

**BIG STONE SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT  
SUPERVISORS' MEETING – March 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, Dybdahl, Reisdorph, Moen (via phone)

Others present: Tammy Neubauer, Dustin Hieserich, Brett Baldwin – 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 Dybdahl, second Reisdorph, to approve the minutes of February 7, 2025. Passed unanimously.

**Treasurer's Report** – motion Reisdorph, second Dybdahl, 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 met with Darren Wilke, BSC Environmental Officer, in the field to review buffer compliance of a few parcels. Dustin will be meeting with Laura DeBeer, BWSR Buffer and Soil Loss Specialist, either March 5<sup>th</sup> or March 11<sup>th</sup>, to review buffers in the county. They will discuss what to do with the current high water parcels. Communication will be the important factor in determining plans to get certain parcels into compliance. The future Public Waters Inventory – Dustin predicts that 50+ more bodies of water will be added to the public water list.
- UMRWD 1W1P – Tammy Neubauer, Dustin Hieserich, and Brett Baldwin attended training for MS4Front, the scoring and reporting system for projects for the 1W1P, on February 27<sup>th</sup>. After suggestions, more tweaks are being made to the MS4Front. We will be able to score and encumber funds for projects in the program shortly.

**OLD BUSINESS** - none

### **NEW BUSINESS**

- Ortonville Spring Expo – March 15<sup>th</sup>, at the Ortonville school.
- Pomme de Terre Soil Health Event – will be held March 13<sup>th</sup>, in Morris.
- 2025 Tractor Lease – Tammy Neubauer and Dustin Hieserich discussed information gathered for tractor lease options from Titan Machinery. Titan Machinery no longer offers the lease option that the District has been using for the past few years. The lease options from Titan Machinery are options to purchase. Dustin talked with Lac qui Parle SWCD and they are considering leasing an additional tractor, which the District may be able to sub-lease from them, as an option. Tammy will contact Midwest Machinery in Madison for lease options.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Big Stone County Commissioners' Report** – Wade Athey, Commissioner, presented the County Commissioners' report. The meeting held this morning included authorizing bills, HVAC contract extension, and update from the Highway Engineer, discussion regarding county assistance for burial policy, the county's jurisdiction for Joint Powers Agreement for Cannabis regulations, a discussion regarding the State balance budget to be handed down the counties, and a strategic planning and work session.

**NRCS Report** – none

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

**Programs Technician's Report** – Brett Baldwin presented the 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 2:24 p.m.

Sincerely,

*Tammy Neubauer*

District Manager