

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

**Regular Board Meeting Minutes
September 8, 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, Nicki Miranowski – FSA, Myles Elsen & Ciara Ahrens – NRCS, and Merissa Lore – Drainage Dept.

I. APPROVALS

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

Motion by Feist 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 Anderson to approve the August 30, 2021, Special Board Meeting Minutes. Seconded by Feist.

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

Voting against – None. Motion Carried.

3. TREASURER'S REPORT

Motion by Feist to table the Treasurer's Report to the October 13th, 2021 Board Meeting. Seconded by Mathews. Voting unanimously in favor by were: Feist, Mathews, Mensing, and Anderson.

Voting against – None. Motion Carried.

4. PAYMENT OF BILLS

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

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

Voting against – None. Motion Carried.

5. TRANSFER OF FUNDS TO PAY BILLS

Motion by Mensing to approve the Transfer of Funds in the amount of \$157,000.00. Seconded by Mathews.

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

Voting against – None. Motion Carried.

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II. OLD BUSINESS

1. Grievances / Other – None

III. NEW BUSINESS

1. FSA UPDATE, NRCS UPDATE & DRAINAGE UPDATE

- Nicki – Gave an FSA Update
- Myles & Ciara – Gave a NRCS Update
- Merissa – Gave a Drainage Dept. Update

2. COST SHARE CONTRACT / VOUCHER SPREADSHEET

A. Encumbering – None this month.

B. Voucher Payments – Shane Johnson briefed the Board on the Cost Share Payments.

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

Seconded by Mensing.

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

Voting against – None. Motion Carried.

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 Approvals, etc.

A. Future Grants – No Update

B. Current Grants – No Update

C. CREP Update (Shane) – Shane Johnson gave a CREP update to the Board.

4. BOARD SUPERVISOR UPDATES

A. Supervisor Updates from Trainings | Meetings | Other

Board member Feist gave a 1W1P meeting update on the August 27th, 2021 meeting.

B. Upcoming Meetings | Trainings | Events for Supervisors

Motion by Feist to approve attendance to the following:

September 10 th	GBERBA, Policy (Neal)
September 14 th	SCTSA Board Mtg.; Mankato Courthouse (Bill)
September 16 th	1W1P Kickoff Meeting; New Richland
September 21 st	MASWCD Area VI Meeting; New Ulm
September 24 th	1W1P (Randy)

Seconded by Mensing.

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Voting against – None. Motion Carried.

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IV. MISCELLANEOUS

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

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

2. Field Sign Update

Hadley Mensing informed the Board she had ordered field signs and showed them the designs.

3. Ron Schare Calendar

No action was taken. Shane Johnson suggested ordering Ron Schare Calendars again this year. A discussion was held, and it was decided to get a total number of calendars needed before moving forward.

4. Social Media Policy

Nate Carr discussed a Social Media Policy with the Board. After a discussion, Nate mentioned he will check what other SWCD Districts have for a policy and get back to the Board.

5. Meeting w/ Jill; Update

Nate and Hadley mentioned they had an in-person meeting with Jill and Tom from BWSR regarding the Cover Crop Demonstration Grant. The meeting was mainly about what worked well with this grant and other feedback regarding future grant programs.

6. Bass Lake Letter

Nate showed the Board a letter he received from the Bass Lake Coalition members. No action was taken, but it was decided that a response will be produced by the October 13th, 2021 Board Meeting.

7. LeSueur Grant / Watershed

Nate and Hadley mentioned it was the end of the LeSueur River WRAPS Grant. Nate also mentioned he was finishing up the Final Report.

8. Audit Update

Shane gave an Audit Update to the Board.

9. Notary Commission

Motion by Anderson to pay Shane's Notary Cost. Seconded by Mathews.

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Voting against – None. Motion Carried.

10. October Board Meeting – Wednesday, October 13, 2021 – 8:30 a.m., Ag Ctr Conference Room

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V. MEETINGS | EVENTS | TRAININGS FOR STAFF

Motion by Mensing to approve attendance to the following:

September 9 th	SSTS AC – Chad
September 14 th	1W1P, Steering Team – Nate
September 27 th	Placing Habitat with a Purpose – Hadley

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 11:20 a.m.