

**FARIBAULT COUNTY SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
FARIBAULT COUNTY AG CENTER
SWCD AG CENTER CONFERENCE ROOM
BLUE EARTH, MN 56013
REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES
May 12th, 2021**

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

SUPERVISORS PRESENT:

Jeff Bell
Dave Mathews
Randy Feist
Neal Mensing

SUPERVISORS ABSENT:

Bill Anderson

STAFF & OTHERS PRESENT:

Shane Johnson, Nate Carr, Hadley Mensing, Myles Elsen & Ciara Ahrens – NRCS, Dustin Anderson – Drainage

I. APPROVALS

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA/ADDITIONS

Motion by Mathews to approve the Agenda, with the amended date change, for the 1W1P meeting on May 28th to June 4th (Board Supervisors Meetings/Events). Seconded by Mensing.

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

Voting against – None. Motion Carried.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Feist to approve the April 14, 2021 SWCD Board Meeting Minutes. Seconded by Mensing.

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

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 Mathews.

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

Voting against – None. Motion Carried.

4. PAYMENT OF BILLS

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

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

Voting against – None. Motion Carried.

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5. TRANSFER OF FUNDS TO PAY BILLS

Motion by Mensing to approve the Transfer of Funds in the amount of \$29,000.00 from Savings to Checking to pay the bills. Seconded by Feist.

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

Voting against – None. Motion Carried.

II. OLD BUSINESS

1. GRIEVANCES/OTHER – None

III. NEW BUSINESS

1. FSA, NRCS & DRAINAGE UPDATE –

-There was no FSA Update this month.

-Myles & Ciara – Discussed NRCS Business. A discussion was held regarding the LWG that will be held on June 15th at 4:30 p.m. at the Faribault County Fairgrounds.

-Dustin – Discussed Drainage business and gave a Buffer Law and Cost Share Project Update.

2. COST SHARE CONTRACT/VOUCHER SPREADSHEET

Shane Johnson 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 \$20,250.00. Seconded by Mensing.

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

Voting against – None. Motion Carried.

B. VOUCHER PAYMENTS – None

The complete and detailed list of Encumbering and Payments 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 – FY22 CREP Outreach & Implementation

Motion by Mensing to approve sending in the Request for Interest for the FY22 CREP Outreach & Implementation. Seconded by Mathews.

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

Voting against – None. Motion Carried.

B. Current Grants – No update

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4. BOARD SUPERVISOR UPDATES

A. Supervisor Updates from Trainings/Meetings/Other –

Board member Feist gave a 1W1P meeting update to the Board. He mentioned they are still meeting virtually and there is no talk as to when that will change.

B. Meetings/Trainings/Events for Supervisors

Motion by Mathews to approve attendance to the following:

May 14th GBERBA, Policy (Neal)

June 4th 1W1P (Randy)

Seconded by Feist.

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

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 Chad Viland was unable to attend.

2. 1W1P Priority Concerns Letter

Nate discussed the 1W1P Priority Concerns Letter with the Board.

Motion by Mensing to approve the letter. Seconded by Mathews.

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

Voting against – None. Motion Carried.

3. Personal Policy Update

No action was taken. Nate discussed the current SWCD Personal Policy with the Board, and it was decided to move forward on updating the Policy after checking with other SWCD's.

4. Health Insurance Update

Shane presented the new rate proposal from PEIP, which on average is a 7% increase.

Motion by Mensing to approve the Health/Dental Insurance Renewal with MN PEIP effective July 1, 2021.

Seconded by Mathews.

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

Voting against – None. Motion Carried.

5. Approve Hadley's Change of Hours

Motion by Feist to approve Hadley's change of hours from 8:00a.m.- 4:30p.m. on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday to 7:30a.m.- 4:00p.m. effective on May 14th, 2021. Seconded by Mathews.

Voting unanimously in favor by were: Bell, Mathews, and Feist. Board member Mensing abstained.

Voting against – None. Motion Carried

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6. Rice Creek ACPF

No action was taken. Nate briefed the Board, and a discussion was held regarding the ACPF targeting tool.

7. Bank Signature Card

Motion by Mathews to add Neal Mensing and Nate Carr to the Bank Signature Card and remove Amy Huber and Michele Stindtman. Seconded by Feist.

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

Voting against – None. Motion Carried.

8. June Board Meeting – Wednesday, June 9th – 8:30a.m., Ag Ctr, Conference Room

V. MEETINGS/EVENTS/TRAININGS FOR STAFF

Motion by Mensing to approve attendance to the following:

May 11 th	1W1P; Steering Team – Nate
May 12 th	Website Training; CivicCMS – Hadley
May 15 th	Lura Lake Environmental Days – Nate, Hadley
May 17 th	Native Plant Communities – Hadley
May 20 th	Feedlot Regional Meeting; Virtual – Shane
May 24 th	Dendrology 101 – Hadley
June 8 th	Huntley Sewer Meeting – Chad

Seconded by Mathews.

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

Voting against – None. Motion Carried.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

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

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

Voting against – None. Motion Carried.

Chairman Bell adjourned the meeting at 10:36 a.m.