

BIG STONE SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
SUPERVISORS' MEETING – February 7, 2023
USDA Service Center, Ortonville MN

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Morrill at 1:00 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance followed.

Supervisors present: Morrill, Reisdorph, Moen

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

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

Secretary's Minutes – motion Reisdorph, second Moen, to approve the minutes of January 6, 2022, 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 – one landowner was in to complain that the buffer staking on his waters was too far out. He didn't plan to do anything about seeding it. The landowner returned a few days later and asked what to do to become compliant. Notes have been updated in the landowner file to follow up on the staking that was done.
- UMRWD 1W1P – Tammy Neubauer created a budget for the work plan – she used numbers from grant project dollars the District receives. There is a meeting on Feb. 21, beginning at 9:00 a.m. at the BSC Highway Dept. meeting room, lunch, then meeting resumes until 3:00 p.m.

OLD BUSINESS

- Big Stone SWCD 2023 Cost Share Policy – after discussion, motion Moen, second Reisdorph, to amend and approve the 2023 Big Stone SWCD Cost Share Policy. Passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

- 2022 Audit Quote – motion Moen, second Reisdorph, to approve Peterson Co. Audit quote for 2022 and return acknowledgement. Passed unanimously.
- Ortonville Sports and Leisure Show – the Board requests that staff maintain a conservation booth at the Sports and Leisure Show in Ortonville on March 18-19, 2023.

Big Stone County Commissioners' Report – Wade Athey, Big Stone County Commissioner, was present to give a report. He states that the Highway Dept. is now fully staffed. The hours of business for the Highway Dept. have changed and have been approved by the Commissioners. The Commissioners created a letter of support for Monarch Heights, who are currently receiving the lowest per day reimbursement from the state.

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

SWCD Technician's Report – vacant

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

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

Being there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:48 p.m.

Sincerely,

Tammy Neubauer
District Manager