

**BIG STONE SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
SUPERVISORS' MEETING – February 4, 2025
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, Moen, Reisdorph, Holker

Others present: Tammy Neubauer, Dustin Hieserich – SWCD staff

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

Secretary's Minutes – motion Moen, second Reisdorph, to approve the minutes of January 7, 2025. Passed unanimously.

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

STRATEGIC PLANNING

- Buffer Compliance Update – Dustin Hieserich discussed progress of buffer law compliance. Dustin received a call about a County ditch that may be out of compliance. He was out to look at it and the County ditch is about 2' short of buffer compliance. Most buffers are looking to be in compliance. BuffCAT is still loading updates. Tammy Neubauer had discussed with Dustin about Buffer Implementation grant funds. Luke Olson, BC, suggested upgrading or possibly adding equipment. Dustin talked about the advantages of purchasing a drone. He will do research and present his findings to the Board.
- UMRWD 1W1P – not much activity in February. We are waiting for the schedule for meeting and training on MS4Front this month.

OLD BUSINESS - none

NEW BUSINESS

- Peterson Company 2024 Audit Proposal – motion Moen, second Holker to approve 2024 audit proposal from Peterson Company for \$5000. Agreement is signed by Chairman Morrill and District Manager Neubauer. Passed unanimously.
- Area II Meeting – Tammy Neubauer informed the board of the Area II meeting in Litchfield on March 19th. If any supervisors are interested in attending, let the office know before February 28th.

Courtney Dockter, FSA CED, came to the meeting at 1:39 p.m. She introduced herself to the Board and gave an update on FSA programs; CRP, CREP.

Courtney Dockter left the meeting at 1:46 p.m.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Big Stone County Commissioners' Report – none

NRCS Report – NONE

SWCD Technician's Report – Dustin Hieserich presented the District Technician's Report.

Programs Technician's Report – Tammy Neubauer distributed the District Programs Technician's Report for Brett Baldwin.

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

Lon Moen discussed the status of the district sign on Highway 28. The framework is in poor condition. Lon will contract M & R Signs about a new “entering” and “leaving” Big Stone SWCD.

Tammy Neubauer will contact Justin Berry with Titan Machinery about a tractor lease for 2025.

Being there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:40 p.m.

Sincerely,

Tammy Neubauer

District Manager