

**FARIBAULT COUNTY SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT  
FARIBAULT COUNTY AG CENTER  
SWCD AG CENTER CONFERENCE ROOM  
BLUE EARTH, MN 56013  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
February 10<sup>th</sup>, 2021**

**Chairman Bell called the Regular Board Meeting to order at 8:35 a.m.**

**SUPERVISORS PRESENT:**

-JEFF BELL  
-RANDY FEIST  
-DAVE MATHEWS  
-NEAL MENSING  
-BILL ANDERSON

**SUPERVISORS ABSENT:**

NONE

**STAFF & OTHERS PRESENT:**

Amy Huber, Nate Carr, Chad Viland, Merissa Lore, Gary Feyereisen – USDA, Myles Elsen – NRCS, Nicki Miranowski – FSA, Jill Sackett Eberhart – BWSR

**I. APPROVALS**

**1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA/ADDITIONS**

Motion by Feist to approve the Agenda. Seconded by Mensing.

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

Voting against – none. Motion carried.

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Motion by Anderson to approve the minutes of the January 13, 2021, SWCD Board meeting.

Seconded by Feist.

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

Voting against – None. Motion carried.

**4. PAYMENT OF BILLS**

Motion by Mathews to pay all outstanding bills. Seconded by Feist.

Voting unanimously in favor were: Feist, Mathews, and Mensing. Board member Anderson abstained.

Voting against – None. Motion carried.

**5. TRANSFER OF FUNDS TO PAY BILLS**

Motion by Mensing to approve the Transfer of Funds in the amount of \$47,406.06 from Savings to Checking to pay the bills. Seconded by Mathews.

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

Voting against – None. Motion carried.

## **II. OLD BUSINESS**

### **1. GRIEVANCES/OTHER – None**

## **III. NEW BUSINESS –**

### **1. COST-SHARE CONTRACT/VOUCHER SPREADSHEET/PROJECT LOG**

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

#### **ENCUMBERING –**

None this month.

#### **VOUCHER PAYMENTS –**

Motion by Feist to approve the Cost Share Payments as presented for a total of \$1,320.00. Seconded by Mensing.

Voting unanimously in favor were: Feist, Mathews, and Mensing. Board member Anderson abstained.

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.*

#### **PROJECT LOG –**

Shane Johnson provided an updated Project Log for the Board to review.

### **2. GRANTS, POLICY, CONTRACTS –**

Shane Johnson proposed Well Sealing be increased to \$500.00. Motion by Feist to approve the FY-21 State Cost-Share Policy. Seconded by Mathews.

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

Voting against – None. Motion carried.

### **3. SUPERVISOR UPDATES -**

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

### **4. STAFF PROGRAM UPDATES -**

**CD62, Bioreactor Presentation** – Chad Viland and Gary Feyereisen presented an informational presentation of CD62 to the Board.

### **5. DRAINAGE UPDATE, NRCS UPDATE, FSA UPDATE -**

**Merissa** – Drainage Business

**Nicki** – FSA Business

**Myles** – NRCS Business

## **IV. MISCELLANEOUS -**

### **1. Accept Resignation from Amy Huber**

Motion by Anderson to approve Amy's resignation. Seconded by Feist.

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

Voting against – None. Motion carried.

**2. Consider sale of Plotter to the County -**

Motion by Mathews to consider the sale of the plotter to the County for \$1,500.00, in addition to having access and using it throughout the year. Seconded by Feist.

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

Voting against – None. Motion carried.

**3. Review/approval of Contract for Provision of Services with Faribault County & MOU's -**

No action was taken. Will be further discussed at a work session which will take place on Tuesday, February 16, 2021 at 8:30 a.m.

**The Board took a short recess for lunch at 11:53 a.m. and resumed the meeting at 12:25 p.m.**

**4. Staffing Discussion/Consideration –**

**Discuss Funding/Budget for Positions –** A discussion was held, and a decision was made to hold a work session on Tuesday, February 16, 2021 at 8:30 a.m. to further discuss. Jill Sackett Eberhart provided staffing input and suggestions.

**5. March Board Meeting – Wednesday, March 10, 2021, 8:30 a.m., Ag. Ctr. Conference Room**

**V. MEETINGS/EVENTS/TRAININGS FOR STAFF -**

Motion by Feist to approve attendance to the following:

February 9 <sup>th</sup>	Nitrogen Reduction Conference, Virtual – Chad
February 16 <sup>th</sup>	Nutrient Conference, Virtual – Chad

Seconded by Mathews.

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

Voting against – None. Motion carried.

**VI. ADJOURNMENT –**

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

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

Voting against – None. Motion carried.

Chairman Bell adjourned the meeting at 2:24 p.m.