



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

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Approved minutes of the Waseca SWCD Board of Supervisors Meeting August 11, 2022

The Meeting of the Waseca County Board of Supervisors that was held at the Waseca County SWCD Office Area, 300 North State Street, Waseca. The August 11, 2022 Meeting was called to order by Vice Chairman Scott Hildebrandt at 6:30 pm.

### **Members Present**

Scott Hildebrandt, Vice Chairman  
Keith Morgan, Secretary  
Larry Muff, Member

### **Staff Present**

Mark Schaetzke, District Manager  
Taylor Pottter, District Technician  
Cheri Brummund, Admin Asst

### **Others Present**

DeAnne Malterer, Waseca County Commissioner  
Doug Christopherson, Waseca County Commissioner  
Mallory Malecek, NRCS  
Tom & Melissa Bauman, Landowners  
Scott & Ashley Hanson, Landowners

### **August Agenda**

Review of the August Agenda Larry Muff made a motion to approve agenda with agenda and Keith Morgan seconded. All-Yes.

### **Consent Agenda**

1. July Minutes
2. Treasurers Report
3. Approval of Bills
4. Other

Keith Morgan made a motion to approve the consent agenda and Larry Muff seconded. All-Yes.

### **Old Business:**

1. Easement Alteration Request for 81-09-95-01-Mark Schaetzke explained the alterations that the landowner would like to make to the Easement. The landowner offered information on the plans they are thinking of making for the property. Keith Morgan made a motion to approve and Larry Muff seconded. All-Yes
2. Other

### **New Business:**

1. RIM Easement Alteration Request for 81-04-92-01 Mark Schaetzke explained the alternations that the landowner would like to make to the easement. The landowner offered information on the plans they are thinking of making to the property. Larry Muff made a motion to approve and Keith Morgan seconded. All-Yes.

2. Approval of Disbursement of Funds for Le Sueur 1W1P Grant (June Bills):

Inv Date	Invoice #	Invoice Amount	10% Payment withheld	Disbursement Amount	Partner
<b>June 2022</b>					
6/30/2022	Inv#83133	\$ 7,867.50	\$ 786.75	\$ 7,080.75	ISG
7/8/2022	6-2022-WC	\$ 335.88		\$ 335.88	Waseca County
7/8/2022	6-2022-WSWCD	\$ 380.60		\$ 380.60	Waseca SWCD

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

3. LS 1W1P Implementation Table Review and Discussion-Topics on the implementation plan were discussed and questions answered on specific topics on the Table. No vote needed.
4. LS 1W1P Discussion-Fiscal and Coordination-Topics of Fiscal and Coordination were discussed. De Malterer said the County expressed interest in the Coordination aspect and had a couple ideas on the Fiscal of either having Kay Gross from GBERBA to handle or having Waseca County/SWCD handle. The comment of Blue Earth SWCD was made that they may be interested in the both the Coordination and Fiscal also at this point. Items also discussed was to hire a quarter time person to handle the task. No votes needed.
5. Closing of 2022 Conservation Delivery Grant-Keith Morgan made a motion to approve and Larry Muff seconded. All-Yes.
6. Riparian Funds Application 2022-2 Cover Crops 39.2 Acres \$1,568.00-Larry Muff made a motion to approve, Keith Morgan seconded. All-Yes.
7. Riparian Funds Application 2022-3 Cover Crops 123.7 Acres \$4,948.00-Keith Morgan made a motion to approve and Larry Muff seconded. All-Yes.
8. Riparian Funds Application 2022-4 Cover Crops 29.9 Acres \$1,196.00-Larry Muff made a motion to approve, Keith Morgan seconded. All-Yes.
9. New Lidar Acquisition Request for partnership and eventual funding-Mark Schaetzke explained the anticipation of a partnership and funding for the New Lidar Acquisition. He will find out more on timeline and funding request. Estimated cost would be \$5,000 with the possibility of funding coming from a Buffer Grant.
10. Purchase auto jumper/battery charger and small air compressor/tire inflator and batteries for both to use on the Ranger. Need is to remove seeds and weeds so they are not transported from easement/field to easement/field. Options were discussed and conclusion made was to purchase a leaf blower, tire inflator, batteries for both-Keep under \$500.00. Larry Muff made a motion to approve and Keith Morgan seconded. All-Yes.
11. FYI-MCIT Worker's Compensation Reinsurance Association distribution received August 5 for \$264.00. This is not a dividend, it is a one-time distribution. The dividends usually arrive in November. Noted
12. FYI-Thank you from 4-H Member on sponsorship. Noted
13. Other

**Supervisor Reports: None**

**County Commissioners: None**

**Agency Reports:**

1. Mallory Malecek reported that NRCS has 4 projects recently funded and CRP is coming along slowly. They are unsure of the number of CRP Contracts that will be forwarded onto the SWCD if any at this time.

**Staff Reports:**

1. Taylor Piotter reported that he has been working on Cost Share Inspections and also beginning on the RIM inspections.
2. Cheri Brummund reported on working on BWSR paperwork and the Calendar besides other items of business.
3. Mark Schaetzke has a report that is attached.

**Adjourn** –Keith Morgan made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Larry Muff seconded. All-Yes. Meeting adjourned at 8:46 by Vice Chairman Scott Hildebrandt.

**Next Board Meeting Thursday, September 8, 2022 at 6:30 pm.**

**Upcoming Meetings:**

- August 18 Cargill RegenConnect-SROC 9:00-2:00
- August 26 LS 1W1P Policy Meeting- Albert Lea Courthouse 9:00 am
- September 7 Faribault County SWCD Soil Health-Organic Field Day 9:00-12:00 Intersection of 550<sup>th</sup> Ave & 190<sup>th</sup> St, Wells (near 55410 190<sup>th</sup> St. Wells, MN 56097)
- September 7 Faribault County SWCD Cover Crop Field Day 3:00-5:00 Intersection of Hwy 22 and Hwy 28, Kiester (near 6300 State Hwy 22, Kiester, MN 56051)
- September 23 GBERBA Policy Meeting-TBD 9:30 am

**August Bills:**

First National Bank	Taylor-Cheri-Mark H S A (\$300.00 ea)	Sept H S A	\$ 900.00
Bock's	Truck Gas		\$ 113.00
			\$ 1,013.00

**Manager’s Report August 2022**

**GBERBA tech/policy – 7-15-22 – Farmamerica**

Combined meeting was well represented by staff, supervisors, commissioners and agency staff. All projects and business were for the Watonwan watershed. The group heard a good presentation from several members of the Committee working on the statewide LiDAR effort. Mike Schultz (Le Sueur SWCD) and I presented info on water storage grant projects. Mark Hiles, BWSR Clean Water Specialist, presented on the future of water storage.

**LSCE** – final report completed on behalf of the partners within the Le Sueur watershed.

**County Ditch 30 – 8-3-22**

Steve from Jones Haugh and Smith presented findings of the conservation practice study of the CD30 watershed to landowners and county ditch representatives. There was interest from one landowner to do some conservation and staff will work with them to see what fits best. It appeared the improvement petition will not move forward due to high costs.

**Soil Health Field School Aug 8 & 9 – SROC**

Attended with a wide variety of soil health professionals from 6 states. We were able to see tillage equipment demonstrations, drill demonstrations, soil pit, and compaction testing demonstration. We had a tour and research update on some of the soil health related plots at the research station. What was unique about this training is that a substantial portion was devoted to how to make good video products to support soil health outreach.