

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

**REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES
APRIL 14th, 2021**

Chairman Bell called the Regular Board Meeting to order at 8:32 a.m.

SUPERVISORS PRESENT:

Jeff Bell
Dave Mathews
Randy Feist
Neal Mensing
Bill Anderson

SUPERVISORS ABSENT:

None

STAFF & OTHERS PRESENT:

Shane Johnson, Nate Carr, Hadley Mensing, Myles Elsen & Ciara Ahrens – NRCS, Nicki Miranowski – FSA

I. APPROVALS

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA/ADDITIONS

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

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Anderson to approve the March 10, 2021 SWCD Board meeting minutes as amended. Seconded by Mathews.
Voting unanimously in favor by were: Mathews, Feist, Mensing, and Anderson.
Voting against – None. Motion Carried.

3. TREASURER'S REPORT

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

4. PAYMENT OF BILLS

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

5. TRANSFER OF FUNDS TO PAY BILLS

Motion by Mathews to approve the Transfer of Funds in the amount of \$29,000 from Savings to Checking to pay the bills. Seconded by Mensing.
Voting unanimously in favor by were: Mathews, Feist, Mensing, and Anderson.
Voting against – None. Motion Carried.

II. OLD BUSINESS

1. GRIEVANCES/OTHER – NONE

III. NEW BUSINESS

1. FSA, NRCS, & DRAINAGE UPDATE–

- Nicki – Discussed FSA Business
- Myles & Ciara – Discussed NRCS Business
- No Drainage Update this month

2. COST SHARE CONTRACT/VOUCHER SPREADSHEET

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

A. ENCUMBERING –

Motion by Feist to approve the Cost Share Encumbering Requests as presented for a total of \$34,399.75.

Seconded by Mathews.

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

Voting against – None. Motion Carried.

B. VOUCHER PAYMENTS –

Motion by Mensing to approve the Cost Share Payments as presented for a total of \$400.00. Seconded by Mathews.

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

Voting against – None. Motion Carried.

The complete and detailed list of Encumbering and Payments requests are attached to the official minutes and are available in the SWCD office.

3. STAFF PROGRAM & GRANT UPDATES – Including Policy updates, Contract approval, etc.

A. Future Grants – Rice Creek Small Watershed 319

Nate Carr gave an update to the board regarding the Rice Creek Small Watershed 319 grant. He mentioned the SWCD will be receiving additional funds through the grant.

B. Current Grants –

i. 2018 Capacity Grant

Shane Johnson discussed the 2018 Capacity Grant with the Board.

ii. 2021 Cover Crop Policy

Motion by Feist to approve the 2021 Cover Crop Policy. Seconded by Mensing.

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

Voting against – None. Motion Carried.

iii. 2021 Strip Till Policy

A discussion was held, and a decision was made to keep the 2021 Strip Till Policy unchanged.

4. BOARD SUPERVISOR UPDATES

A. Supervisor Updates from Trainings/Meetings/Other –

Board member Mensing gave a GBERBA meeting update to the Board.

Board member Anderson gave a TSA meeting(s) update to the Board.

B. Meetings/Trainings/Events for Supervisors

Motion by Anderson to approve attendance to the following:

April 23rd 1W1P (Randy)

Seconded by Feist.

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

Voting against – None. Motion Carried.

IV. MISCELLANEOUS

1. Staff Reports (Chad Viland, Shane Johnson, Nate Carr, Hadley Mensing)

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

2. 1999 Dodge Pickup Discussion

A discussion was held regarding the purchase of the 1999 Dodge Pickup from Faribault County Planning & Zoning. A decision was made to get a quote first, then further discussion will take place.

3. Authorization to Sign Grant Agreements

Motion by Mathews to assign the Board Chair, Jeff Bell, the authority to sign Grant Agreements and Financial Reports for one year (2021). Seconded by Mensing.

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

Voting against – None. Motion Carried.

The Board took a short recess at 11:00 a.m. and resumed the meeting at 11:09 a.m.

4. Contract For Services

Motion by Feist to approve the Contract for Services. Seconded by Mensing. A discussion was held regarding the Contract for Services.

Motion by Feist to amend the motion by adding the words approve the payment schedule and the proposed changes to the Contract for Services. Seconded by Anderson.

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

Voting against – None. Motion carried.

5. Faribault County Fair Sponsorship – July 28-31st

Hadley Mensing proposed sponsoring the 2021 Faribault County Fair and explained there were different sponsorship options.

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

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

Voting against – None. Motion Carried.

6. May Board Meeting – Wednesday, May 12, 2021 – 8:30 a.m., Ag Ctr, Conference Room

V. MEETINGS/EVENTS/TRAININGS FOR STAFF

Motion by Feist to approve attendance to the following:

April 13 th	1W1P – Nate
April 14 th	BWSR Cost Share Training – Shane, Nate, Hadley
April 15 th	SSTS TAP – Chad – CANCELLED
April 19 th	District Zoning – Chad
April 20 th	Tree Delivery – Hadley, Shane, Nate
April 29 th	WCA Training Webinar – Shane
May 3 rd	Native Plant ID – Hadley
May 5 th	DNR Floodplain & Shoreland Virtual Training – Chad

Seconded by Mensing.

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

Voting against – None. Motion Carried.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

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

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

Voting against – None. Motion carried.

Chairman Bell adjourned the meeting at 11:47 a.m.