

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

**Regular Board Meeting Minutes
October 11, 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
Jeff Bell

SUPERVISORS ABSENT:

None.

STAFF & OTHERS PRESENT:

Shane Johnson, Nate Carr, Hadley Mensing – SWCD Staff | Dustin Anderson – Drainage Dept.

I. APPROVALS

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

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

2. APPROVAL OF SEPTEMBER 13, 2023 REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES (Action Item)

Motion by Anderson to approve the September 13, 2023, Regular Board Meeting Minutes. Seconded by Bell.
Voting unanimously in favor by were: Anderson, Bell, Humburg, and Mensing.
Voting against – None. Motion Carried.

3. APPROVE TREASURER’S REPORT (Action Item)

Motion by Anderson to approve the September 2023 Treasurer’s Report as presented and to file it subject to audit. Seconded by Bell.
Voting unanimously in favor by were: Anderson, Bell, Humburg, 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, 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 \$35,000.00 from Savings to Checking to pay the bills. Seconded by Humburg.
Voting unanimously in favor by were: Anderson, Bell, Humburg, 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, & Drainage Update

-FSA – written report.

-NRCS – written report.

-Drainage – Dustin from the Faribault County Drainage Department spoke with the SWCD Boards about BWSR funding, which an email can be sent to request it.

Motion by Bell to approve sending BWSR and email requesting funding. Seconded by Humburg.

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

Voting against – None. Motion Carried.

2. COST SHARE CONTRACT / VOUCHER SPREADSHEET

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

Motion by Bell to approve the Cost Share Requests without CA-VT-1, as presented for a total of \$48,578.67. Seconded by Anderson.

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

Voting against – None. Motion Carried.

Motion by Mensing to deny Cost Share Request CA-VT-1. Seconded by Bell.

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

Voting against – None. Motion Carried.

- B. Voucher Payments** (Action Item) – Shane went over the Cost Share Payment.

Motion by Bell to approve the Cost Share Payments as presented for a total of \$500.00.

Seconded by Mensing.

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

Voting against – None. Motion Carried.

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

- A. CD 62 Funding** (Action Item)

Nate mentioned the University of MN and ARS wants to implement split applications of nitrogen within the CD62 watershed to try and reduce tile nitrogen loss. Nate asked the Board if they were in favor of supporting this research and practice.

Motion by Bell to approve participating and supporting CD62 nitrate reduction practices.

Seconded by Mensing.

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

Voting against – None. Motion Carried.

- B. NRCS 345 Standard Contracts** (Action Item)

Nate went over the proposed 345-Reduced Till-Vertical Till Policy, which would be a 3-year incentive based contract & follow NRCS rates.

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Motion by Anderson to approve the 345-Reduced Till-Vertical Till Policy.
The motion failed due to the lack of a second.

4. BOARD SUPERVISOR UPDATES

A. Supervisor Updates from Meetings | Trainings | Events

- Neal gave a Cover Crop, No Till, Soil Health Field Day update.
- Randy gave a 1W1P meeting update.
- Bill gave a TSA meeting update.

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

~~October 27th—1W1P (Randy)—~~ CANCELLED

IV. MISCELLANEOUS

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

SWCD staff gave job & project updates.

2. Designate Policy Member & Alternate for Blue Earth 1W1P (Action Item)

Nate mentioned the first policy meeting to the Blue Earth 1W1P is being planned, so a policy member and alternate is needed. Bell and Mensing volunteered.

Motion by Anderson to designate Bell for the Blue Earth 1W1P policy member and Mensing for an alternate. Seconded by Humburg.

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

Voting against – None. Motion Carried.

3. GBERBA (Discussion Item)

Nate gave the Board a heads up that the County wants to cut money, and GBERBA was brought up.

4. 2023 Audit (Discussion Item)

The 2023 Audit was approved & sent. Copies were given to the Board.

5. MASWCD Resolutions (Discussion Item)

Nate asked the Board to fill out the MASWCD resolution by November 1st, 2023.

6. November Board Meeting – Wednesday, November 8, 2023 – 8:30 a.m., Ag Center Conference Room

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

Motion by Bell to approve attendance to the following:

November 1-2nd HR Workgroup, MASWCD – Nate

November 13-14th HR Workgroup, MASWCD – Nate

Seconded by Mensing.

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Voting against – None. Motion Carried.

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VI. ADJOURNMENT

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

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

Voting against – None. Motion Carried.

Chairman Feist adjourned the Regular Board Meeting at 9:37 a.m.