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

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Morrill at 1:05 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance followed.

Supervisors present: Morrill, Reisdorph, Moen, Dybdahl

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

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

Secretary's Minutes - motion Moen, second Dybdahl, to approve the minutes of February 7, 2023, meeting. Passed unanimously.

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

STRATEGIC PLANNING

- Buffer Compliance Update Tammy Neubauer plans to reach out to the County Attorney to find out where the buffer non-compliance landowners are at in the legal process. She will also be in contact with Darren Wilke to see what landowners he has for non-compliance that need to go to the Attorney's office.
- UMRWD 1W1P Priorities and watershed areas are being discussed. Next meeting of the Steering and Policy committees is March 15. Progress with the plan and budgeting are on schedule with the engineers.

OLD BUSINESS - none

NEW BUSINESS

• PdT Contract for Services WBIF – after discussion, motion Moen, second Reisdorph, to approve and sign the contract for services for the PdT 1W1P, to utilize WBIF funding. Passed unanimously.

Big Stone County Commissioners' Report – Wade Athey, Big Stone County Commissioner, was present to give a report. He states that one social worker has resigned. Athey heard that the SWCD Aid proposal currently in the House of Representatives, looks good. He also states that proposed in the House is a bill regarding land acquisitions that would remove County Board approval for any DNR land purchases.

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.

Moen stated that he will have a print framed for the District to have for the drawing at the Sports and Leisure Show in Ortonville. Moen inquired about the District sign that borders Big Stone and Stevens SWCDs. Neubauer will contact Stevens SWCD to see what will be needed to do to update/replace the sign.

Being there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

Sincerely,

Tammy Neubauer

District Manager