

**BIG STONE SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT  
SUPERVISORS' MEETING –May 1, 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, Holker, Reisdorph  
Supervisors absent: Jorgenson, Moen

Others present: Beau Peterson, Tammy Neubauer, Adam Kleinschmidt, Joe Otto, Bill Voeltz – SWCD

**Approval of Agenda:** motion Holker, second Reisdorph, to approve the agenda. All in favor – motion carried.

**Secretary's Minutes** – motion Reisdorph, second Holker, to approve the minutes of April 10, 2018, meeting. All in favor – motion carried.

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

**STRATEGIC PLANNING** – nothing new to report

Mike Jorgenson arrived at the meeting at 3:07

**OLD BUSINESS**

- Beautiful Farmstead/Conservation Farmer – ideas for candidates were discussed. Tabled until June.
- Resolutions – Beau Peterson presented his resolution ideas; he will forward his notes to Mike Jorgenson.
- 2018-2019 Farmbill Assistance Grant Application – Beau Peterson discussed the options for the FB assistance grant. After discussion, motion Morrill, second Reisdorph, to proceed with the grant application, requesting a .5 FTE. All in favor – motion carried.

**NEW BUSINESS**

- TAA/JAA for Adam Kleinschmidt – motion Reisdorph, second Morrill, to give Adam TAA & JAA for all non-structural & ecological practices. All in favor – motion carried.
- 2019 Budget – proposed budget was discussed. Tabled until June.
- Frandsen Bank Cost Share Funds Transfer – Beau Peterson and Tammy Neubauer discussed the transfer and holding of cost share dollars that go through the district to be transferred to Frandsen Bank. The board would like information on interest rates from the 5 banks in the county. Old business for June.
- County IT Agreement – Beau Peterson discussed the amendments/revisions he proposes to the County IT agreement.
- WCTSA Bill – after discussion, motion Morrill, second Holker, to pay 15% of the total WCTSA bill for 1<sup>st</sup> quarter 2018, for engineering services. All in favor – motion carried.
- Admin Training – motion Holker, second Reisdorph, to approve Tammy Neubauer to attend the admin training in Brainerd, June 27-28, 2018, and Beau Peterson to attend, if his schedule allows. All in favor – motion carried.
- BSSWCD Mission Statement – motion Morrill, second Holker for the District to adopt the following mission statement: “The mission of Big Stone Soil and Water Conservation District is to educate policy makers and citizens on environmental conservation issues impacting Big Stone County. This will be accomplished through providing land management services, technical guidance, and financial assistance to landowners who are implementing voluntary conservation practices on their lands that will achieve: soil health improvement, water quality improvement, shoreline protection, storm water runoff reduction & retention, water and wind erosion reduction, and groundwater protection.” All in favor – motion carried.
- Buffer Cost Share Contract – motion Holker, second Morrill, to approve cost share contract for cover crops – contract #buffer18-4 for flat rate based conservation practice for \$3,465.36; and cost share contract for conservation cover – contract #buffer18-3 for flat rate based conservation practice for \$300.00. In favor – Jorgenson, Morrill, Holker; abstain Reisdorph. Motion carried.

**Big Stone County Commissioner Report** – Commissioner Wade Athey had called Jorgenson and discussed the buffer legislation. The County will be going forward with buffer legislation hearing in June.

**NRCS Report** – Krecia Leddy previously sent out the NRCS Report.

**SWCD Technician Report** – Adam Kleinschmidt presented the technician's report.

**FarmBill Technician Report** – Joe Otto presented the FBT report.

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

Being there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:33 p.m.

Sincerely,

Tammy Neubauer  
District Admin Asst