

**BIG STONE SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
SUPERVISORS' MEETING – November 14, 2023
USDA Service Center, Ortonville MN**

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Morrill at 1:14 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance followed.

Supervisors present: Morrill, Moen, Reisdorph

Others present: Brett Baldwin, Tammy Neubauer, Dustin Hieserich – SWCD staff; Wade Athey, BSC Commissioner

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

Secretary's Minutes – motion Moen, second Reisdorph, to approve the minutes of September 5, 2023, meeting, and minutes of Emergency meeting of October 13, 2023. Passed unanimously.

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

STRATEGIC PLANNING

- Buffer Compliance Update – Tammy Neubauer and Dustin Hieserich discussed the progress of the buffer inspections. Dustin will let Darren Wilke and Wade Athey know when he has completed the buffer inspections, and we will have a meeting as to where to go from there. Tammy brought up that there is no penalty for being out of buffer compliance – Commissioner Wade Athey stated that he was understanding that any out of compliance landowners would lose farm payments from FSA. Tammy and Dustin said they had not heard from FSA of that happening, and we are not understanding how non-compliant landowners would be turned over to the FSA. BWSR has sent a couple emails to Darren Wilke asking for the status of some non-compliant parcels, and we have been told that there was a phone conversation with Darren and BWSR. We are not sure where that status is, and the SWCD staff will continue to monitor and update BuffCAT as Dustin completes the inspection list he has made. The Board asks that Darren Wilke be invited to the SWCD December Board meeting. Tammy will extend the invitation to Darren.
- UMRWD 1W1P – staff attended the 1W1P meeting on October 30th, following a meeting of the Policy Committee, which held the public hearing at the Commissioners' room at the Courthouse. The plan is moving forward after the approval of the plan. The next meeting will be to discuss set up of BEAST and MS4Front, discuss contracts and rates, billing, etc. The plan is getting closer to the implementation portion and what details need to be worked out for contracts and wording.

OLD BUSINESS - none

NEW BUSINESS

- Frandsen Bank Money Market – after discussion, motion Reisdorph, second Moen, to approve Tammy Neubauer moving \$550,000 from Minnwest Savings Account to Frandsen Money Market account, which will gain 3% interest, as opposed to Minnwest Bank paying .65%. Passed unanimously.
- 1998 GMC Pickup – the following offers were received for the 1998 GMC: Lon Moen - \$1253.00; Bruce Johnson - \$787.00; Ron Reisdorph - \$2000. Motion Mon, second Morrill, abstain Reisdorph, to accept the offer of \$2000 for the 1998 GMC pickup from Ron Reisdorph. Passed unanimously.
- Nursery Stock Dealer Certificate - Nursery Stock Dealer License - motion Moen, second Reisdorph, to renew Nursery Stock Dealer Certificate for 2024. Passed unanimously.
- CWMA Request for Proposals – motion Reisdorph, second Moen, to submit a grant proposal for the 2024 Cooperative Weed Management grant. Passed unanimously.
- MASWCD State Convention – any supervisor interested in attending the state convention December 11, 12, 13, let Tammy know by November 28th for registration and room registration.

- Drill Storage – BSC Fairgrounds has room to store the drill over winter, but only allows 3” on each side to get in the building. After discussion, if Paul Strong is still interested, we will contact him to store our drill when we are certain we are done using it for the season. Payment to Paul will be the same as what the Fairgrounds charged - \$280.

Big Stone County Commissioners’ Report – Wade Athey, BSC Commissioner, was present to report information from the Commissioners’ meetings. The County has created and approved a Haul Road Agreement with all County roads-this will be in the updated 5-year Highway plan. The bridge replacement project in Akron Township has been approved. The Countryside Public Health agreement has been renewed. Operation Green Light has been approved for support of our servicemen and veterans. The County was notified that the previous provider, Gravie, would not be renewing Big Stone County for 2024 so the insurance committee has been actively working on options for 2024. The County is looking at grants available for SW EMS for supplies, equipment, and training. Wade said the BS SWCD allotment for 2024 will remain the same at \$90,000 per year.

Wade Athey left the meeting at 2:22 p.m.

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 3:22 p.m.

Sincerely,

Tammy Neubauer
District Manager