

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

**Regular Board Meeting Minutes
March 13, 2024**

Chairman Bell called the Regular Board Meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

SUPERVISORS PRESENT:

Jeff Bell
Michael Humburg
Bill Anderson
Neal Mensing
Randy Feist

SUPERVISORS ABSENT:

None

STAFF & OTHERS PRESENT:

Shane Johnson, Nate Carr, Hadley Mensing – SWCD Staff | Nick Segar – NRCS | Dustin Anderson – Drainage

I. APPROVALS

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

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

2. APPROVAL OF FEBRUARY 14, 2024, REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES (Action Item)

Motion by Mensing to approve the February 14, 2024, Regular Board Meeting Minutes. Seconded by Humburg.
Voting unanimously in favor by were: Anderson, Feist, Humburg, and Mensing.
Voting against – None. Motion Carried.

3. APPROVE TREASURER’S REPORT (Action Item)

Motion by Mensing to approve the February 2024 Treasurer’s Report as presented and to file it subject to audit. Seconded by Humburg.
Voting unanimously in favor by were: Anderson, Feist, Humburg, and Mensing.
Voting against – None. Motion Carried.

4. PAYMENT OF BILLS (Action Item)

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

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

Motion by Mensing to approve the Transfer of Funds in the amount of \$30,000.00 from Savings to Checking to pay the bills. Seconded by Feist.

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Voting unanimously in favor by were: Anderson, Feist, Humburg, and Mensing.
Voting against – None. Motion Carried.

II. OLD BUSINESS

- 1. Grievances / Other** (Discussion Item) – None.

III. NEW BUSINESS

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

-FSA – No update.
-NRCS – Nick gave an NRCS update.
-Drainage – Dustin gave a drainage update.

- 2. COST SHARE CONTRACT / VOUCHER SPREADSHEET**

- A. Encumbering** – None.
B. Voucher Payments – None.

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

- A. 2024 Local Cost Share Policies** (Action Item)

Nate went over the 2024 Local Cost Share Policies. After some discussion, some changes were made to the policies.

Motion by Feist to approve the 2024 Local Cost Share Policies with the changes and with funding coming from the following: \$20,000.00 County Allocation, and \$10,000.00 local funds.
Seconded by Mensing.

Voting unanimously in favor by were: Anderson, Feist, Humburg, and Mensing.
Voting against – None. Motion Carried.

- B. Future Grants – CD14 MDM** (Discussion Item)

Nate mentioned the deadline for the MDM grant was March 1st, and that an application was submitted.

- C. Current Grants** – No Update.

- 4. BOARD SUPERVISOR UPDATES**

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

-Bill, Jeff, Michael, & Neal gave a Joint Board meeting update.
-Jeff gave a Blue Earth 1W1P meeting update.

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

Motion by Humburg to approve attendance to the following:

March 14 th	Soil Health Team Meeting (Neal, Jeff)
March 15 th	GBERBA, Policy (Neal)
March 18 th	Blue Earth 1W1P Policy Meeting (Jeff)
March 19 th	TSA Meeting (Bill)

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March 27th Area 6 Chair Meeting (Jeff, Michael)

Seconded by Mensing.

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

Voting against – None. Motion Carried.

The Board took a short recess from 9:42 a.m. to 9:50 a.m.

IV. MISCELLANEOUS

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

SWCD staff gave job & project updates. Chad submitted a written report to the Board.

2. Rainbarrel Policy (Action Item)

Hadley went over the Rainbarrel Policy with the Board.

Motion by Feist to approve the Rainbarrel Policy. Seconded by Mensing.

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

Voting against – None. Motion Carried.

3. Fair Booth (Action Item)

Motion by Humburg to approve a booth at the Faribault County Fair for \$150.00. Seconded by Mensing.

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

Voting against – None. Motion Carried.

4. Local Working Group – March 19th (Action Item)

Nate mentioned the Local Working Group will be March 19, 2024, at the Lembke Building in Minnesota Lake, MN. The building cost is \$35.00, plus food will be provided for all attendees.

Motion by Feist to approve the cost of the building and food for the Local Working Group. Seconded by Humburg.

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

Voting against – None. Motion Carried.

5. Vehicle Bids (Action Item)

Shane went to Albert Lea and received four (4) different vehicle bids to trade in the SWCD pickup.

Motion by Anderson to approve the vehicle bid that was presented for Chevy. Seconded by Humburg.

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

Voting against – None. Motion Carried.

6. Scholarship Program (Discussion Item)

Nate and Shane spoke with other districts and came to the conclusion that SWCD funds cannot be used for scholarships or sponsorships.

7. April Board Meeting – Wednesday, April 10, 2024 – 8:30 a.m., Ag Center Conference Room

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V. APPROVE MEETINGS | EVENTS | TRAININGS FOR STAFF (Action Item)

Motion by Feist to approve attendance to the following:

March 14 th	Soil Health Team Meeting – Hadley, Nate
March 18 th	Blue Earth 1W1P Policy Meeting – Nate
March 18 th	DNR Floodplain Training; Online – Chad
March 19 th	TSA Meeting – Shane
March 19 th	Local Working Group – Nate, Hadley
March 20 th	Spring Field Day; Waseca – Hadley
March 26 th	Faribault County Township Association Meeting – Nate
March 26-28 th	Annual Feedlot Conference – Chad
March 28 th	BWSR Spring Training; Online – All
April 1 st	Blue Earth 1W1P Steering Team – Nate
April 2 nd	Area 6 Managers Meeting; Nicolet – Shane, Nate

Seconded by Mensing.

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

Voting against – None. Motion Carried.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

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

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

Voting against – None. Motion Carried.

Chairman Bell adjourned the Regular Board Meeting at 10:40 a.m.