

**BIG STONE SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
SUPERVISORS' MEETING –February 6, 2018
AG SERVICE CENTER, ORTONVILLE MN**

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

The Pledge of Allegiance followed.

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

Others present: Beau Peterson, Joe Otto, Tammy Neubauer – SWCD; Krecia Leddy, NRCS

Approval of Agenda: motion Moen, second Holker, to approve the agenda as presented. All in favor – motion carried.

Secretary's Minutes – motion Moen, second Reisdorph, to approve the minutes of January 2, 2018, meeting. All in favor – motion carried.

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

STRATEGIC PLANNING – Joe Otto presented a power point with updated information from the County buffer enforcement meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

- TSA Update – Beau Peterson updated the board on the Memo of Agreement (MOA) with the WCTSA. Lead staff with the TSA met with MCIT to be sure all areas of the agreement are in order and plans for small edits next year.

NEW BUSINESS

- WCTSA Bill – Beau Peterson discussed the summary for engineering services, provided by the WCTSA to the District for 4th quarter 2017. Motion Moen, second Reisdorph, to pay the full amount of the WCTSA 2017 quarter 4 summary. All in favor – motion carried.
- Bois de Sioux WD Fiscal Agent – Beau informed the board that the BdS WD is working on an application for 1W1P grant dollars for implementation and development. Beau also discussed the bill from Grant SWCD for time spent on the 1W1P application before receiving grant dollars for its implementation. Motion Reisdorph, second Moen, to approve paying the County's share of the 1W1P bill. All in favor – motion carried.
- EQIP/Local Capacity Grant Funds Projects – Beau discussed an EQIP project that will be cost-shared with Local Capacity Grant funds that has not had a contract completed yet, pending design, etc. This project had been encumbered under 2016 Local Capacity grant funds, but will be moved to 2017 Local Capacity grant funds, with a 50% maximum cost share total. 2018 projects that are EQIP proposed were presented for cost share recommendations from the District board. Motion Moen, second Holker to approve projects 1 and 2 – maximum Local Capacity grant funds cost share at 65%, or \$18,000 cumulative. All in favor – motion carried.
- CWMA Update – Beau gave an update of the weed management grant. The District was unsuccessful in receiving a grant proposal to continue the current work being done by the Cooperative Weed Management Area grants, as only new grantees were awarded. The District will still look to hire an intern to help with field work, weed spraying, mowing, etc. Beau will submit the position announcement to the local papers, etc., and it will be posted on the district website.
- 2017 Tractor Revenue – Beau presented the calculated income from the field services involving the leased tractor.
- Legislative Days – supervisors will let Tammy know if they would be interested in attending.
- Sports & Leisure Show – the board would like the District to have a display at the Sports & Leisure Show again this year. Moen suggests letting the Chamber office know that the District would once again like to be co-located with Pheasants Forever, and not be positioned in the auditorium stair well this year.
- Mitch Kill Severance – Motion Moen, second Reisdorph to approve Mitch Kill's severance check. All in favor – motion carried.
- Fire Extinguisher – Beau will shop for prices to purchase a fire extinguisher for the lease tractor.
- Newsletter – Joe Otto says the Ortonville Independent has provided a draft of the newsletter and gave the prices for printing and postage.

- RMB Water Test Kits – Beau informed the board of the water test kits that the District are housing and promoting through RMB Environmental Laboratories. Beau will post promotion on Facebook that the District will pay for the first 5 walk-ins to mention the FB ad will receive \$20 off toward specific highlighted tests, or receive \$20 reimbursement toward any more expensive test.
- Admin Computer – Beau talked with the board about the aging admin computer that won't allow for the required updates any longer. Beau will research the needs and prices. Topic is tabled until March meeting.

Big Stone County Commissioner Report - none

NRCS Report – Krecia Leddy presented the NRCS Report.

SWCD Report – included with Manager's report.

FarmBill Technician Report – Joe Otto presented the FarmBill Report.

Manager's Report – Beau Peterson presented the District Manager's Report.

Krecia Leddy left the meeting at 4:52 p.m.

Being there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:55 p.m.

Sincerely,
Tammy Neubauer
District Admin Asst