

**BIG STONE SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT**  
**SUPERVISORS' MEETING –February 5<sup>th</sup>, 2019**  
**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, Reisdorph

Supervisors absent: Jorgenson, Holker

Staff present: Beau Peterson, Joe Otto, Adam Maleski

Others present: Wade Athey, BSC Commissioner

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

**Secretary's Minutes** – Morrill added that we had tabled the decision last month to approve the carpentry work on the tree building. With those changes, motion Moen, second Reisdorph, to approve the minutes of January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2019, meeting. All in favor – motion carried.

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

**STRATEGIC PLANNING** – Beau Peterson discussed the opportunity to be housed in the new county shop. Wade Athey presented the status of the potential building and requested a space amount that would be needed. This will be left as a potential move going into the future. The shop will not potentially break ground until Spring 2020 or later.

**Big Stone County Commissioner Report** – Wade Athey was present to discuss County business. Total cost estimated for the new county shop is \$5 million dollars and would be 37,000 square feet in size. The County has hired an outside consultant for suggestions on the reorganization of the County office staff and still working out the details for potential changes.

**OLD BUSINESS**

- Desks/Offices Furniture Quotes – prices came in far higher than expected, so other options will be researched for used equipment.

**NEW BUSINESS**

- 2018 Buffer Cost Share Contract Approval – motion Moen, second Reisdorph to approve 2018 Buffer Cost Share contracts: Ivan Thomson #buffer 18-18 for conservation cover – total Buffer Cost Share approved \$120.00; Ron Krogrud #buffer 18-19 for conservation cover – total Buffer Cost Share approved \$300.00 All in favor – motion carried.
- Shop Building Tin Replacement bids – motion Moen, second Reisdorph, to approve a bid to replace tin on the shed building from TC Construction for \$2600. All in favor – motion carried.
- MASWCD Public Admin Training – Discussion was held about sending Tammy to this training but with current logistics, the decision was made to table until the next offering of this training.
- New Technician – Personnel Committee has hired a new District Technician, Adam Maleski, who started February 4<sup>th</sup>.
- Summer position – Motion Moen, second Reisdorph to post a position for the seasonal weed management position. All in favor – motion carried.
- Shared Managerial Position – Discussion was held about working on a contract with Lac qui Parle SWCD to provide a shared manager position. Athey mentioned the county may be an option yet as well. Otto explained his concerns for need of full time manager for continued duty delegation. Morrill also requested that we reach out to Darren Newville on his take of being a shared manager. Motion Moen, second Reisdorph, to decide to move forward with this idea and hold meetings to further sort out the details. All in favor – motion carried.
- Sports and Leisure Show – Discussion about attending the Sports and Leisure Show. Motion Moen, second Reisdorph, to register as a booth separate from Pheasants Forever but ask to be adjoining their booth and give away another rain barrel. All in favor – motion carried.
- Cost Share Policy Amendment – Peterson discussed a change to the 2019 Erosion Control and Water Management Policy requested by Board of Water and Soil Resources. Motion Moen, second Reisdorph to approve amended 2019 Erosion Control and Water Management Policy. All in Favor – motion carried.

**NRCS Report** – Burt Hendrickson joined the meeting at 3:55 pm and discussed the State re-organization of NRCS and that there will be only one DC per several counties soon.

Burt Hendrickson left the meeting at 4:07pm.

**SWCD Report** –Maleski presented his background and his intentions of learning the SWCD programs

**FarmBill Technician Report** – Joe Otto presented the FarmBill Report.

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

Athey left the meeting at 4:22 p.m.

Next meeting was discussed.

Being there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:24 p.m.

Sincerely,  
Beau Peterson  
District Manager

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