

**BIG STONE SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT  
SUPERVISORS' MEETING – September 5, 2023  
USDA Service Center, Ortonville MN**

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Morrill at 1:04 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance followed.

Supervisors present: Morrill, Moen, Dybdahl, Reisdorph, Holker

Others present: Brett Baldwin, Tammy Neubauer, Dustin Hieserich – SWCD staff; State Representative Paul Anderson

State Representative Paul Anderson stopped by the office and gave a recap of the State's legislative meetings.

State Representative Paul Anderson left the meeting at 1:12 p.m.

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

Wade Athey, Big Stone County Commissioner, arrived at the meeting at 1:15 p.m.

**Secretary's Minutes** – motion Moen, second Holker, to approve the minutes of August 7, 2023, meeting. Passed unanimously.

**Treasurer's Report** – motion Dybdahl, 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 met with Darrin Wilke with the BSC Environmental office on August 22<sup>nd</sup>. We went through the list of non-compliant parcels and the list of “no contact” landowners. Dustin will cross reference these parcels with the list of non-compliant landowners left by Isaac Johnson, District Technician, who left the SWCD October 2022, to make a list and map of inspections to do after harvest. Darrin states that no parcels/landowners have been sent to the County Attorney for action; even if there were, the County Commissioners have decided that there is no penalty, monetary or otherwise, for non-compliance, anyway. Darrin suggested that the SWCD and the Environmental office meet at least every 2 months, to update each list. Tammy has been in contact with Travis Germundson with BWSR, and they have a list of overdue Notices of Non-compliance that the County needs to act upon.
- UMRWD 1W1P – staff attended a virtual meeting on August 16<sup>th</sup>. A timeline of future events has been discussed.

**OLD BUSINESS** - none

**NEW BUSINESS**

- 2021 Local Capacity Payment Voucher – motion Moen, second Dybdahl, to approve payment voucher to Mike Haukos #21LC-3 shoreline restoration; total contract voucher approved \$12,499.00 – total cost share contract assistance approved \$9,374.25, or 75%. Passed unanimously.
- 2023 Soil Health Cost Share Contract – motion Moen, second Reisdorph, to approve cost share assistance contract to Tyler Wilkening #23SH-1 No-Till; total cost share contract approved 95 acres @ \$18.00 per acre for 3 years = \$5,130.00. Contract assistance rates lump sum according to 2023 Big Stone SWCD State Cost Share Policy. Contract assistance to be paid upon inspection in spring 2024. Passed unanimously.

- 2023 Soil Health Cost Share Approval – 2023 Big Stone SWCD Cost Share Policy allows for cover crops installation at a maximum of 40 acres; Board approval would be allowed for any exceptions to the policy. After discussion, motion Moen, second Dybdahl, to approve cost share assistance to Tom Arens cover crops on 115 acres at \$35.00/acre for 1 species applied for one year = \$4,025.00; to be paid upon fall 2023 and spring 2024 inspections. Since cover crops need to be applied by October 1<sup>st</sup> of each year, and this falls before the October board meeting, Tammy Neubauer will create the contract, get technical approval, and sign the contract after Tom Arens has signed. Passed unanimously.
- 1998 GMC – the Board decided to advertise for offers to purchase the 1998 GMC. Tammy Neubauer will run the add in the Valley Shopper for two weeks – the Board will decide to accept or decline any offers at the October board meeting.

**Big Stone County Commissioners' Report** – Wade Athey, BSC Commissioner, was present to report on recent county happenings. Scott Bauer was present at the commissioners' meeting to request Frisbee Golf be allowed at Toqua Park. Darby Karsky with the highway dept. informed the commissioners that he will be cleaning ditches 10 & 11. The Woodlands will be closing the detox program locally. They have not had enough activity to remain there. The county has hired a new appraiser and a new highway maintenance worker.

**NRCS Report** – none

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

**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 2:58 p.m.

Sincerely,

*Tammy Neubauer*  
District Manager