated the Board on the CD62 Grant, and mentioned he thought we should apply for additional funds.

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4. BOARD SUPERVISOR UPDATES

A. Supervisor Updates from Trainings | Meetings | Events

Board member Feist gave a 1W1P meeting update. He mentioned the next meeting will be held in Albert Lea, MN.

B. Upcoming Meetings | Trainings | Events for Supervisors

Motion by Mensing to approve attendance to the following:

November 19 th	GBERBA, Policy / Technical. Mtg.; Mountain Lake (Neal)
November 26 th	1W1P (Randy)

Seconded by Feist.

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

Voting against – None. Motion Carried.

IV. MISCELLANEOUS

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

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

2. 2021 MASWCD Annual Convention; Bloomington – Dec 12-14th

Hadley and Nate mentioned they will be attending the MASWCD Convention. Board member Feist also mentioned he will plan on attending.

3. Soil Management Summit; Mankato – Dec 15-16th

Hadley mentioned there will be a soil health event in Mankato if any staff or supervisors wanted to attend.

4. 2020 Financial Audit

Nate presented the 2020 Financial Audit to the Board.

5. Personnel Meeting Discussion

Nate brought up the personnel meeting that will be held in December. He indicated it would be better to have this meeting prior to the December SWCD Board Meeting, since that meeting typically runs long. After discussion, it was agreed to meet with the Personnel Committee prior to the December SWCD Board Meeting.

6. December Board Meeting – Wednesday, December 8, 2021 – 8:30 a.m., Ag Ctr, Conference Room

V. MEETINGS | EVENTS | TRAININGS FOR STAFF

Motion by Feist to approve attendance to the following:

December 1 st	Huntley Sewer District – Chad
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VI. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Feist to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Mensing.
Voting unanimously in favor by were: Bell, Feist, and Mensing.
Voting against – None. Motion Carried.

Chairman Bell adjourned the Regular Board Meeting at 9:55 a.m.