

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

**Regular Board Meeting Minutes
June 9th, 2021**

Chairman Bell called the Regular Board Meeting to order at 8:37 a.m.

SUPERVISORS PRESENT:

Jeff Bell
Randy Feist
Neal Mensing
Bill Anderson

SUPERVISORS ABSENT:

Dave Mathews

STAFF & OTHERS PRESENT

Nathan Carr, Hadley Mensing, Dustin Anderson – Drainage, Nicki Miranowski – FSA, Myles
Elsen & Nick Segar - NRCS

I. APPROVALS

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

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

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Anderson to approve the Minutes from the May 12, 2021, SWCD Board Meeting. Seconded
by Mensing.
Voting unanimously in favor by were: Feist, Mensing, and Anderson.
Voting against – None. Motion Carried.

3. TREASURER'S REPORT

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

4. PAYMENT OF BILLS

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

5. TRANSFER OF FUNDS TO PAY BILLS

Motion by Feist to approve the Transfer of Funds in the amount of \$34,000.00 from Savings to Checking
to pay the bills. Seconded by Anderson.
Voting unanimously in favor by were: Feist, Mensing, and Anderson.
Voting against – None. Motion Carried.

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II. OLD BUSINESS

1. GRIEVANCES/OTHER – None

III. NEW BUSINESS

1. FSA UPDATE, NRCS UPDATE, DRAINAGE UPDATE –

Nicki – Discussed FSA Business

Myles – Discussed NRCS Business

Dustin – Discussed Drainage Business.

2. COST-SHARE CONTRACT/VOUCHER SPREADSHEET

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 \$13,510.00. Seconded by Mensing.

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

Voting against – None. Motion Carried.

B. VOUCHER PAYMENTS –

Motion by Feist to approve the Cost-Share Payments as presented for a total of \$8,497.30.

Seconded by Mensing.

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

Voting against – None.

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 Approval, Etc.

A. Future Grants – None

B. Current Grants – None

C. 21-22 Observation Well Contract – DNR (Chad)

Chad Viland informed the Board on the Observation Well Contract that will be arriving at the end of June or early July.

Motion by Mensing to assign the Board Chair, Jeff Bell, the authority to sign the contract once delivered. Seconded by Feist.

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

Voting against – None. Motion Carried.

4. BOARD SUPERVISOR UPDATES

A. Supervisor Updates from Trainings/Meetings/Other

-Board member Mensing gave a GBERBA meeting update and mentioned the next meeting may be held in person.

-Board member Feist gave a 1W1P meeting update.

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B. Meetings/Trainings/Events for Supervisors

Motion by Anderson to approve attendance to the following:

June 15 th	Local Working Group (LWG) (All supervisors)
June 24 th	SCTSA Board Mtg., Virtual (Bill)
June 25 th	1W1P (Randy)

Seconded by Feist.

Voting unanimously in favor by were: 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 Shane Johnson was unable to attend.

2. Metro Blooms – Raingarden/Stormwater Training Options (Hadley)

No action was taken. Hadley Mensing briefed the Board on the different training options Metro Blooms had to offer. A decision will be made on a later date after further research and discussion.

3. 2021 Faribault County Fair Display (see form)

Motion by Feist to approve a fair booth display for the 2021 Faribault County Fair. Seconded by Mensing.

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

Voting against – None. Motion Carried.

4. LWG Discussion – June 15th, 2021

A discussion was held regarding the LWG on June 15th. Board Supervisors will plan on attending unless otherwise occupied. SWCD staff members Shane Johnson and Nate Carr will also be present.

5. Financial Contract Discussion

A discussion was held regarding the hiring of a financial agency. Motion by Feist to pursue hiring a third-party agency for financial services. Seconded by Mensing.

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

Voting against – None. Motion Carried.

6. July Board Meeting – Wednesday, July 14, 2021 – 8:30 a.m., Ag Ctr, Conference Room

V. MEETINGS/EVENTS/TRAININGS FOR STAFF

Motion by Feist to approve attendance to the following:

May 25 th	Bass Lake Meeting – Nate
June 8 th	1W1P, Steering Team – Nate
June 8/10 th	Website Training, CivicCMS – Hadley
June 10 th	SSTS AC – Chad
June 15 th	LWG – Shane, 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 Feist.

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Voting against – None. Motion Carried.

Chairman Bell adjourned the meeting at 10:38 a.m.