



Waseca Soil and Water Conservation District

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Approved Meeting Minutes for the September 8, 2021.

The Meeting of the Waseca County Board of Supervisors that was held at the Waseca County Community Meeting Room. The Meeting was called to order by Chairman Wayne Cords at 6:34 pm. The meeting date was changed due to conflicting scheduled meetings supervisors and/or staff would be attending.

Members Present

Wayne Cords, Chairman
Keith Morgan, Secretary
Larry Muff, Member

Staff Present

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

Others Present

Brad Krause, Waseca County Commissioner
Chantel Medina, Dufault CPA Account Manager

Review of September Agenda-Keith Morgan made a motion to approve with the change of moving Old Business #1-Explanation of Financial Records to right away due to Accountants time schedule and Larry Muff seconded. All-Yes.

1. Explanation of Financial Reports from last month's questions-Chantel Medina explained the financial statement amounts on how a financial statement is put together. She also answered questions brought forth to explain the dollar amounts and that they will change as somethings are adjusted quarterly, not monthly.

Consent Agenda

1. August Minutes
2. Treasurers Report
3. Approval of Bills
4. \$75.00 cost of changing the phone number on the truck and trailer.
5. Approval to order a shirt for Larry Muff-cost \$40
6. Other-none
Keith Morgan made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda and Wayne Cords seconded.
All-Yes

Old Business:

2. FYI From last month's meeting approval- final amounts-GBERBA Cover Crop Contract #319-TMDL-81-17 Robert Priebe Total Project Cost \$2142.00 Total Cost Share payment made of \$1071.00-noted
3. Other

New Business:

1. Consider and Approve FY22-FY23 Cost Share Policy-Larry Muff made a motion to approve and Keith Morgan seconded. All-Yes.
2. Approval and signing of 2022/2023 Cost Share and Conservation Delivery Grant Agreement-Keith Morgan made a motion to approve and Larry Muff seconded. All-Yes.

3. Approval of Disbursement of Funds for Le Sueur 1W1P Grant:

Inv Date	Invoice #	Invoice Amount	Check #	Direct Grant Charge	Partner
July 2021					
8/5/2021	8-2021-FC	\$ 135.63			Freeborn County Env Serv
8/6/2021	7-2021-WSWCD	\$ 772.41	None	X	Waseca SWCD

Larry Muff made a motion to approve disbursement and Keith Morgan seconded. All-Yes

4. GBERBA Tech Asst Bill for CD19 \$14,560- Keith Morgan made a motion to approve and Larry Muff seconded. All-Yes.
5. Registration fee for Area VI meeting of \$19 per person-Keith made a motion to approve anyone that wanted to attend and Larry Muff seconded. All-Yes.
6. FYI 2022 Buffer Law Allocations-noted
7. Other-Road/Highway Signs-Larry Muff asked how information was coming in on them from other groups. Cheri Brummund said she has received just 2 responses so far and some of the organizations are no longer together. Tabled until more responses are acquired.

Supervisor/Meeting Reports:

Larry Muff gave report on Le Sueur 1W1P Policy Meeting August 27 in Blue Earth he attended meeting Chuck Brandel. He mentioned that Chuck was very informational. He also mentioned that he is ready for the 1W1P Kickoff at St Olaf Lake Park.

Agency Reports/Commissioners:

Ciara Ahrens, NRCS Team Lead, reported on the 2 new NRCS Soil Conservationist hires for Waseca FO. She stated that there were no General CRP's approved for Waseca County. She will send Cheri Brummund the totals of contracts and dollars for all Waseca County Projects so it may added to the Newsletter.

Brad Krause, Waseca County Commissioner spoke of taking a boat tour of St Olaf Lake and that he flew over St Olaf and other areas of the County recently.

Staff Reports:

Cheri Brummund reported that she has been working on the Website, Financial Information, and day to day duties.

Tyler Polster reported on the Emerald Ash Borer, Waseca County has not had any reports so far. He also stated that there are 3 or 4 Buffer Violations that are coming up on the 11 month limit, (Waseca County will be handling enforcement of those violations) and that he will be starting the next group this fall.

Mark highlighted some items on his printed report.

Adjourn:

Larry Muff made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Keith Morgan seconded. All-Yes. The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 pm by Board Chairman, Wayne Cords.

Next Board Meeting: Thursday, October 14, 2021 at 6:30 pm.

Upcoming events:

- September 9-Soil Health Field Day-FarmAmerica 5-7 pm
- September 10-Virtual-GBERBA Policy Mtg 1:00 pm
- September 14-South Central TSA-Virtual 10:00 am
- September 16-Le Sueur 1W1P Kick Off Meeting 6:00 pm
- September 21-Area VI MASWCD Mtg at Turner Hall, New Ulm-9 am

September 24-Le Sueur 1W1P Policy Mtg at Blue Earth County, Mankato-10:00 am
 October 6-Cannon 1W1P Joint Powers Board-Rice County Fair Grounds 9:00 am

September Bills:

First National Bank	Tyler-Cheri-Mark H S A (\$283.33 ea)		\$ 849.99
Bock's	Truck Gas	INV#195007	\$ 96.00
Innovative Office	Postcards for Soil Health Days	In3457686	\$ 61.29
Cheri Brummund	Mileage-Norton Field Day	2021-CB1	\$ 6.72
			\$ 1,014.00

Sept 2021 Manager's Report

Aug 25 – GBERBA Tech – virtual

Our last two cover crop contracts were approved and staff will be finalizing the grant reporting. A Multi-purpose Drainage Management (MDM) studies outline was recommended for use in the Watonwan 1W1P. A brief discussion was held regarding finding meeting locations that are reasonably priced and allow sufficient space for attendees. MAWQCP incentives are coming in but it has been a while since I noticed one for Waseca County.

Aug 27 – LS 1W1P – City of Blue Earth

I attended to present the financial report and fill in for Haley. The meeting was in person with a virtual option. About half of the attendees were in person and half attended virtually. We heard great presentations from Carrie Jennings on the history and research in the Le Sueur and context with the surrounding area. If you ever have a chance to hear her speak I would highly suggest it. Chuck Brandel from ISG presented examples of MDM type drainage projects and how they can work in our local landscape. Unfortunately we discovered that the LS 1W1P kickoff meeting on Sept 16th overlaps with the Association of MN Counties (AMC) on the same day and that the Commissioners likely will not be able to attend.

Aug 31 – Hwy 14 soil health workshop tour

Group has settled on making a separate Hwy 14 tour to compliment the I90 tour. Stops include Lake Benton, Lamberton, New Ulm, and Waseca. March 4th is our date. Main speakers include Dorian Gatchell, an agronomist with experience in soil health practices, and Don Reicosky, retired USDA soil scientist. The rest of the day will be decided locally and could include a farmer panel or additional local speakers.

Sept 1 – Cannon Technical Advisory Group (TAG) and Conservation Implementation Group (CIG) – Zoom

TAG meeting was focused on public map that shows project progress and an activity aimed at identifying priorities for the second round of funding expected next year. CIG included several updates including septic inventory, Lower Sakatah shoreline inventory, and PTMApp progress. Rice SWCD has opted to terminate their agreement with Clean Rivers Partners to complete the Education and Outreach plan and instead complete it with Rice and Dakota SWCD staff. We also had discussion on MDM plans and how they would fit into the implementation plan.

Sept 1 – Norton Soil Health Field Day

Partners with NRCS, Clean River Partners (CRP), and Joe Jirik (cover crop applicator). Weather was ideal, Joe completed interseeding rye into Jason's corn in front of the audience, rainfall simulator went pretty much as expected, and CRP provided food and a good excuse to sit around and talk with others. Turnout of ~28 which is better than the average for the other events CRP has been a part of this year.

Sept 3 – MOSH – Waseca Soil Health Demonstration Grant (Norton's) – zoom

Met with Anne and Marcelle from MOSH to go over details of our grant. Contract will likely be available at the next SWCD meeting and will be reimbursement based.

Boot Creek

Mark Leiferman will be coordinating a presentation at a commissioner's meeting on the Boot Creek report. I will let supervisors know when this is planned. I plan to incorporate an example from this report as part of my presentation at the Area 6 meeting.