

**BIG STONE SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
SUPERVISORS' MEETING –March 12, 2018
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, Holker, Reisdorph
Supervisors absent: Jorgenson

Others present: Beau Peterson, Joe Otto, Tammy Neubauer, Adam Kleinschmidt – SWCD; Krecia Leddy, NRCS

Approval of Agenda: motion Moen, second Reisdorph, to approve the agenda, with Beau Peterson requesting that the Committee Reports be moved to before New Business. All in favor – motion carried.

Secretary's Minutes – motion Reisdorph, second Holker, to approve the minutes of February 6, 2018, 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 – Beau Peterson gave an update of the MACDE. The next Biennial Budget Request is now open. Beau learned of the PEIP (Public Employees Insurance Program) from his MACDE Managers' meeting that the District may be able to obtain employee insurance rates from. The MACDE is keeping Districts informed of the progress of taxing authority in the future. The MACDE website is adding helpful templates for Districts to utilize.

Big Stone County Commissioner Report - none

NRCS Report – Krecia Leddy presented the NRCS Report.

Krecia Leddy left the meeting at 3:10 p.m.

SWCD Report – Adam Kleinschmidt gave his introduction.

FarmBill Technician Report – Joe Otto presented the FarmBill Report.

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

OLD BUSINESS

- Administrative Asst Computer – after discussion, motion Moen, second Holder to move forward with discontinuing the current admin computer and to transition Beau Peterson to a laptop on the County system. All in favor – motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

- Buffer Cost Share Contracts – motion Moen, second Reisdorph, to approve Buffer Cost Share Contracts for Roger Nosbusch – contract buffer 18-1 for flat rate cost share \$1,050.00, for conservation cover; and Roger Findlay – contract buffer 18-2 for flat rate cost share \$2,700.00, for conservation cover. All in favor – motion carried.
- Local Capacity Contract Amendment – motion Holker, second Reisdorph, to amend Gene Moberg Local Capacity Grant Contract #LC2017-02 for a water and sediment basin, from 2016 Local Capacity Grant funds to 2017 Local Capacity Grant funds. All in favor – motion carried.
- Minnwest Bank CD Renewal – after discussion and review of rates and maturity dates, the board decided to renew for 27 months at 2.05%.
- Truck/Tractor Fuel Tank Plug In – after discussion of prices to install a direct plug in for the fuel tank, motion Moen, second Holker, for staff to purchase the parts and hook up by staff, instead of taking it to a repair center. All in favor – motion carried.
- Beautiful Farmstead/Conservation Farmer – tabled for April
- Pheasants Forever Banquet – any supervisor or staff wanting to attend the PF banquet are to let Neubauer know for the registration.

Beau Peterson would like the Finance Committee to meet at 1:00 on April 3rd, to discuss the Biennial Budget Request.

Being there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:35 p.m.

Sincerely,
Tammy Neubauer
District Admin Asst