

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

**Regular Board Meeting Minutes  
October 12, 2022**

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

**SUPERVISORS PRESENT:**

Randy Feist  
Neal Mensing  
Bill Anderson  
Jeff Bell

**SUPERVISORS ABSENT:**

Dave Mathews

**STAFF & OTHERS PRESENT:**

Shane Johnson, Nate Carr, and Hadley Mensing

**I. APPROVALS**

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

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

**2. APPROVAL OF SEPTEMBER 14, 2022 - REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES** (Action Item)

Motion by Bell to approve the September 14, 2022, Regular Board Meeting Minutes. Seconded by Mensing.  
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 September 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.

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**5. TRANSFER OF FUNDS TO PAY BILLS (Action Item)**

Motion by Bell to approve the Transfer of Funds in the amount of \$35,000.00 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.

**II. OLD BUSINESS**

**1. Grievances / Other – None**

**III. NEW BUSINESS**

**1. FSA, NRCS, and Drainage Update – No Updates**

**2. COST SHARE CONTRACT / VOUCHER SPREADSHEET**

**A. Encumbering (Action Item) – Hadley, Shane, and Nate briefed the Board on the Cost Share Requests.**

Motion by Bell to approve the Cost Share Encumbering Requests as presented for a total of \$142,440.00. Seconded by Mensing.

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

Voting against – None. Motion Carried.

**B. Voucher Payments – None**

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

**A. Future Grants –**

**1. FY-23 Capacity/Buffer Law Grant Agreement (Action Item)**

Shane updated the Board on the FY-23 Capacity/Buffer Law Grant Agreement.

Motion by Mensing to approve the Grant Agreement. Seconded by Bell.

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

Voting against – None. Motion Carried.

**2. FY-23 Soil Health C/S Grant (Action Item)**

Nate updated the Board on the FY-23 Soil Health C/S Grant, which consists of \$14,000.00 to be used towards soil health related activities.

Motion by Bell to approve the Grant Agreement. Seconded by Mensing.

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

Voting against – None. Motion Carried.

**B. Current Grants – No update**

**4. BOARD SUPERVISOR UPDATES**

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

Board members Bell and Mensing gave an overview of the Cover Crop & Strip Till Field day which was held on September 14<sup>th</sup>.

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Board member Mensing updated the Board about the Corn Growers Field day at CD62 on September 15<sup>th</sup>.

Board member Mensing gave a GBERBA, Policy meeting update.

Board member Anderson gave a SCTSA Board Meeting update.

Board member Feist gave a 1W1P meeting update.

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

Motion by Bell to approve attendance to the following:

October 28<sup>th</sup>      1W1P; Blue Earth, MN (Randy)  
**November 15<sup>th</sup>      Area 6 MASWCD Meeting; Waseca**

Seconded by Anderson.

Voting unanimously in favor by were: Anderson, Bell, 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 had no update for the Board.

**2. Soil Health Kits** (Action Item)

Hadley gave the Board a list of all the items needed to complete a soil health kit, along with prices of each item. Hadley and Nate mentioned 20 kits would be needed – and gave a rough estimate on how much that many would cost.

Motion by Bell to approve the purchase of 20 Soil Health Kits. Seconded by Mensing.

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

Voting against – None. Motion Carried.

**3. Side by Side Purchase** (Action Item)

Nate presented a Financial Breakdown to the Board showing where the money to purchase the side by side would come from. A final decision to purchase the Bobcat side by side from Yeager Implement Inc was made.

Motion by Bell to approve the purchase of the Bobcat Side by Side from Yeager Implement Inc. Seconded by Mensing.

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

Voting against – None. Motion Carried.

**4. 2014 F150 Pickup** (Action Item)

The Board was presented with bids for fixing the rust on the pickup, versus trading the pickup in. No action was made, and after some discussion, it was decided to wait on making a final decision.

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**5. LIDAR (Action Item)**

Nate mentioned new LIDAR imagery will be available in the future (date still unsure) and said it will be more accurate and precise than the current imagery. After some discussion, the Board decided they would contribute some money to get access to this new imagery.

Motion by Bell to contribute up to \$2,500.00 towards the updated LIDAR imagery. Seconded by Anderson.

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

Voting against – None. Motion Carried.

**6. MASWCD 2022 Resolution Ballots (Discussion Item)**

Shane reminded the Board to submit their 2022 Resolution Ballots.

**7. November Board Meeting – Wednesday, November 9, 2022 – 8:30 a.m., Ag Center Conference Room**

**V. MEETINGS | EVENTS | TRAININGS FOR STAFF**

Motion by Bell to approve attendance to the following:

October 13<sup>th</sup> Riverside Meeting; Courthouse – Chad

~~October 20<sup>th</sup> SSTS TAP – Chad~~ **CANCELLED**

November 1<sup>st</sup> RIM Wetland Program Training – Shane, Hadley

November 8<sup>th</sup> 1W1P, Steering Team – Nate

Seconded by Mensing.

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

Voting against – None. Motion Carried.

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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, and Mensing.

Voting against – None. Motion Carried.

***Chairman Feist adjourned the Regular Board Meeting at 10:14a.m.***