

**BIG STONE SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT**  
**SUPERVISORS' MEETING –June 2, 2020**  
**AG SERVICE CENTER, ORTONVILLE MN      VIRTUAL MEETING**

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Jorgenson at 3:04 p.m.

Supervisors present: Moen, Jorgenson, Morrill, Holker  
Staff present: Joe Otto, Tammy Neubauer, Isaac Johnson, Jacob Gillespie  
Others present: Wade Athey, BSC Commissioner; Jason Beckler BWSR BC

**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 May 5, 2020, meeting. All in favor – motion carried.

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

**STRATEGIC PLANNING - none**

Ron Reisdorph arrived to the meeting at 3:13 p.m.

**OLD BUSINESS**

- Beautiful Farm/Conservationist – after discussion, it has been decided to award Beautiful Farm to Mark Botker, and to award conservationist to Dave McMahon.

**NEW BUSINESS**

- Non-Structural Land Management Practices Implementation Plan Request 2021 – motion Holker, second Moen, to approved presented 2021 NLMP. All in favor – motion carried.
- Erosion Control and Water Management Program Policy – motion Reisdorph, second Moen, to approve presented ECWMP for 2020-2021. All in favor – motion carried.
- 2019 State Cost Share Application – motion Reisdorph, second Moen, to approve 2019 State Cost Share Application for Douglas Krugerud #19-8, well sealing – total contract amount approved \$770.00; total cost share assistance approved \$385.00, or 50%. All in favor – motion carried.
- Bentsen Lake Fishway Update – Tammy Neubauer gave an update on the ideas for match funding that have been proposed by Chris Domeier, DNR Fisheries. He suggested that maybe SWCD staff could apply geotextile fabric for erosion control as part of the match dollars from the district. No one on SWCD staff has done this type of project before. We will wait to see what needs to be done with the funding match in the future.
- 2021 Budget – motion Reisdorph, second Moen, to approve proposed 2021 Budget. All in favor – motion carried.
- Debit Card – Tammy Neubauer discussed the need for District Technician Isaac Johnson to have his own District debit card. The board is in agreement, and Tammy will start the process with Minnwest Bank.

**Big Stone County Commissioner Report** – Commissioner Wade Athey was present to comment on County affairs. The County Coordinator has been in. The Highway 67 project has the County coordinating with the USFWS. The County has been closely watching as the COVID-19 cases in the county have shown an uptick.

**NRCS Report** –Burton Hendrickson, DC, Lac qui Parle, provided a NRCS report.

**SWCD Technician Report** – Isaac Johnson provided the Technician Report.

**Program Technician Report** – Joe Otto presented the Program Technician's Report.

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

Jason Beckler, BC BWSR, discussed that BWSR employees are teleworking. The 1W1P RFP is still open. The CWF competitive applications will open in July. BWSR Executive Director John Jaschke says that Districts could be looking at up to a 20% cut in funding due to the uncertainty of the CORONAVIRUS. Beckler did not think the cuts would be that high. He says most funding will remain the same for 2020 – 2021 funding could still be less for competitive grants. Funding for District staff is still going to be available. 2022-2023 funding is very uncertain right now. The State has implemented a hiring freeze. Beckler informed us that he will remain our BC for the next 2 years.

Being there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:46 p.m.

Sincerely,

Tammy Neubauer  
District Manager