

**FARIBAULT COUNTY SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
FARIBAULT COUNTY AG. CENTER
415 SOUTH GROVE ST., SUITE 8
BLUE EARTH, MN 56013
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
MARCH 14, 2018**

1. MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER BY CHAIRMAN NEAL MENSING AT 8:30 AM.

2. SUPERVISORS PRESENT:

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

3. STAFF PRESENT:

PROGRAM ADMINISTRATOR – MICHELE STINDTMAN
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT – LINDA BERNDT
OTHER STAFF as NECESSARY

I. APPROVALS

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Bell to approve the Agenda as presented. Second by Feist.
ANDERSON – Yes, BELL – Yes, FEIST – Yes, MATHEWS – Yes
MOTION CARRIED

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Mathews to approve the minutes of the February 14, 2018 SWCD Board Meeting.
Second by Bell.
ANDERSON – Yes, BELL – Yes, FEIST – Yes, MATHEWS – Yes
MOTION CARRIED

3. TREASURER'S REPORT

Motion by Bell to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented and to file it subject to audit.
Second by Feist.
ANDERSON – Yes, BELL – Yes, FEIST – Yes, MATHEWS – Yes
MOTION CARRIED

4. PAYMENT OF BILLS

Motion by Feist to pay all outstanding bills. Second by Bell.
ANDERSON – Yes, BELL – Yes, FEIST – Yes, MATHEWS – Yes
MOTION CARRIED

5. TRANSFER OF FUNDS

Motion by Bell to approve the transfer of \$15,000.00 from the district savings account to the district checking account. Second by Mathews.
ANDERSON – Yes, BELL – Yes, FEIST – Yes, MATHEWS – Yes
MOTION CARRIED

II. OLD BUSINESS

1. GRIEVANCES – There were none.

III. NEW BUSINESS

1. NRCS – Anna Haase –

Updates/Reports: Anna Haase introduced herself as the new NRCS Ultima employee.

FSA – Nicki –

Updates/Reports were given on: March 20th is National Ag. Day, FSA will be serving cookies; USDA Reorganization; ARC; and the Farm Bill.

2. COST-SHARE CONTRACT and VOUCHER SPREADSHEET ENCUMBERING –

Motion by Bell to approve Encumbering the following 36 FY-18 Buffer Cost-Share Contracts: FY-18 B18-46 through FY-18 B18-81 (full listing attached to March 2018 SWCD Minutes). Second by Mathews. ANDERSON – Yes, BELL – Yes, FEIST – Yes, MATHEWS – Yes
MOTION CARRIED

Motion by Feist to approve Encumbering the following Contracts: State Cost-Share #18-2 and GBERBA 319 TMDL #22-02. Second by Mathews. ANDERSON – Yes, BELL – Yes, FEIST – Yes, MATHEWS – Yes
MOTION CARRIED

VOUCHER PAYMENTS –

Motion by Feist to approve Payment of the following: State C-S #17-2; and returning to BWSR the unencumbered Buffer Law C-S funds. Second by Bell. ANDERSON – Yes, BELL – Yes, FEIST – Yes, MATHEWS – Yes
MOTION CARRIED

3. GRANTS UPDATE GRANTS –

Michele W. - A 319 Grant Application titled GREATER BLUE EARTH SOIL HEALTH ENDEAVOR has been submitted to the MPCA. Grant amount being requested is \$333,000 with \$222,000 in match. The purpose of the grant is to focus on civic engagement and soil health land management practices throughout the Blue Earth watershed.

Shane – Presented the FY-18 Non-Structural Land Practices Policy for review. Copy is attached. Motion by Bell to approve the FY-18 Non-Structural Land Practices Policy as presented. Second by Feist. ANDERSON – Yes, BELL – Yes, FEIST – Yes, MATHEWS – Yes
MOTION CARRIED

Shane – Presented the FY-18 State Cost-Share Policy for review. Copy is attached. Motion by Bell to approve the FY-18 State Cost-Share Policy as presented. Second by Feist. ANDERSON – Yes, BELL – Yes, FEIST – Yes, MATHEWS – Yes
MOTION CARRIED

Shane – Two submitted CREP applications have been approved by BWSR.

4. PROGRAM UPDATES –

• Cover Crop Violation - Nate

An update was given on the Cover Crop Violation for Contract #CWP-17-Gen-9. Discussion was held on the violation. There has been no response to a Corrective Action Transmittal letter mailed last month with a deadline date of today.

Motion by Mathews to send a Certified Letter with Return Receipt Requested to the landowner. Second by Feist.

ANDERSON – Yes, BELL – Yes, FEIST – Yes, MATHEWS – Yes

MOTION CARRIED

- **Andy Linder Work Shop - Nate**

Good meeting with 19 farmers attending.

- **True Cost of Food – Michele W.**

The meeting was organized by Jim Erdahl with a variety of attendees. Topics included: Farm to Table; food standards; economics; etc.

- **Soil Health Team – Michele W.**

Working with Asmus Farm Supply on research that has been done on Soil Health. Also, the “Soil Your Undies” campaign was discussed and approved by the SWCD Board.

- **Blue Earth Watershed Elected Officials Meeting, Today – Michele S.**

Will be held at Riverside Town and Country Club with SWCD Supervisors, County Commissioners, City Officials, Township Supervisors, and County and State Staff attending.

- **Partnership Farm – Michele S.**

Received a call from PartnershipFarm.org. offering many opportunities for the Blue Earth River Watershed to partner with them. A Representative from the organization would like to meet with the Blue Earth Watershed Group in the near future.

Supervisor Dave Mathews left the meeting.

- **Bass Lake – Michele S.**

A homeowner residing on Bass Lake was in the office regarding some concern about farm tile running into Bass Lake. A “Cleaner Water for Bass Lake” Coalition has been formed and is having a meeting in Delavan on March 23rd which Michele has been invited to attend.

- **Buffer Law Non-Compliant Parcel - Official List – Michele S.**

As required by the MN Buffer Law, it is the responsibility of the SWCD to provide an official list of Non-Compliant Parcels to Faribault County. This official list contains 22 parcels. This list, the process to date, and future plans were presented and discussed.

Motion by Feist to send the Buffer Law Non-Compliant Parcels List to the County for enforcement at the April 3, 2018 Board of Commissioners meeting. Second by Bell.

ANDERSON – Yes, BELL – Yes, FEIST – Yes,

MOTION CARRIED

- **SWCD Side-by-Side – Michele S.**

Discussion was held on leasing a side-by-side from Yeager’s or Kibble from Spring to Fall to be used by Staff on buffer compliance.

- **SWCD Office Lease with City of Blue Earth – Michele S.**

Motion by Anderson to approve the SWCD Office Lease with the City of Blue Earth through March 1, 2021. Second by Feist.

ANDERSON – Yes, BELL – Yes, FEIST – Yes,

MOTION CARRIED

Additional discussion lead to the board authorizing Michele to develop “sub contracts” with the county for their space to ensure that all parties are on the same page.

Michele S. –

Updates/Reports were given on: “What’s Happening” with Legislative Committees; upcoming Newsletter; and 2020-2021 Biennial Budget Requests.

5. SUPERVISOR/OTHER UPDATE –

SWCD Chairmen’s Mtg. – Neal

The schedule for 2018 MASWCD meetings was decided.

GBERBA – Neal

The Joint meeting of the GBERBA organization was good. The topic centered around drainage. The speakers were educating and interesting.

III. MISCELLANEOUS

1. April Board Meeting - The April Board Meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 11, 2018, 8:30 AM in the SWCD office.

2. Upcoming Events –

March 14 – Blue Earth River Watershed Elected Officials Mtg., Riverside T&CC – Supers & Staff

IV. UPCOMING MEETINGS

Motion by Anderson to approve attendance to the following meetings:

March 14	NRCS Work Group, Here – Supervisors and Staff BE Elected Officials, Riverside T&CC - Supervisors
March 19	PC/BOA, Ag. Center – Linda
March 19-21	Ditching Dilemma, BE Police & Fire – Michele S.
March 20	TSA, Mankato – Shane
March 21	BWSR – Michele S.
March 23	Septic Regulators, Owatonna – Chad
March 26	Conservation Tillage Work Shop, Ag. Center – Michele S., Michele W., Nate
March 27	Quick Books, Slayton – Michele S.
April 3	Sustainable Farming, Amboy – Michele W., Nate
April 9	BECE, Ag. Center – Michele S.
April 10	PC/BOA, Ag. Center - Linda

Second by Feist.

ANDERSON – Yes, BELL – Yes, MATHEWS – Yes

MOTION CARRIED

Adjournment –

Motion by Anderson to adjourn the meeting. Second by Bell.

ANDERSON – Yes, BELL – Yes, MATHEWS – Yes

MOTION CARRIED

Chairman Mensing adjourned the meeting at 10:45 AM.

SWCD BOARD MEETING COST SHARE ENCUMBERING AND/OR PAYMENT REQUEST

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