

**BIG STONE SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT  
SUPERVISORS' MEETING – March 5, 2024  
USDA Service Center, Ortonville MN**

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Morrill at 1:02 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance followed.

Supervisors present: Morrill, Reisdorph, Holker, Dybdahl

Others present: Brett Baldwin, Tammy Neubauer, Dustin Hieserich – SWCD staff; Wade Athey, BSC Commissioner; Laura DeBeer, BWSR Buffer and Soil Loss Specialist

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

**Secretary's Minutes** – motion Reisdorph, second Dybdahl, to approve the minutes of February 6, 2024, Board meeting. Passed unanimously.

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

Lon Moen arrived at the meeting at 1:08 p.m.

**STRATEGIC PLANNING**

- Buffer Compliance Update – Laura DeBeer, Buffer and Soil Loss Specialist with BWSR was present to meet the Board and explain the position BWSR has regarding buffer compliance. Dustin Hieserich explained that several of the non-compliant parcels are agreeing to no-till and cover crops, to become compliant. Wade Athey, Big Stone County Commissioner, stated there are plans being put together for a control structure in Moonshine Township to help reduce erosion. This control structure should help with the rising waters in that part of the county.
- UMRWD 1W1P – UMRWD Administrator Amber Doschadis, presented the UMRW 1W1P at the BWSR Regional Meeting on February 27, in New Ulm. The plan was accepted. The 1W1P can now move forward with implementation plans. Brett and Tammy were on a TEAMS meeting for the presentation.

**OLD BUSINESS** - none

**NEW BUSINESS**

- Minnwest Bank CR Maturity – motion Moen, second Dybdahl, not to re-do CD at Minnwest Bank. The CD will expire and \$18,681.76 plus interest, will be deposited in the District's checking account at Minnwest Bank. Passed unanimously.
- Ortonville Sports and Leisure Show – the Board approves a drawing for a John Greene print.
- Pheasants Forever Banquet – banquet is March 23, 2024, at Sioux Historic Pavilion. The Board approved purchasing a membership to Pheasants Forever for 2024.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Big Stone County Commissioners' Report** – Commissioner Wade Athey was present to provide information from County Commissioners' meeting. County Highway Engineer presented the highway update. The seal coat bid was awarded. Grant funds that the County received were turned over to the Woodland Centers to keep them operating. A new child support officer is currently in training. A new County Attorney has accepted the County Attorney position after previous attorney resigned. The County has received a new childcare development grant. Land sale in the County – 128 acres in Prior township was purchased by Pheasants Forever and granted to US Fish and Wildlife Service. Lon Moen mentioned the County's boat and trailer still housed at the District's shop. The Environmental Office will remove it and move it to the County Highway shop.

**NRCS Report** – Tammy Neubauer read a report provided by Shantel Lozinski, acting DC for Big Stone.

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

**Programs Technician's Report** – Brett Baldwin presented the District 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 2:34 p.m.

Sincerely,

*Tammy Neubauer*  
District Manager