

**BIG STONE SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT  
SUPERVISORS' MEETING –April 10, 2018  
AG SERVICE CENTER, ORTONVILLE MN**

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Jorgenson at 3:00 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance followed.

Supervisors present: Morrill, Moen, Jorgenson, Reisdorph  
Supervisors absent: Holker

Others present: Beau Peterson, Tammy Neubauer, Adam Kleinschmidt – SWCD; Krecia Leddy, NRCS; Wade Athey, BSC Commissioner; Don Sherman and Cassy Olson with Bonanza Education Center.

**Approval of Agenda:** motion Moen, second Reisdorph, to approve the agenda. All in favor – motion carried.

**Secretary's Minutes** – motion Moen, second Reisdorph, to approve the minutes of March 12, 2018, meeting. All in favor – motion carried.

**Treasurer's Report** – motion Moen, second Morrill, to approve the Treasurer's Report and pay all bills presented. All in favor – motion carried.

**STRATEGIC PLANNING** – Beau Peterson presented information regarding the upcoming FarmBill Assistance Grant and the suggestions for completion of the grant application for the 2018-2019 grant period. Old business for May.

Beau presented the idea for a cover crop implement. Mike Jorgenson has more information coming about crop termination without chemical.

**GUESTS:** Don Sherman and Cassy Olson, representing the Bonanza Education Center, were present to promote their proposals for summer camp for kids. Cassy is currently preparing a grant application that would help the center purchase interactive displays and new equipment for conservation education. Cassy is looking for a letter of support to attach to the application for the grant. The Bonanza Education Center is also looking for funding for equipment and supplies. After discussion, motion Moen, second Morrill, to provide \$2,000 to the center for help with this funding. All in favor – motion carried.

Cassy Olson left the meeting at 3:32 p.m.

Beau Peterson temporarily left the meeting at 3:34 p.m.

**Big Stone County Commissioner Report** – Wade Athey, Commissioner, was present to discuss matters of the County. Wage negotiations are about complete. Wade discussed BWSR and their stand on buffer compliance in the state.

Wade Athey left the meeting at 4:00 p.m.

**NRCS Report** – Krecia Leddy presented the NRCS Report.

Krecia Leddy left the meeting at 4:05 p.m.

**SWCD Technician Report** – Adam Kleinschmidt presented the technician's report.

**FarmBill Technician Report** – Joe Otto previously sent out the FBT report.

**OLD BUSINESS**

- Beautiful Farmstead/Conservation Farmer – tabled until May

**NEW BUSINESS**

- Gator Sprayer Upgrades – Adam Kleinschmidt presented his ideas for upgrades and costs. Motion Morrill, second Reisdorph, for Adam to move forward with the upgrades, per his proposal presented. All in favor – motion carried.

Beau Peterson returned to the meeting at 4:15 p.m.

Don Sherman left the meeting at 4:20 p.m.

- Area Leader Nominees – Mike Jorgenson discussed the vacancies for area leadership positions. If any board member would be interested, let Mike or the office know.
- Resolutions – Beau presented his ideas for resolutions that he would like the board’s thoughts on.
- Employee Policy for Temp/Seasonal Insurance Stipend – the policy currently states that an employee that is hired to fill a position not to exceed 90 days, will not be eligible for insurance benefits. Motion Moen, second Reisdorph, to amend the policy to state “150 days”, as opposed to the current “90 days”. All in favor – motion carried.
- Buffer APO – Board discussed writing a comment to BWSR on the recent APO option open for public comment. Based on the governor’s response against the APO, the board felt no letter is due after all.

**Manager’s Report** – Beau Peterson presented the District Manager’s Report.

Being there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:35 p.m.

Sincerely,

*Tammy Neubauer*

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