

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

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

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

SUPERVISORS PRESENT:

Randy Feist
Dave Mathews
Neal Mensing
Bill Anderson
Jeff Bell

SUPERVISORS ABSENT:

None

STAFF & OTHERS PRESENT:

Shane Johnson, Nate Carr, Hadley Mensing | Nick Segar – NRCS

I. APPROVALS

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

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

2. APPROVAL OF OCTOBER 12, 2022, REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES (Action Item)

Motion by Anderson to approve the October 12, 2022, Regular Board Meeting Minutes. Seconded by Bell.
Voting unanimously in favor by were: Anderson, Bell, and Mensing.
Voting against – None. Motion Carried.

3. APPROVE TREASURER'S REPORT (Action Item)

Motion by Bell to approve the October 2022 Treasurer's Report as presented and to file it subject to audit. Seconded by Mensing.
Voting unanimously in favor by were: Anderson, Bell, and Mensing.
Voting against – None. Motion Carried.

4. PAYMENT OF BILLS (Action Item)

Motion by Bell to pay all outstanding bills. Seconded by Mensing.
Voting unanimously in favor by were: Anderson, Bell, and Mensing.
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 \$40,000.00 from Savings to Checking to pay the bills. Seconded by Mensing.
Voting unanimously in favor by were: Anderson, Bell, and Mensing.
Voting against – None. Motion Carried.

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II. OLD BUSINESS

- 1. Grievances / Other – None.**

III. NEW BUSINESS

1. FSA, NRCS, & Drainage Update

- FSA: No Update
- NRCS: Nick gave an NRCS update
- Drainage: No update

Board member Mathews arrived at 9:06 a.m.

2. COST SHARE CONTRACT / VOUCHER SPREADSHEET

A. Encumbering – None.

B. Voucher Payments – Shane updated the Board on the Cost Share Payments.

Motion by Mensing to approve the Cost Share Payments as presented for a total of \$1,000.00.

Seconded by Bell.

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

Voting against – None. Motion Carried.

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 – No update.

B. Current Grants – No update.

4. BOARD SUPERVISOR UPDATES

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

Board member Feist mentioned the 1W1P meeting that was supposed to be held on October 28th was cancelled.

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

Motion by Bell to approve attendance to the following:

November 15 th	Area 6 MASWCD Meeting
November 18 th	GBERBA, Policy/Technical Joint Meeting (Neal)
November 30th	1W1P (Randy)
December 6 th	Soil Health Team Meeting (Neal, Jeff)
December 8 th	SWCD Personnel Meeting (Randy, Jeff)
December 13-14 th	MASWCD Annual Convention

Seconded by Mensing.

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

Voting against – None. Motion Carried.

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IV. MISCELLANEOUS

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

SWCD staff members gave job and project updates to the Board. Nate gave an update for Chad since he was unable to attend.

2. Water Education Group (Action Item)

Hadley mentioned she had received some free educational products from the Water Education Group in NY. This included water saving brochures, soil and water coloring books, and a product catalog.

After looking at the products and some discussion, it was decided not to purchase any of the products, since there are more local companies that can provide the same services.

Motion by Bell to deny purchasing products from the Water Education Group. Seconded by Mathews.

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

Voting against – None. Motion Carried.

3. MASWCD Annual Convention (Discussion Item)

Nate informed the Board on the change in dates for the MASWCD Annual Convention. The convention is now Monday-Wednesday (was Monday-Tuesday in the past), which will fall on our December Regular Board Meeting this year.

4. Buffer Law (Discussion Item)

Nate mentioned Hadley and him are working through Buffer Law inspections. So far, there have been quite a few violations, which will need to be reported.

5. December Board Meeting – Wednesday, December 14, 2022 – 8:30 a.m., Ag Center Conference Room

V. APPROVE MEETINGS | TRAININGS | EVENTS FOR STAFF

Motion by Mensing to approve attendance to the following:

November 15 th	Area 6 MASWCD Meeting – Shane, Nate, Hadley
November 17 th	Area 6 Technical Training Team – Shane
November 5 th	Raingardens – Hadley
November 6 th	Soil Health Team Meeting – Nate, Hadley
December 12 th	MASWCD Managers Meeting – Shane, Nate
December 13 th	MASWCD Annual Convention – Nate

Seconded by Bell.

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

Voting against – None. Motion Carried.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

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

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

Voting against – None. Motion Carried.

Chairman Feist adjourned the Regular Board Meeting at 9:54 a.m.