



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

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Approved minutes of the Waseca SWCD Board of Supervisors Meeting January 12, 2023

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 January 12, 2023 Meeting was called to order by Chairman Wayne Cords at 6:30 pm.

### **Oath Of Office Incoming Supervisors**

1. Matt Sommers-District 2
2. Larry Muff-District 3-Oath taken 1/11/2023 at SWCD Office
3. Gregg Rosenthal-District 4

The Oath of Office was administered by Wayne Cords to Matt Sommers and Gregg Rosenthal.

### **Members Present**

Wayne Cords, Chairman  
Keith Morgan, Secretary  
Gregg Rosenthal, new  
Matt Sommers, new

### **Staff Present**

Mark Schaetzke, District Manager  
Cheri Brummund, Admin Asst

### **Others Present**

De Malterer, Waseca County Commissioner  
Doug Christopherson, Waseca County Commissioner  
Haley Byron, Waseca County Water Resource Specialist

### **Review of the January Agenda**

Matt Sommers made a motion to approve agenda and Keith Morgan seconded. All-Yes.

### **Consent Agenda**

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

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

### **Old Business:**

1. Technician Position update-The meeting was declared closed by a motion made by Matt Sommers and seconded by Gregg Rosenthal for labor negotiations. All-Yes. After discussions were held, the meeting was reopened with a motion by Matt Sommers and seconded by Keith Morgan, All-Yes. A final motion was made by Matt Sommers to follow the recommendations of the Board, Gregg Rosenthal seconded. All-Yes.
2. Non Structural Land Management Plan Revisions-Noted-to leave as is
3. Le Sueur 1W1P 60 day comment-Noted
4. Other

### **New Business:**

1. Re-organization of Board of Supervisors:

2022	Position	2023
Wayne Cords	Chairman	Wayne Cords
Scott Hildebrandt	Vice Chairman	Larry Muff
Todd Stencil	Treasurer	Keith Morgan
Keith Morgan	Secretary	Matt Sommers
Larry Muff	Member	Gregg Rosenthal
	<b>Check Signing Authority</b>	
Wayne Cords	Check Signing Authority	Wayne Cords
Scott Hildebrandt	Check Signing Authority	Keith Morgan
Todd Stencil	Check Signing Authority	Larry Muff
Keith Morgan	Check Signing Authority	Matt Sommers
Larry Muff	Check Signing Authority	Gregg Rosenthal
Cheri Brummund	Check Signing Authority	Cheri Brummund
	<b>On Line Banking Authority</b>	
Wayne Cords	On Line Banking Authority	Wayne Cords
Cheri Brummund	On Line Banking Authority	Cheri Brummund
	<b>Committees &amp; Appointments</b>	
Scott Hildebrandt	Personnel	Gregg Rosenthal
Wayne Cords	Personnel	Wayne Cords
Keith Morgan	Budget & Finance	Keith Morgan
Wayne Cords	Budget & Finance	Wayne Cords
Todd Stencil	County Water Plan	Larry Muff
Wayne Cords	GBERBA	Wayne Cords
Larry Muff	SCTSA	Larry Muff
Scott Hildebrandt	Waseca Lakes Assoc	Gregg Rosenthal
Wayne Cords	Lake Elysian Assoc	Wayne Cords
Todd Stencil	Commissioner Contact	Matt Sommers
Keith Morgan	CRP (Clean Rivers Partners)	Keith Morgan
Keith Morgan	CR-1W1P	Keith Morgan
Larry Muff	LRWN	Larry Muff
Larry Muff & Todd Stencil	LS-1W1P	Larry Muff & Matt Sommers
	<b>Annual Approvals</b>	
2nd Thurs 6:30	Meeting Date & Time	2nd Thurs 6:30
\$75/\$90 .56/mi	Compensation	\$75/\$90 .655/mi-IRS rate
First National Bank	Financial Institution	Keen
New Richland Eagle	Newspaper	New Richland Eagle
KOWZ	Radio Station	KOWZ

Approved by motion: Wayne Cords made a motion to approve all nominations and Matt Sommers seconded. All-Yes.

2. Approval of Le Sueur 1W1P Grant Disbursement (November Bills):

Inv Date	Invoice #	Invoice Amount	10% Payment withheld	Disbursement Amount	Partner
<b>November 2022</b>					
12/6/2022	11-2022-WC	\$ 752.36		\$ 752.36	Waseca County
12/6/2022	11-2022-WSWCD	\$ 320.69		\$ 320.69	Waseca SWCD

- 3. Keith Morgan made a motion to approve payments and Matt Sommers seconded. All-Yes.
- 4. Well Sealing Cost Share (1)22 \$859.25-Matt Sommers made a motion to approve and Keith Morgan seconded. All-Yes.
- 5. MASWCD State Dues \$5920.84 for 2023-Matt Sommers made a motion to pay the dues and Gregg Rosenthal seconded. All-Yes.
- 6. Conservation Program Summary-Mark-Noted
- 7. Soil Health Equipment Grant application from \$500 to \$50,000-Noted
- 8. Cannon River Watershed JPB Dues \$2,000.00-Matt Sommers made am motion to approve and Keith Morgan seconded. All-Yes.
- 9. 2022 Newsletter-noted-ok to put on website
- 10. National Watershed Coalition Membership \$75.00-no-Noted
- 11. Approval for Mark to attend Legislative Day at the Capital-est Reg & Motel approx \$250-Keith Morgan made a motion to approve Mark and anyone else that wanted to attend, Matt Sommers seconded. All-Yes.
- 12. **REMINDER:** All Supervisors MUST register with the Minnesota Campaign Finance Board before January 30, 2023-Noted
- 13. Contact information for website approvals-need signatures from all-Noted-all signed
- 14. Other

**Supervisor Reports:**

- 1. None

**Agency Reports:**

- 1. Haley Byron, Waseca County Water Resource Specialist-Putting together a draft for Le Sueur 1W1P Joint Powers Agreement; Blue Earth County.
- 2. Doug Christopherson spoke on the Extension Education Program and all on Boot Creek questions.

**Staff Reports:**

- 1. Cheri Brummund reported that the calendar has been sent out and will have to think about alternatives for next year’s calendar and maybe just a newsletter instead, Ashe also has been working on state reports, year-end reports and all elink reporting was entered on January 3.
- 2. Mark Schaezke went over his Manager’s Report-(attached to minutes)

**Adjourn** –Matt Sommers made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Gregg Rosenthal seconded. All-Yes. Meeting adjourned at 8:20 by Chairman Wayne Cords.

**Next Board Meeting Thursday, February 9, 2023 at 6:30 pm.**

**Upcoming Meetings:**

- January 13 GBERBA Policy 1:00 virtual
- January 25 Legislative Advocacy Webinar-SWCD Aid-Zoom 10:30-Noon
- January 27 Le Sueur 1W1P Policy Meeting-Albert Lea 9:00
- February 1 Cannon River Joint Powers Board Meeting-Rice County Fair Grounds 9:00
- February 1 MASWCD District Chairs Meeting-via Zoom 9:00
- February 21 Soil Health Workshop-Owatonna-Tory’s Restaurant 8:30 Registration
- March 7 Legislative Briefing-Radisson St. Paul Downtown 4:30
- March 8 SWCD Day at the Capitol-open to schedule in person meetings with legislators

**January Bills:**

Keen Bank	Cheri-Mark H S A (\$300.00 ea)		\$ 600.00
Bock's	Truck Gas		\$ 88.75
MCIT	WC-\$2,217.00 Prop-\$2,629.00	Inv#19890R	\$ 4,846.00
Supervisor Vouchers	4th qtr 2022		\$ 1,352.52
MN Dept of Rev	Sales Tax (2022 Trees)		\$ 2,381.00
Mark Schaetzke	Voucher 2022-MS-5		\$ 143.80
Waseca County Auditor	Ins 4th qtr 2022		\$ 8,994.09
Waseca County Recorder	Easement 81-03-18-01	Rim Reimbursable	\$ 46.00
Patton, Hoversten & Berg	Easement 81-03-20-01	Rim Reimbursable	\$ 685.00
Personalized Print	Calendars (approx. 4600 calendars) postage/handling	Inv#18218	\$ 2,022.00
			\$ 21,159.16

### **January 2023 Manager's report**

#### **Hwy 14 Soil health tour – Feb 21 – Owatonna**

*Speakers of Jay Fuhrer well known soil health speaker from ND, Jason Stoll – consultant with advancing eco agriculture, and a panel of custom service providers and customers. Lunch provided and no registration cost. Costs are anticipated to be covered by GBERBA and Cannon WBIF.*

#### **MASWCD Convention – Dec 13 & 14**

*I was able to attend both days. A good variety of speakers and sessions to attend. I went to Climate Smart Commodities, Legislative Advocacy, Human Resources, Business Meeting, and Sales Training. All resolutions passed with the exception of the one on putting renewable energy on RIM easements. The outstanding conservationist luncheon with short presentations on each outstanding conservationist was inspiring.*

#### **Cannon WBIF**

*Staff are working on getting second round of funding in place. Made slight adjustments to policy. Still ample funding remaining for projects that meet minimum scoring and ranking.*

#### **RIM**

*Announced new signup for RIM on 1W1P priorities. Details to come in February. . BWSR is reviewing payment rates for future signups.*

#### **CREP**

*All current CREP easements have been closed and restored. Looking for additional applications*

*Southern MN Regional Science and Engineering Fair – Sat Feb 11 and Sat April 22. Grade school, middle school, and high school projects need judges. Would this qualify for SWCD duties?*