



Waseca Soil and Water Conservation District

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Approved minutes of the Waseca SWCD Board of Supervisors Meeting March 9, 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 March 9, 2023 Meeting was called to order by Chairman Wayne Cords at 6:30 pm.

Members Present

Wayne Cords, Chairman
Larry Muff, Vice Chairman
Keith Morgan, Treasurer
Matt Sommers, Secretary
Gregg Rosenthal, member

Staff Present

Mark Schaetzke, District Manager
Joe Edel, District Technician
Cheri Brummund, Admin Asst

Others Present

Mallory Malecek, NRCS District Conservationist - Waseca
De Malterer, Waseca County Commissioner

Review of the March Agenda

Matt Sommers made a motion to approve agenda and Larry Muff seconded. All-Yes.

Consent Agenda

1. February Minutes
2. Treasurers Report
3. Approval of Bills
4. Truck repairs— 4 Tires and alignment needed Estimate \$1,100.77 for Falcon Tires—Last replacement 1/19—for \$743.19 Kumbo Tires
5. Renewal of Waseca County News Subscription \$72.80

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

Old Business:

1. Other-None

New Business:

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

Inv Date	Invoice #	Invoice Amount	10% Payment withheld	Disbursement Amount	Partner
January 2023					
2/6/2023	01-2023-WC	\$ 863.34		863.34	Waseca County
2/6/2023	01-2023-SWCD	\$ 522.62		522.62	Waseca SWCD

Matt Sommers made a motion to approve payments and Larry Muff seconded. All-Yes.

2. Staff Reviews-Personnel committee did staff reviews prior to meeting. Their suggestion was to give a step increase to Mark Schaetzke and Cheri Brummund and a 3% COLA increase to Mark Schaetzke, Cheri Brummund and Joe Edel. Joe will be eligible for step increase after his

- probationary period. Matt Sommers made a motion to accept the increase suggestion of the Personnel Committee and Larry Muff seconded. All-Yes.
3. 2022 Annual Report-Matt Sommers made a motion to approve the report and Larry Muff seconded. All-Yes.
 4. 2023 Plan of Work-additions were requested, they were:
 - a. Add Soil Health
 - b. Add WCA assistance to Waseca County
 - c. Increase awareness on Soil Health
 - d. Promote and assist County on Riparian FundsMatt Sommers made a motion to accept 2023 Plan of Work with the additions and Keith Morgan seconded. All-Yes
 5. Water Monitoring Sites-noted-more discussion next month
 6. Promotional items for 75th Anniversary-spending up to \$1000 was suggested. Items were picked and Cheri Brummund will get samples for next meeting.
 7. Possibility of Local Poster Contest for Soil Stewardship Week April 30 – May 7? Prizes? Participation Prizes? Ribbons? The Theme this year is 'One Water' - Cheri Brummund will contact Schools as in the past but also make contact with Art Teachers to see if there is an interest in next year doing a Poster Contest and if it would fit into their lesson plans.
 8. Waseca County 4-H is requesting funding for a Rabbit Cage Sponsorship which is \$80.00 for a cage. Or \$45.00 for half a cage. Also Waseca County 4-H is requesting Donations, last year we donated \$50 – for Conservation projects. The two requests were split:
 - a. Cages-2 calls for a motion-none made-request denied
 - b. Donation for Conservation Projects-Larry Muff made a motion to approve a donation of \$50 for a Conservation Project and Matt Sommers seconded. All-Yes.
 9. Other

Supervisor Reports:

1. Larry Muff spoke about the Le Sueur 1W1P agreement that the Policy Committee is working on.

Agency Reports:

1. De Malterer said that the County will be hiring a Fulltime position to fill Haley Byron's Water Resources Position. It will be under the New Department named Land & Water Department.
2. Mallory Malecek, NRCS, reported that they have 6 EQIP contracts approved paying \$60,000 and that a second round application deadline will be by March 24. She also has 3 CSP applications and the second round application deadline is also March 24.

Staff Reports:

1. Cheri Brummund reported she has been working on looking for promotional items for giveaways this year for 75th Anniversary and working on history of Waseca SWCD, elink entering on the new elink and CERT items.
2. Joe Edel reported that he has been working on tree orders and attending training sessions and workshops.
3. Mark Schaezke went over his Manager's Report-(attached to minutes)

Adjourn –Matt Sommers made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Wayne Cords seconded. All-Yes. Meeting adjourned at 7:50 by Chairman Wayne Cords.

Next Board Meeting Thursday, April 13, 2023 at 6:30 pm.

Upcoming Meetings:

March 17 GBERBA 1:00 Virtual

March 21 SCTSA Board Meeting, Mankato USDA Svc Center Conference Room, 10:00am

March 24 Le Sueur 1W1P Public Hearing and Policy Meeting, Pemberton Plaza, 5:00 pm

March Bills:

Keen Bank	Cheri-Mark-Joe H S A (\$300.00 ea)		\$ 900.00
Bock's	Truck Gas		\$ -
John's Service	Oil Change	Inv#18146	\$ 65.62
Mark Schaetzke	Voucher #2023MS1		\$ 181.48
Joe Edel	Voucher #2023JE1		\$ 51.04
			\$ 1,198.14

Manager's Report – March 2023**Hwy 14 Soil Health Workshop**

We had good attendance (even after lunch) with about 110 in the audience. Presentations were well received and we had a good custom operator's panel. We were lucky to have decent weather, but the other two stops rescheduled their events until March due to the blizzard.

LS 1W1P

Working through legal agreements of joint powers agreement, by laws, fiscal agreement, and sub-agreements between fiscal and other parties. Documents are taking substantial time to review and edit. Public hearing and final plan submission are next major steps.

Legislative Day - March 7 & 8th – St. Paul

Good presentation by MASWCD and Goff public on legislative session and status of the SWCD Aid bill. 100-150 supervisors and staff from around the state in attendance. SWCD aid is looking promising this year with inclusion in the preliminary Governor's budget, authored bills in the House and Senate, and BWSR support. \$22 million annually would provide SWCDs financial stability and additional flexibility to do local priority projects. I had good meetings with Sen Jasinski, Sen Dornink, Rep Petersburg, and Rep Daniels. Rep Bennett was sick unfortunately and I will try to meet with her later.

Soil Health events for 2023 – planning for Waseca and/or Freeborn Area Soil Health Team