

**FARIBAULT COUNTY SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
FARIBAULT COUNTY AG. CENTER
415 SOUTH GROVE ST., SUITE 8
BLUE EARTH, MN 56013
REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES
April 10, 2019**

Chairman Bell calls the Regular Board Meeting to order at 8:38 a.m.

SUPERVISORS PRESENT:

CHAIRMAN – JEFF BELL
VICE CHAIRMAN – RANDY FEIST
SECRETARY – NEAL MENSING
TREASURER – DAVE MATHEWS
P/R – BILL ANDERSON

SUPERVISORS ABSENT:

NONE

STAFF & OTHERS PRESENT:

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT – AMY HUBER
CONSERVATION TECHNICIAN – NATE CARR
ASSISTANT PROGRAM ADMINISTRATOR – BRANDEE DOUGLAS
PROGRAM TECHNICIAN – SHANE JOHNSON
WATER RESOURCE TECHNICIAN – CHAD VILAND
NRCS – JOSIAH OLSON
FSA – NICKI MIRANOWSKI

I. APPROVALS

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA/ADDITIONS

Motion by Mensing to approve the Agenda. Seconded by Mathews.
Motion carried.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Anderson to approve the minutes of the March 13, 2019 SWCD Board Meeting.
Seconded by Mensing. Motion carried.

3. TREASURER'S REPORT

Motion by Anderson to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented and to file it subject to audit.
Seconded by Mathews. Motion carried.

4. PAYMENT OF BILLS

Motion by Feist to pay all outstanding bills. Seconded by Mensing. Motion carried.

5. TRANSFER OF FUNDS TO PAY BILLS

Motion by Mathews to approve the transfer of \$132,500.00 from the district savings account to the district checking account to pay current expenses. Seconded by Mensing. Motion carried.

6. HEALTH/DENTAL INSURANCE RENEWAL

Motion by Feist to approve the proposed PEIP Insurance Rates and Group Policy Renewal effective 7/1/2019 – 6/30/2020. Seconded by Mensing. Motion carried.

II. OLD BUSINESS

1. GRIEVANCES – None

III. NEW BUSINESS –

1. NRCS/Josiah –

Updates/Reports: Gave an EQIP update, reminded the board of the May 10th CSP deadline, and mentioned the new hires in NRCS offices.

FSA/Nicki –

Updates/Reports: Mentioned there have been several questions about the ARC/PLC sign-up date, discussed facility loans and interest rates as well as commodity loans and deadlines, and the emergency conservation program. She also said she is waiting for approval to post Norma's position.

2. COST-SHARE CONTRACT and VOUCHER SPREADSHEET

Shane Johnson and Nate Carr briefed the Board on the Cost-Share Requests.

ENCUMBERING –

Motion by Mensing to approve the Cost Share Encumbering Requests as presented. Seconded by Mathews. Motion carried.

VOUCHER PAYMENTS -

Motion by Feist to approve the Cost Share Payment Request as presented. Seconded by Mensing. Motion carried.

Motion by Feist to approve the SWCD Board to authorize MAWQCP Certification Incentives. Seconded by Mensing. Motion carried.

3. GRANTS UPDATE/OTHER –

Brandee explained that the Federal Clean Water Act Section 319 Project, proposed Grant - was approved for \$387,000.00, but the work plan for the project is due next week on the 17th. She mentioned that C.D. 64 has priority for grant funds. Final approval will be in the spring of 2020.

4. STAFF PROGRAM UPDATES –

Buffer Compliance/Web-site/Mapping/GIS system - Brandee: Brandee mentioned that 181 Buffer Final Notice letters went out to landowners. She also gave an update on the progress of the web-site, mapping, and GIS systems.

Faribault County Fair Sponsorship – Brandee: There was a handout of options for the Faribault County Fair sponsorship.

Motion by Feist to approve the Blue level sponsorship in the amount of \$500.00. Seconded by Mathews. Motion carried.

SSTS Program & Record Review Update – Chad: Chad discussed the recent MPCA review of the SSTS program and records, which he noted is a new process. It was found that all requirements were met.

Elected Officials Meeting Update – Chad: Discussed the elected officials meeting held in Fairmont the end of March. Estimated there was about half the attendance this year as comparison to last year and highlighted the areas that went well and some of the areas that could be improved upon. The Board suggested that he bring the pros and cons of the meeting to the committee members that organized the meeting, so they have feedback for planning of future meetings.

5. SUPERVISOR UPDATE -

Board member Anderson gave a brief update on the most recent TSA meeting. He mentioned they purchased a new truck and introduced the new Tech person.

Board Chair Bell mentioned there is another Area VI meeting in New Ulm on the 22nd of this month.

A list of upcoming meetings for Board Supervisors to consider attending was reviewed.

IV. MISCELLANEOUS

1. Water Storage Support Resolution.

Board Chair Bell discussed the background of the proposed Water Storage Support Resolution that was forwarded to area SWCD's from Mark Schnobrich. It was recently discussed at the Area VI Chairman's meeting.

Motion by Mensing to approve the Water Storage Support resolution. Seconded by Mathews. Motion carried.

2. Side by Side Lease – Nate.

Nate discussed the lease of a Side by Side from Yeager Implement. Said they would charge us \$200.00/month, which is what they charged last year.

Motion by Mensing to approve the lease of a Side by Side from Yeager Implement for \$200.00/month beginning in April and expiring at the end of this year. Seconded by Mathews. Motion carried.

The next SWCD Board meeting is scheduled for May 8, 2019 at 8:30 in the SWCD Conference room. It was discussed that in the event there wouldn't be a quorum of Board Members to attend the meeting, we need to have at least a three day posting notice to change the date and or time of the meeting.

V. UPCOMING MEETINGS/EVENTS/TRAININGS FOR STAFF -

Motion by Mensing to approve attendance to the following:

April 16	Tree Delivery, Fairgrounds – Nate, Amy, Shane
April 18	Pro West Local Govt. GIS Training, St. Cloud - Brandee
April 22	Area VI Meeting, New Ulm – Michele
April 24	GBERBA Tech., Mankato – Michele
April 24	MN Dept. of Revenue Training, Hastings - Amy
April 25	BWSR Reconciliation, SWCD Conf. Room – Michele, Brandee, Shane
May 2	Land Use Decision Training, Mankato – Amy
May 8	Lions Club Meeting, SWCD Presentation - Michele
May 14	Planning Comm./Board of Adjust., Ag. Center – Amy

Seconded by Feist. Motion carried.

VI. ADJOURNMENT –

Motion by Anderson to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Feist. Motion carried.
Chairman Bell adjourned the meeting at 10:35 a.m.

SWCD BOARD MEETING COST SHARE ENCUMBERING REQUEST

Board Meeting Date	April 10, 2019
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Board Chair Signature _____

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SWCD BOARD MEETING COST SHARE PAYMENT REQUEST

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