

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

**Regular Board Meeting Minutes
May 11, 2022**

Chairman Feist called the Regular Board Meeting to order at 8:28 a.m.

SUPERVISORS PRESENT:

Randy Feist
Dave Mathews
Neal Mensing

SUPERVISORS ABSENT:

Jeff Bell
Bill Anderson

STAFF & OTHERS PRESENT:

Shane Johnson, Nate Carr, and Hadley Mensing

I. APPROVALS

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

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

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

Voting against – None. Motion Carried.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES (Action Item)

Motion by Mensing to approve the April 13, 2022, Regular Board Meeting Minutes. Seconded by Mathews.

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

Voting against – None. Motion Carried.

3. TREASURER’S REPORT (Action Item)

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

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

Voting against – None. Motion Carried.

4. PAYMENT OF BILLS (Action Item)

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

Voting unanimously in favor by were: Feist, Mathews, 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 \$54,000.00 from Savings to Checking to pay the bills. Seconded by Mathews.

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

Voting against – None. Motion Carried.

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II. OLD BUSINESS

- 1. Grievances / Other** – None.

III. NEW BUSINESS

1. FSA, NRCS, and Drainage Update

- FSA – Submitted a written report for the Board.
- NRCS – No update this month.
- Drainage – No update this month.

2. COST SHARE CONTRACT / VOUCHER SPREADSHEET

- A. Encumbering** (Action Item) – Shane briefed the Board on the Cost Share Requests.

Motion by Mensing to approve the Cost Share Encumbering Requests as presented for a total of \$12,230.00. Seconded by Mathews.

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

Voting against – None. Motion Carried.

- B. Voucher Payments** – None this month.

The complete and detailed list of Encumbering and Payment requests are attached to the Official Minutes and are available in the SWCD office.

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

- A. Future Grants** – GBERBA Soil Health Grant

Nate mentioned that GBERBA applied for a Soil Health grant and highlighted the priority areas.

- B. Current Grants** – Rice Creek 319

Nate updated the Board on the Rice Creek 319 Grant. He went over the Workplan and Budget, and mentioned we can start implementing conservation practices in the watershed now.

4. BOARD SUPERVISOR UPDATES

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

Board member Feist gave a meeting update from his 1W1P meeting in Albert Lea, MN.

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

Motion by Mathews to approve attendance to the following:

May 13th GBERBA, Policy (Neal)

May 27th 1W1P (Randy)

Seconded by Mensing.

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

Voting against – None. Motion Carried.

IV. MISCELLANEOUS

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

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

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2. Equipment Purchases (Action Item)

Nate mentioned Hadley and him are scheduled to get new computers and monitors toward the end of the year, which will total \$6,847.32.

Motion by Mensing to approve the computer Equipment Purchases. Seconded by Mathews.

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

Voting against – None. Motion Carried.

3. Tabletop Rainfall Simulators (Action Item)

Hadley and Nate showed the Board the tabletop rainfall simulators and mentioned these would be useful when giving presentations or at field days. There is a 2-set option for \$448.00 or a 4-set option for \$888.00.

Motion by Mathews to approve purchasing the 4-set Tabletop Rainfall Simulator. Seconded by Mensing.

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

Voting against – None. Motion Carried.

4. Supervisor Elections – Reminder (Discussion Item)

Shane reminded Board members of the upcoming supervisor elections.

5. June Board Meeting – Wednesday, June 8, 2022 – 8:30 a.m., Ag Ctr. Conference Room

V. MEETINGS | EVENTS | TRAININGS FOR STAFF

Motion by Mensing to approve attendance to the following:

May 11/12th	Manure Management – Chad
May 13 th	1W1P Implementation Table Meeting – Nate
May 21st	Lura Lake Fair – Nate
May 25 th	WCA Training – Shane
June 7 th	Soil Health Team Meeting – Nate, Hadley
June 8 th	Local Working Group – Nate, Hadley
June 29/30 th	Administrative Session – Nate

Seconded by Mathews.

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

Voting against – None. Motion Carried.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

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

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

Voting against – None. Motion Carried.

Chairman Feist adjourned the Regular Board Meeting at 9:15 a.m.