

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

**Regular Board Meeting Minutes
September 14, 2022**

Treasurer Mensing called the Regular Board Meeting to order at 8:33 a.m.

SUPERVISORS PRESENT:

Bill Anderson
Jeff Bell
Dave Mathews
Neal Mensing

SUPERVISORS ABSENT:

Randy Feist

STAFF & OTHERS PRESENT:

Shane Johnson, Nate Carr & Hadley Mensing | Ciara Ahrens (via phone) – NRCS

I. APPROVALS

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

Motion by Bell to approve the agenda. Seconded by Anderson.

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

Voting against – None. Motion Carried.

2. APPROVAL OF AUGUST 10, 2022, REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES (Action Item)

Motion by Anderson to approve the August 10, 2022, Regular Board Meeting Minutes. Seconded by Bell.

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

Voting against – None. Motion Carried.

3. TREASURER'S REPORT (Action Item)

Motion by Bell to approve the August 2022 Treasurer's Report as presented and to file it subject to audit. Seconded by Anderson.

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

Voting against – None. Motion Carried.

4. PAYMENT OF BILLS (Action Item)

Motion by Anderson to pay all outstanding bills. Seconded by Bell.

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

Voting against – None. Motion Carried.

Board member Mathews arrived at 8:43a.m.

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

Motion by Bell to approve the Transfer of Funds in the amount of \$35,000.00 from Savings to Checking to pay the bills. Seconded by Mathews.

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

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 – Provided a written report for the Board.
- NRCS – Ciara gave an NRCS update (via-phone)
- Drainage – No Update this month.

2. COST SHARE CONTRACT / VOUCHER SPREADSHEET

A. Encumbering (Action Item) – Hadley and Shane briefed the Board on the Cost Share Requests.

Motion by Bell to approve the Cost Share Encumbering Requests as presented for a total of \$15,492.50. Seconded by Mathews.

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

Voting against – None. Motion Carried.

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

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

Seconded by Mathews.

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

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 – Soil Health Cost Share Grant (Discussion Item)

Nate mentioned to the board how he had received an email regarding a Soil Health cost share grant. He mentioned each SWCD district in Minnesota will receive around \$14,000.00 to put towards soil health, which will not have to be applied for.

B. Current Grants – None.

4. BOARD SUPERVISOR UPDATES

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

Board member Mensing gave an overview of the Soil Health/Organic Field Day, and the Cover Crop Field Day that were both held on September 7th. He mentioned there was a great turnout at each event.

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

Motion by Bell to approve attendance to the following:

September 14 th	Cover Crop & Strip Till Field Day
September 15 th	Corn Growers Field Day at CD62

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September 16th

GBERBA, Policy (Neal)

September 20th

SCTSA Board Meeting (Bill)

September 23rd

1W1P (Randy)

Seconded by Mathews.

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

Voting against – None. Motion Carried.

IV. MISCELLANEOUS

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

SWCD staff members gave job & project updates to the Board. Staff member Chad Viland had no update for the Board.

2. Side by Side Purchase (Action Item)

Nate discussed purchasing a new side by side gator for the district. Me mentioned this would be used for site visits. He went over 2 options, a gator from John Deere and one from Yeager.

A discussion was held, and a decision was made to table this agenda item to the October 12, 2022, Board Meeting.

3. 2023 Ron Schara Calendars (Action Item)

Shane mentioned we received the 2023 order form for the Ron Schara calendars and asked if the Board would like to order them again for 2023.

Motion by Anderson to order 100 of the Ron Schara Calendars. Seconded by Mathews.

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

Voting against – None. Motion Carried.

4. 2014 Ford F-150 (Action Item)

Nate mentioned the truck Chad drives (2014 F-150) is starting to rust. He asked the Board if they would like to fix the rust or start looking for a new pickup for the district.

A decision to table this agenda item until the October 12 meeting was made, and the Board asked for both a quote to fix the rust, and a one for a new vehicle.

5. Foldable Picnic Tables (Action Item)

Nate and Hadley told the Board the recent field days were a success and mentioned foldable picnic tables would be a nice addition at these events. After some discussion, thoughts of foldable tables and chairs vs picnic tables were brought up. No decision was made, and this agenda item was tabled to a future meeting.

6. Bass Lake (Discussion Item)

Nate mentioned he has been in contact with members of the Bass Lake Coalition. They recently tested the water, and Blue-Green Algae was confirmed in the lake, which can be harmful to humans and animals.

7. October Board Meeting – Wednesday, October 12, 2022 – 8:30 a.m. Ag Ctr Conference Room

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V. MEETINGS | EVENTS | TRAININGS FOR STAFF

Motion by Bell to approve attendance to the following:

September 14 th	Cover Crop & Strip Till Field Day; Neal Mensing – Hadley, Nate
September 15 th	Corn Growers Field Day at CD62 – Chad
September 20 th	SCTSA Board Meeting – Shane
September 21 st	2022 Windbreak & Tree Planting Training; St. James – Hadley
September 22 nd	1W1P, Policy Meeting – Nate
September 28 th	MN Farm Training; McCloud County – Chad
September 29 th	Area 6 SWCD Managers Meeting – Shane, Nate
October 11 th	1W1P, Steering Team – Nate

Seconded by Mathews.

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

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 Mathews.

Voting against – None. Motion Carried.

Treasurer Mensing adjourned the Regular Board Meeting at 10:34 a.m.