

BIG STONE SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
SUPERVISORS' MEETING – September 3, 2024
USDA Service Center, Ortonville MN
unapproved

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Morrill at 1:02 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance followed.

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

Others present: Tammy Neubauer, Dustin Hieserich, Brett Baldwin – SWCD staff

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

Secretary's Minutes – motion Reisdorph, second Holker, to approve the minutes of August 6, 2024, board meeting. Passed unanimously.

Luke Olson, BC with BWSR, arrived at 1:08 p.m.

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

STRATEGIC PLANNING

- Buffer Compliance Update – Dustin Hieserich updated on the buffer compliance. Dustin has been in contact with Laura DeBeer, BWSR Buffer and Soil Loss Specialist. DNR will be doing a public waters inventory and expect it will take 1-3 years to complete. Dustin wants to be assured there will be a public notice before the final public waters list. Dustin says buffer checkouts have been going well. Luke Olson says that establishing an ordinary high-water mark takes time. He suggests that a letter from the commissioners be sent to the DNR to request a public hearing before making the list final. Luke also says there is a possibility of new LIDAR next year.
- UMRWD 1W1P – Tammy Neubauer gave an update on the UMR 1W1P. Unfunded EQIP projects should have been sent to TSA Ross Reiffenberger to run the projects and create engineers' estimates. These projects could be funded by the WBIF through the UMRWD 1W1P. to date, none of the plans have been forwarded to Ross.

OLD BUSINESS - none

NEW BUSINESS

- PdT Contract for Services – motion Moen, second Reisdorph, to approve the PdT Contract for Services. Passed unanimously.
- BdS Contract for Services – motion Dybdahl, second Moen, to approve the BdS Contract for Services. Passed unanimously.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- **Big Stone County Commissioners' Report** – Wade Athey, BSC Commissioner, gave the Commissioners' Report. He stated that Danny Tucket has now received his assessor's license. He discussed the Prairie 5 Food Hub request. The commissioners reviewed the 5 year construction equipment list. During the work session, the commissioners discussed the budget and levy. The courthouse HVAC is costing double from the estimate received for replacement. They discussed the grant and grant match dollars for the park in Graceville.

- **NRCS Report** – none
- **SWCD Technician's Report** – Dustin Hieserich presented the District Technician's Report.
- **Programs Technician's Report** – Brett Baldwin had provided the Programs Technician Report.
- **District Manager's Report** – Tammy Neubauer presented the District Manager's Report.

Luke Olson gave a report from BWSR. Clean Water Fund applications were accepted until August 22nd. He talked about the Drinking Water Supply Management Areas (DWSMA) and clean water funding. Project and Practices were provided \$5 million – requests exceeded \$16 million. Grant decisions should be announced the end of September. BWSR discussed drainage authority. The UMR 1W1P planning grant is in reconciliation. Watershed is working with the grant specialist to close out the grant. BWSR Academy is October 29-31.

Being there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:05 p.m.

Sincerely,

Tammy Neubauer
District Manager