

**BIG STONE SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT**  
**SUPERVISORS' MEETING – May 2, 2023**  
**USDA Service Center, Ortonville MN**

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Morrill at 1:00 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance followed.

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

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

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

**Secretary's Minutes** – motion Moen, second Holker, to approve the minutes of April 14, 2023, meeting. Passed unanimously.

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

**STRATEGIC PLANNING**

- Buffer Compliance Update – Tammy Neubauer plans to reach out to the County Attorney to find out where the buffer non-compliance landowners are at in the legal process. She will also be in contact with Darren Wilke to see what landowners he has for non-compliance that need to go to the Attorney's office. Dustin Hieserich will be involved with the buffer compliance and seeding.
- UMRWD 1W1P – Priorities and watershed areas are being discussed. A virtual meeting was held on May 17, to discuss comments submitted regarding priorities and wording of the 4 areas of the watershed.

**OLD BUSINESS** - none

**NEW BUSINESS**

- District Sign on Hwy 28 – Tammy Neubauer spoke with Matt Solemsaas with Stevens SWCD, about the shared district sign on Hwy 28 that needs repair or replacement. Matt is currently getting costs together for several signs they will be replacing and will let Tammy know when they have final costs and timelines.
- Big Stone County Laptops and IT Contract – Tammy Neubauer received cost estimates for new county laptops, since the current laptops have reached "end of life." The current quote is approximately \$4770.00. motion Moen, second Dybdahl, to approve and move forward with purchasing the laptops, and to continue working on the County contract for board approval. Passed unanimously.
- Area II Meeting – the Area II meeting will be held June 6<sup>th</sup>, 2023, in Montevideo. Anyone interested in attending should let Tammy Neubauer know soon, to send in the registration.
- CWF-5 Mile Creek – Tammy Neubauer explained the situation of the berm that was created on Richard Guse's part of the project. The berm was created at an angle and Guse is unhappy he will be losing acreage of crop. Ross Reiffenberger with WCTSA, informed Tammy that Ag Tech, the contractor, will be moving in a dozer to rectify the position of the berm. It is not known who will be paying for the dirt work – the miscommunication and misplacing of the angle of the berm seems to be blamed on each party involved. When the berm is moved to the engineer's and Guse's satisfaction, Tammy will meet with the parties involved to come up with a solution for payment.

**Big Stone County Commissioners' Report** – none

**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 2:00 p.m.

Sincerely,  
*Tammy Neubauer*  
District Manager