

**BIG STONE SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT**  
**SUPERVISORS' MEETING – April 14, 2023**  
**USDA Service Center, Ortonville MN**

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Morrill at 1:03 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance followed.

Supervisors present: Morrill, Reisdorph, Moen, Dybdahl

Others present: Brett Baldwin, Tammy Neubauer, Dustin Hieserich – SWCD staff; Wade Athey, BSC Commissioner

Tammy Neubauer introduced the new hired District Technician, Dustin Hieserich.

**Approval of Agenda:** motion Dybdahl, second Reisdorph, to approve the agenda, as presented. Passed unanimously.

**Secretary's Minutes** – motion Reisdorph, second Dybdahl, to approve the minutes of April 14, 2023, meeting. Passed unanimously.

**Treasurer's Report** – motion Moen, second Reisdorph, to approve the Treasurer's Report and pay all bills presented. Passed unanimously.

**STRATEGIC PLANNING**

- Buffer Compliance Update – Tammy Neubauer plans to reach out to the County Attorney to find out where the buffer non-compliance landowners are at in the legal process. She will also be in contact with Darren Wilke to see what landowners he has for non-compliance that need to go to the Attorney's office. Tammy worked up a cost estimate for the County Highway Department to re-seed a buffer in the northern part of the County.
- UMRWD 1W1P – Priorities and watershed areas are being discussed. A meeting was held on March 15<sup>th</sup>, to discuss priority areas, BMPs, and present information about forming a JPA, MOA or become a separate entity, to be able to process cost share payments to landowners.
- CRP Incentives – Dan Morrill discussed a Bois de Sioux Watershed meeting he attended on April 6<sup>th</sup>, which discussed program incentives for CRP. Criteria includes area covered in the BdS WD in Big Stone County and that area is 40% or more in ag production. The incentives would apply to new CRP sign-ups and re-enrollments. The incentives information is currently in draft form.

**OLD BUSINESS** - none

**NEW BUSINESS**

- Board Approval of New Hire – motion Dybdahl, second Reisdorph, to approve the hire of Dustin Hieserich as the District Technician. Passed unanimously.
- Board Approval for Debit Card for New Employee – motion Moen, second Dybdahl, to approve a District debit card to be issued to Dustin Hieserich, District Technician; without access to signature card for the District Accounts. Passed unanimously.

**Big Stone County Commissioners' Report** – Wade Athey, Big Stone County Commissioner, was present to give a report. The Commissioners called a special meeting on April 13, 2023, to declare a disaster in the County, due to spring flooding issues.

**NRCS Report** – Tammy Neubauer read a report from NRCS District Conservationist, Shantel Lozinski, the interim DC from Montevideo.

**SWCD Technician's Report** – Dustin Hieserich will present a Technician's Report here.

**Programs Technician's Report** – Brett Baldwin presented the Programs Technician's Report.

**District Manager's Report** – Tammy Neubauer presented the District Manager's Report. She also presented copies of the final reporting for the CWF-5 Mile Creek Project, per request from Dan Morrill.

Being there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:17 p.m.

Sincerely,  
*Tammy Neubauer*  
District Manager