

**BIG STONE SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT**  
**SUPERVISORS' MEETING –September 4, 2018**  
**AG SERVICE CENTER, ORTONVILLE MN**

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Jorgenson at 3:00 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance followed.

Supervisors present: Morrill, Reisdorph, Jorgenson

Supervisors absent: Holker, Moen

Others present: Tammy Neubauer, Joe Otto, Adam Kleinschmidt– SWCD; Wade Athey, BSC Commissioner

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

**Secretary's Minutes** – motion Reisdorph, second Morrill, to approve the minutes of August 7, 2018, meeting. All in favor – motion carried.

Lon Moen arrived at the meeting at 3:12 p.m.

Beau Peterson arrived at the meeting at 3:12 p.m.

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

**STRATEGIC PLANNING** – Adam Kleinschmidt informed the board about the CWF grant proposal, 5 Mile Creek Improvement Strategy-Phase I, that he submitted.

**OLD BUSINESS**

None

**NEW BUSINESS**

- 2018 Buffer Cost Share Voucher – motion Morrill, second Moen, to approve payment voucher of \$3,556.08 to Ron Reisdorph for 2018 Buffer Cost Share incentive for cover crops; in favor - Morrill, Moen, Jorgenson. Abstain – Reisdorph.
- 2016 NRBG Water Plan Buffer Contracts – motion Moen, second Reisdorph, to approve the following cost share contracts: #16-3 Glenn Berdan for \$164.75 (1.64 acres @ \$100.46/acre); #16-4 Karen Chapman for \$322.47 (3.21 acres @ \$100.46/acre); #16-7 Vicki Blomquist for \$359.64 (3.58 acres @ \$100.46/acre); #16-11 Christine Tucholke Trust for \$500.00 (maximum acres 5.0 @ \$100.46/acre). All in favor – motion carried.
- WCTSA Payment Policy – Beau Peterson discussed that we receive a bill from the WCTSA for engineering work they have been doing on conservation projects in the county. The District is billed quarterly – Peterson requests the board set a policy of when and how much to pay for the engineering assistance. Motion Moen, second Morrill, to establish and approve proposed policy to pay the WCTSA twice per year – first quarter (in April) and third quarter (in October) at hours of service at \$15.00/hr. All in favor – motion carried.
- Control Payment Policy – Beau Peterson discussed the engineering services provided by Control. Motion Morrill, second Reisdorph, to establish and approve policy to pay Control quarterly, per their submitted invoice. All in favor – motion carried.
- Bentsen Lake Project Update – Beau Peterson discussed the updates on the Bentsen Lake Project. Chris Domeier of Ortonville Fisheries office will be taking the lead on the project to do further research of the upstream fishery.
- Area II Meeting – any supervisors that can attend the Area II meeting in Albany on September 19<sup>th</sup>, need to let Tammy Neubauer know this week for registration.
- Buffer Monitoring Plan – Beau Peterson discussed the options for the monitoring plan for buffers, as required by BWSR. Old Business for October's meeting.
- Employee Policy Revisions – Beau Peterson presented his recommendations for policy revisions. Motion Moen, second Morrill, to approve recommended policy revisions. All in favor – motion carried.
- Services Pricing – Adam Kleinschmidt presented his recommendations for seed and seeding pricing policy for 2019. Adam also presented a new seeding policy and contract. Motion Moen, second Reisdorph, to accept and approve the presented seed and seeding policy as presented. All in favor – motion carried.
- Conservation Corps Intern – Beau Peterson requested the Board's approval to apply for a Conservation Corps intern for help with site checks, ob well readings, trees, etc., for 2019 season. The Board supports Beau submitting an application for the intern.
- 4-H Award – the District has provided funds for traveling award for the Big Stone County 4-H participants. The Board has agreed to provide the \$10.00 for the cost of the award.

**Big Stone County Commissioner Report** – Commissioner Wade Athey was present to discuss the 2019 County Budget proceedings current funding, and funding ideas that the Commissioners are currently focusing on.

Lon Moen left the meeting at 4:33 p.m.

**NRCS Report** – Krecia Leddy presented the NRCS Report.

**SWCD Technician Report** – Adam Kleinschmidt presented the technician’s report. Adam told the board that the original Beautiful Farmstead Award recipient has declined the award. The Board would like to present the award for 2018 to Dennis Kvatum of rural Beardsley.

Wade Athey left the meeting at 4:40 p.m.

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

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

The meeting was closed to review personnel recommendations at 4:55 p.m.

The meeting was reopened at 5:05 p.m.

Being there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:05 p.m.

Sincerely,

Tammy Neubauer  
District Admin Asst