



## **Waseca Soil and Water Conservation District**

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Approved Minutes of the August 13, 2020 Waseca SWCD Board of Supervisors Meeting.

The Meeting of the Waseca County Board of Supervisors that was held at the Waseca County Fair Grounds Meeting Room. This meeting room provided ample space for safe social distancing. The reason for this is due to the “Stay Safe” Order given by Governor Walz due to the COVID 19 Virus. The Meeting was called to order by Chairman Wayne Cords at 6:30 pm.

### **Members Present**

Wayne Cords, Chairman  
Keith Morgan, Secretary  
Todd Stencil, Treasurer  
Larry Muff, Member

### **Staff Present**

Mark Schaetzke, District Manager  
Tyler Polster, District Technician  
Cheri Brummund, Admin Assist

### **Others Present**

Michael Johnson, Waseca County Administrator  
Doug Christopherson, Waseca County Commissioner  
Brad Krause, Waseca County Commissioner

**Review of the August Agenda:** Todd Stencil made a motion to approve the Agenda and Keith Morgan seconded. All-Yes

**Review Minutes of the July Meeting:** Larry Muff made a motion to approve the Minutes and Todd Stencil seconded. All-Yes

**Review July Treasurer’s Report:** Keith Morgan moved to approve the Treasurer’s Report and Todd Stencil seconded. All-Yes

**Bills:** (see back) Larry Muff made a motion to approve payment of the bills and Todd Stencil seconded. All-Yes

### **Old Business:**

1. NRCS Office Space Contract and County possibilities-Wayne Cords gave a summary of the meeting with NRCS, Mark Schaetzke and himself. (No NRCS representative attended the meeting) The NRCS is willing to give SWCD office space for 2 partners at this time. They will be providing desks and space. Mark Schaetzke also mentioned the convenience of being in same office as NRCS. Michael Johnson, Waseca County Administrator explained the new office space available in the East Annex building next to Waseca Planning and Zoning. The September SWCD Meeting will be in the East Annex Meeting Room so Board Members can do a walk through of the area explained.
2. Calendar-pages to use or other ideas for pages-pictures taken before meeting at 6:15- Mark Buker took pictures of Board members present. Wayne Cords suggested Cheri Brummund make decisions on the Calendar.
3. Cannon 1W1P Resolution-nothing decided at Cannon 1W1P meeting 8-12-20—Discuss at

Sept meeting-noted

4. Other-None

**New Business:**

1. RIM Work Order Payments:
  - a. 81-18-W002 \$2000.00-Todd Stencil made a motion to approve payment and Keith Morgan seconded. All-Yes.
  - b. 81-19-W801 \$ 500.00-Todd Stencil made a motion to approve payment and Keith Morgan seconded. All-Yes.
2. Tech Service Work Order
  - a. 81-19-W803 \$500.00-Todd Stencil made a motion to approve and Larry Muff seconded. All-Yes.
3. GBERBA Cover Crop applications:
  - a. 319-TMDL-81-10-Keith Morgan made a motion to accept Cover Crop Contract for \$5230.00 (total project \$10460.00) and Todd Stencil seconded. All-Yes.
  - b. 319-TMDL-81-11-Todd Stencil made a motion to accept Cover Crop Contract for \$3000.00 (total project cost \$6000.00) Keith Morgan seconded. All-Yes.
4. Cost Share Contract #3(19) Scott Jones for Grassed Waterway, Mulching & Critical Planting total project cost estimated at \$2000.00 CS percentage coming out of 2019 State Cost Share Grant. Todd Stencil made a motion to accept the Cost Share Contract and Keith Morgan seconded. All-Yes
5. 2021 CREP Outreach & Implementation Grant-up to \$26,000-need signature-Larry Muff made a motion to approve and Todd Stencil seconded. All-Yes.
6. Review of Data Practice Policy-Larry Muff made a motion to approve Policy's as is and Todd Stencil seconded. All-Yes.
7. FYI- Grants
  - a. 2018 Local Capacity Grant-Audited and approved by BWSR-Noted
  - b. 2021 Conservation Delivery has been executed & payment rec'd of \$18,986.00-Noted
  - c. 2021 State Cost Share has been executed & payment rec'd of \$10,552.00-Noted
8. FYI- MCIT 2020 Dividend – allocated \$735 (WC-\$581 and P/C \$154) usually receive in Nov-Noted
9. SMS Party Pod Cast Consideration-Mark Schaezke explained the application and that there would be two venues that would be possibilities for the Summit. The were The Mill in Waseca and the Main Street Plaza in Pemberton. Todd Stencil made a motion to approve submission of application and Larry Muff seconded. All-Yes.
10. Other-None

**Supervisor/Meeting Reports:**

1. Todd Stencil stated that the Buffer information verifications with Tyler Polster and him have been working well with the landowners.

**Agency Reports/Commissioners:**

1. None

**Staff Reports:**

1. Tyler Polster stated that there were 152 parcels that he has inspected. Out of them were 106 letters sent out and out of those 32 enforcement letters with 8 of those having been corrected and completed. Tyler Polster also mentioned the CRP contract inspections he and Mark Schaezke have been working on.
2. Cheri Brummund stated that she has been keeping the website up to date and also

working on the Calendar, grants, tile maps and other office tasks.

3. Mark Schaetzke highlighted some of the topics on his report (see attached)

**Adjourn:**

Todd Stencil made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Keith Morgan seconded. All-Yes. The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm by Board Chairman, Wayne Cords.

**Next Board Meeting:** Thursday, September 10, 2020 at 6:30 pm. To be conducted at the Waseca County Courthouse East Annex Meeting Room.

U of M Research and Outreach Centers-use links below:

- [Soil & Water Management Field Day](https://swroc.cfans.umn.edu/7th-soil-water) - August 13 (https://swroc.cfans.umn.edu/7th-soil-water)
- [Cover crop virtual field day: Setting up for success](https://extension.umn.edu/event/cover-crop-virtual-field-day-setting-success) - August 18(https://extension.umn.edu/event/cover-crop-virtual-field-day-setting-success)
- [SPRF Irrigation & Nutrient Management Virtual Field Day](https://umn.zoom.us/webinar/register/9015954305882/WN_WFC4gDuITE-R1XzE2t_3IA) - August 27 (https://umn.zoom.us/webinar/register/9015954305882/WN\_WFC4gDuITE-R1XzE2t\_3IA)

GBERBA Policy Meeting September 11, 2020 1:00 pm

**August Bills:**

Clemons Properties	Rent	Sept Payment	\$ 665.00
First National Bank	Tyler-Cheri-Mark H S A (\$283.33 ea)	Sept Payment	\$ 849.99
Sportsman Stop	Truck Gas	for July	\$ 192.98
Ramsey County	Wildflowers	Inv#COR-003382	\$ 585.19
Innovative Solutions	Calculator Ribbon	Inv#IN3046062	\$ 3.55
Mark Schaetzke	Mileage	Voucher#MS2-2020	\$ 64.98
			\$ 2,361.69

**7-10-20 – GBERBA Tech Meeting**

Normal business of encumbering and paying projects. GBERBA has started the first steps for staff to provide TAA assistance for MAWQCP producer projects funded through NRCS. Cover crop and alternative tile intake grant is getting close to being used up but there will likely be some useable funds if projects come in underestimate. The multipurpose drainage management grant still has some funds left to encumber. GBERBA is hiring a consultant to help rewrite the Joint Powers Agreement for updates and to include GBERBA being the 1W1P coordinator. It appears GBERBA will not be pursuing any CWF grants due to not being accepted the last few years and the emphasis on smaller watersheds with more measurable results. With the two existing grants expiring and no new grants on the horizon, I am concerned about the future ability of GBERBA to facilitate projects.

**7-10-20 – CREP Batch period**

One CREP application for 41 acres of wetland restoration was accepted from an earlier batch period in 2020. Three applications for 40, 200, and 4.6 acres were submitted as part of this batch. I am optimistic that all three will be accepted. August 21 is the last batch period of this sign-up.

**7-29-20 – Regional Soil Health**

Staff along existing I-90 tour and along proposed Hwy 14 soil health tours discussed potential plans for the tour for this fall/winter. With many unknowns it is difficult to invest in planning this far ahead. There is a desire to hold the tour and interest in making tentative plans.

**8-11-20 – Feedlot Site Inspection Team – Holland Farm**

Owners propose an additional 1500 head swine barn next to existing 3300 head barn. Meeting was non-controversial with no public opposition.

**8-12-20 – Cannon Planning Work Group (PWG)**

One hard copy of the plan was delivered to our office and weighed in at 4lbs 6 ounces. It is also posted at the Dakota SWCD website. Group is working on policies, grant workplan, project tracking program, and eligibility/ranking forms for projects. Proposed policy includes local board decision making ability of projects less than \$50,000. The amount of funding is expected to be decided at the August BWSR board meeting and is estimated around \$1 million.