

BIG STONE SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
SUPERVISORS' MEETING –February 4th, 2020
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: Moen, Jorgenson, Holker

Supervisors absent: Morrill, Reisdorph

Staff present: Joe Otto, Adam Maleski, Tammy Neubauer

Others present: Wade Athey, BSC Commissioner

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

Secretary's Minutes – motion Moen, second Holker, to approve the minutes from January 7, 2020, meeting. All in favor – motion carried.

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

STRATEGIC PLANNING – Joe Otto updated the Board on the progress of buffer non-compliance. Non-compliance folders were delivered to the Environmental Office for enforcement. There have been questions between the County ordinance and the BWSR ordinance about notifications, etc. Joe will be in contact with Darren Wilke about the progress of the enforcement.

Burton Hendrickson, NRCS, arrived at the meeting at 3:05 p.m.

OLD BUSINESS

- Grass Drill Purchase/Funding – Joe Otto gave an update on the 15' grass drill that the District intends to purchase. Storage for the new drill was discussed. Tammy went over the funding sources for the drill. Motion Moen, second Holker, to have Joe Otto proceed with the purchase of the Great Plains 15' grass drill, contingent upon further research directly with GP factories that may offer sooner delivery. All in favor – motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

- 2018 State Cost Share Voucher – motion Holker, second Moen, to approve 2018 State Cost Share Payment Voucher to James Maher Estate – well sealing. Total contract approved \$1175.00; total cost share assistance approved \$562.50, or 50%. All in favor – motion carried.
- Area II Meeting – the next Area II meeting is Wednesday, March 11th, in Foley.
- Legislative Days – will be at the Capital in St. Paul, March 24-25. Any Supervisor wanting to attend, to let Tammy know for registration.
- Seasonal Field Technician Position – Tammy would like to advertise for the summer field technician as soon as possible.
- District Technician Position – Tammy will post this position announcement this week, with acceptance of applications through February 28th.
- Pomme de Terre 1W1P – Adam Maleski discussed the Pomme de Terre River Comprehensive Watershed Management Plan. Motion Holker, second Moen, to submit approval of the Pomme de Terre River Watershed Management Plan and recommend to the PdT Joint Powers Board that this plan be submitted to the Board of Water and Soil Resources for their approval. All in favor – motion carried.

Big Stone County Commissioner Report – Wade Athey, Commissioner, was present to comment on County affairs. Wade mentioned that there is a meeting regarding County Ditch 2 and easements, at the Courthouse on March 5th, at 1:00 p.m.

NRCS Report – Burton Hendrickson presented the NRCS report.

Burton Hendrickson left the meeting at 3:45 p.m.

SWCD Technician Report – Adam Maleski presented the District Technician Report.

FarmBill Technician Report – Joe Otto presented the FarmBill Report.

Manager's Report – Tammy Neubauer presented the District Manager's Report.

Being there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:15 p.m.

Sincerely,

Tammy Neubauer
District Manager