

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

**Regular Board Meeting Minutes
March 9, 2022**

Chairman Feist called the Regular Board Meeting to order at 8:31 a.m.

SUPERVISORS PRESENT:

Randy Feist
Dave Mathews
Jeff Bell
Bill Anderson

SUPERVISORS ABSENT:

Neal Mensing

STAFF & OTHERS PRESENT:

Shane Johnson, Nate Carr, Hadley Mensing | Nicki Miranowski – FSA | Dustin Anderson – Drainage |
Brandon Berndt & Ciara Ahrens (via phone) – NRCS

I. APPROVALS

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

Motion by Anderson to approve the Agenda with the additions. Seconded by Bell.

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

Voting against – None. Motion Carried.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES (Action Item)

Motion by Bell to approve the February 9, 2022, Board Meeting Minutes. Seconded by Mathews.

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

Voting against – None. Motion Carried.

3. TREASURER’S REPORT (Action Item)

Motion by Bell to approve the February 2022 Treasurer’s Report as presented and to file it subject to audit. Seconded by Mathews.

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

Voting against – None. Motion Carried.

4. PAYMENT OF BILLS (Action Item)

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

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

Voting against – None. Motion Carried.

5. TRANSFER OF FUNDS TO PAY BILLS (Action Item)

Motion by Bell to approve the Transfer of Funds in the amount of \$24,000.00 from Savings to Checking to pay the bills. Seconded by Mathews.

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

Voting against – None. Motion Carried.

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II. OLD BUSINESS

- 1. Grievances / Other – None.**

III. NEW BUSINESS

- 1. FSA (8:45), Drainage (9:00), and NRCS (9:15) Update**

-FSA – Nicki gave an FSA update.
-Drainage – Dustin gave a drainage update.
-NRCS – Brandon & Ciara gave an NRCS update.

- 2. COST SHARE CONTRACT / VOUCHER SPREADSHEET**

A. Encumbering – None this month.
B. Voucher Payments – None this month.

- 3. STAFF PROGRAM & GRANT UPDATES – Including Policy Updates, Contract Approvals, etc.**

- A. Future Grants** – Rice Creek 319

Nate briefed the Board on the Rice Creek 319 Grant and mentioned we received the first round of funds.

- B. Current Grants** – No Update

- C. FY22 Cover Crop Policy** (Action Item)

Hadley updated the Board on the changes made to the Cover Crop Policy.
Motion by Bell to approve the FY22 Cover Crop Policy. Seconded by Mathews.
Voting unanimously in favor by were: Anderson, Bell, and Mathews.
Voting against – None. Motion Carried.

- 4. BOARD SUPERVISOR UPDATES**

- A. Supervisor Updates from Meetings | Training | Events** (Discussion Item)

Board member Bell mentioned he has not met with Bass Lake yet but plans on doing so soon.

Board Member Feist gave a 1W1P meeting update.

- B. Upcoming Meetings | Trainings | Events for Supervisors** (Action Item)

Motion by Bell to approve attendance to the following:

March 11 th	GBERBA, Policy (Neal)
March 25 th	1W1P (Bill)
April 4 th	1W1P (Randy)
April 6 th	Area VI MASWCD Meeting – New Ulm

Seconded by Mathews.

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

Voting against – None. Motion Carried.

IV. MISCELLANEOUS

- 1. Staff Reports** (Chad, Shane, Nate, Hadley)

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

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2. Contract for Services (Action Item)

Motion by Bell to approve the finalized Contract for Services. Seconded by Mathews.

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

Voting against – None. Motion Carried.

3. NRCS / USDA Civil Rights Responsibilities for Partners Checklist (Discussion Item)

Ciara with the NRCS went over the Civil Rights Responsibilities for Partners Checklist with the Board.

4. CD52 Proposed Improvement Comment Letter (Action Item)

Nate went over the CD52 Engineers Report and mentioned the SWCD will need to submit a comment letter. After some discussion, it was decided to have a Special Board Meeting on March 21, 2022, to generate a comment letter.

5. Faribault County Register, Ag Addition (Deadline March 16th) (Action Item)

Motion by Bell to approve putting a writeup in the Faribault County Register, Ag Addition. Seconded by Mathews.

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

Voting against – None. Motion Carried.

6. Local Working Group (Discussion Item)

Ciara with the NRCS mentioned hosting another Local Working Group with the Faribault SWCD.

June 8, 2022, was the agreed-upon date. The meeting will start at noon, following the SWCD Board Meeting. The meeting will include lunch and refreshments for all attendees and will be held in the Ag Center Conference Room, in Blue Earth, MN.

7. MN Lake Township Project (Discussion Item)

Nate updated the Board on the MN Lake Township Project.

8. Area VI MASWCD Meeting – New Ulm (Discussion Item)

Shane reminded Board members of the Area VI meeting that will be held in New Ulm on April 6, 2022. Faribault County SWCD is responsible for registrations leading up to the meeting and also the day of the meeting.

9. MASWCD 2022 Supervisor Elections (Discussion Item)

Shane mentioned there are three (3) Board members (Bill, Randy, Dave) whose supervisor seats will be up for election this November (2022).

10. SWCD Aid Funding – see the email (Discussion Item)

Shane read an email to Board members regarding SWCD aid funding.

11. JD7 Phase II MDM Grant (Discussion Item)

Nate discussed JD& Phase II with the Board.

12. April Board Meeting – Wednesday, April 13, 2022 – 8:30 a.m., Ag Center, Conference Room

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V. MEETINGS | EVENTS | TRAINING FOR STAFF

Motion by Mathews to approve attendance to the following:

March 10 th	BEA Science Fair – Hadley, Nate
March 10 th	Safety Committee Meeting – Shane
March 16 th	Effective Cover Cropping – Hadley
March 17 th	Area VI Training Team – Shane
March 21 st	Tree/Shrub Site Prep and Planting Methods – Hadley
March 23 rd	Women in Ag Day – Hadley
March 29 th	BWSR Spring Training – Staff
April 4 th	1W1P – Nate
April 6 th	Area VI MASWCD Meeting, New Ulm – Shane, Nate, Hadley
April 12 th	1W1P, Steering Team – Nate

Seconded by Bell.

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

Voting against – None. Motion Carried.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

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

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

Voting against – None. Motion Carried.

Chairman Feist adjourned the Regular Board Meeting at 11:41 a.m.