

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

**Regular Board Meeting Minutes
October 13, 2021**

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

SUPERVISORS PRESENT:

Jeff Bell
Randy Feist
Dave Mathews
Neal Mensing
Bill Anderson

SUPERVISORS ABSENT:

None

STAFF & OTHERS PRESENT:

Shane Johnson, Nate Carr, Hadley Mensing, Chad Viland, Amy Lorenzen, and Nick Segar – NRCS.

I. APPROVALS

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

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

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

Voting against – None. Motion Carried.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Feist to approve the September 8, 2021, Board Meeting Minutes. Seconded by Mensing.

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

Voting against – None. Motion Carried.

3. TREASURER'S REPORT

Amy Lorenzen explained the Treasurer's Report which was first presented at the September 8, 2021 Board Meeting.

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: Feist, Mathews, Mensing, and Anderson.

Voting against – None. Motion Carried.

4. TREASURER'S REPORT

The Board held a discussion with Amy Lorenzen and decided to clean up the Treasurer's Report leading up to the November meeting.

Motion by Feist to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented and to file it subject to audit.

Seconded by Mathews.

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

Voting against – None. Motion Carried.

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5. PAYMENT OF BILLS

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

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

Voting against – None. Motion Carried.

6. TRANSFER OF FUNDS TO PAY BILLS

Motion by Mathews to approve the Transfer of Funds in the amount of \$41,000.00 from Savings to Checking to pay the bills. Seconded by Feist.

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

Voting against – None. Motion Carried.

II. OLD BUSINESS

III. NEW BUSINESS

1. FSA UPDATE, NRCS UPDATE & DRAINAGE UPDATE

-**Hadley** – Gave an FSA Update for Nicki.

-**Nick S** - Gave an NRCS Update.

-There was no Drainage Update this month.

2. COST SHARE CONTRACT / VOUCHER SPREADSHEET

A. Encumbering – Hadley briefed the Board on the Cost Share Requests.

Motion by Feist to approve the Cost Share Encumbering requests as presented for a total of \$9,980.00. Seconded by Anderson.

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

Voting against – None. Board member Mensing abstained. 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 – **Capacity Buffer Law Grant Agreement**

Shane updated the Board on the FY22 Capacity Buffer Law Grant Agreement.

Motion by Feist to approve the Grant Agreement. Seconded by Anderson.

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

Voting against – None. Motion Carried.

B. Current Grants – No Update

C. CREP Update – Shane briefed the Board on a CREP Contract.

4. BOARD SUPERVISOR UPDATES

A. Supervisor Updates from Trainings | Meetings | Events

Board member Mensing gave a GBERBA meeting update, and mentioned they are still virtual.

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Board member Anderson mentioned the September 14th SCTSA Board Meeting was rescheduled due to lack of people. It was rescheduled to a virtual meeting on September 28th.

Board member Feist gave a 1W1P meeting update. He mentioned there was a good turnout for the 1W1P Kickoff Meeting in New Richland.

Board member Bell mentioned that he and Shane attended the MASWCD Area VI Meeting in New Ulm. He mentioned there were some good discussions held.

B. Upcoming Meetings | Trainings | Events for Supervisors

Motion by Anderson to approve attendance to the following:

October 22nd 1W1P; Mankato (Randy)

Seconded by Mensing.

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

Voting against - None

IV. MISCELLANEOUS

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

SWCD staff members gave project and job updates to the Board.

2. Ron Schara's Calendars

Motion by Feist to approve ordering 100 calendars. Seconded by Anderson.

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

Voting against – None. Motion Carried.

3. Social Media Policy

Nate mentioned he reached out to other SWCD Districts, whom did not have social media policies either. A decision was made to continue without one.

4. Bass Lake Letter

Nate presented to the Board a response to the Bass Lake Letter.

Motion by Feist to approve the response, with the revision, and to send to the Bass Lake Coalition.

Seconded by Mensing.

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

Voting against – None. Motion Carried.

5. MASWCD 2021 Resolution Ballots

The Board decided to wait until the Board Meeting was adjourned to vote on the Resolution Ballots.

6. November Board Meeting – Wednesday, November 10, 2021 – 8:30 a.m. – Ag Ctr, Conference Room

V. MEETINGS | EVENTS | TRAININGS FOR STAFF

Motion by Mensing to approve attendance to the following with the addition:

October 11th 1W1P, Steering Team – Nate

October 21st SSTS TAP; **Virtual** – Chad

October 26-28th BWSR Academy – Shane, Nate, Hadley

November 3rd Reforestation Webinar – Hadley

November 3rd Area VI Technical Training Team; Webinar – Shane

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November 4th
November 9th

Buckthorn; The ongoing Challenge – Hadley
1W1P, Steering Team – Nate

Seconded by Mathews.

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

Voting against – None. Motion Carried.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

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

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

Voting against – None. Motion Carried.

Chairman Bell adjourned the Regular Board Meeting at 10:49 a.m.