

**FARIBAULT COUNTY SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
FARIBAULT COUNTY AG. CENTER
415 SOUTH GROVE ST., SUITE 8
BLUE EARTH, MN 56013
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
MAY 9, 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:

ASSISTANT PROGRAM ADMINISTRATOR – BRANDEE DOUGLAS
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 Mathews.
ANDERSON – Yes, BELL – Yes, FEIST – Yes, MATHEWS – Yes
MOTION CARRIED

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Bell to approve the minutes of the April 11, 2018 SWCD Board Meeting. Second by Mathews.
ANDERSON – Yes, BELL – Yes, FEIST – Yes, MATHEWS – Yes
MOTION CARRIED

3. TREASURER'S REPORT

Motion by Mathews 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 – None

III. NEW BUSINESS

1. NRCS – Josiah

Updates/Reports: Women in Ag. – GOOD for the SWCD to sponsor and support; DC's are meeting with the state office tomorrow; EQIP; Soil Health; and CSP.

FSA – Nicki

Updates/Reports: Women in Ag. – VERY GOOD, the Best Ever; CRP; Nesting Season is 5/15/18 to 8/1/18; Buffers; Facility Loans; and County Committee Election.

2. COST-SHARE CONTRACT and VOUCHER SPREADSHEET ENCUMBERING –

Motion by Mathews to approve Encumbering the list attached to May 2018 SWCD Minutes. Second by Feist.

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

MOTION CARRIED

VOUCHER PAYMENTS – None

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. We received a check from the landowner last week paying back the amount of the violation of the contract.

3. GRANTS UPDATE

GRANTS – Brandee

Cost-Share - An update on available Cost-Share funding was handed out.

Purchase of Educational Event Items –

Discussion was held on purchasing a table cloth, a retractable banner and an event sign from available grant funds.

Motion by Feist to approve the purchase of a blue 6 feet fabric table cloth with our Logo on it, a retractable banner and an event sign to be used at civic engagement events and the fair. Second by Mathews.

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

MOTION CARRIED

Purchase of “Soil Your Undies” T-Shirts –

Discussion was held on the purchase of “Soil Your Undies” T-Shirts from available grant funds.

Motion by Feist to approve the purchase of 50 “Soil Your Undies” T-Shirts with the Faribault County Soil Health Team Logo on the front and “Soil Your Undies” on the back. Second by Mathews.

BELL – Yes, FEIST – Yes, MATHEWS – Yes, ANDERSON – No

MOTION CARRIED

Letter of Support to MPCA on the Winnebago Project –

Discussion was held the Winnebago Project.

Motion by Bell to approve sending a Letter of Support to MPCA on the Winnebago Project. Second by Mathews.

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

MOTION CARRIED

4. PROGRAM UPDATES –

Brandee -

Faribault County Targeted Township Testing Program –

An update was given on the Targeted Township Testing Program and discussion was held.

Motion by Bell to approve signing the Faribault County Targeted Township Testing Program Acceptance with RMB Environmental Laboratories, Inc. Second by Mathews.

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

MOTION CARRIED

SCTSA –

They have some funding available for equipment, software, GPS, iPad, and accessories. We have submitted a request for approximately \$12,000.00.

Staff Update –

Michele is researching Job Descriptions for the Administrative Assistant position to be presented at the June Board Meeting.

Brandee & Nate –

Buffers –

An update was given on the Buffer Law Alternative practices. The side-by-side from Yeager's should be coming soon.

SUPERVISOR/OTHER UPDATE – None

III. MISCELLANEOUS

1. June Board Meeting - The June Board Meeting is scheduled to be held on Wednesday, June 13, 2018, 8:30 AM in the SWCD office. As with all spring board meetings, if a supervisor knows he will not make it to the meeting, they will call the office at 7 a.m. Meeting will be scheduled as weather allows.

IV. UPCOMING MEETINGS

Motion by Bell to approve attendance to the following meetings:

May 9	Bio-Reactor, CD62 – Chad
May 11	GBERBA Policy, Mankato – Neal
	Cover Crop Field Day, Byron – Michele W.
May 15	Soils Class, St. Cloud – Chad
May 16	Environmental Day Comp, Fairgrounds – Staff
May 17	PEIP Ins. Conf. Call – Staff
May 22	BWSR Reconciliation, Here – Michele S.
May 23	GBERBA Tech., Mankato –
May 23 & 24	Civic Engagement, St. Cloud – Michele S.
May 31	BECE, Ag. Center – Michele S., Michele W.
June 7	Cover Crop Work Shop, Ag. Center – Nate, Michele W.
June 12	Huntley Sewer District, Winnebago – Chad
	PC/BOA, Ag. Center - Linda

Second by Feist.

ANDERSON – Yes, FEIST – Yes, MATHEWS – Yes

MOTION CARRIED

Adjournment –

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

ANDERSON – Yes, FEIST – Yes, MATHEWS – Yes

MOTION CARRIED

Chairman Mensing adjourned the meeting at 10:30 AM.

