



Waseca Soil and Water Conservation District

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Approved minutes of the Waseca SWCD Board of Supervisors Meeting February 8, 2024. 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 February 8, 2024 Meeting was called to order by Chairman Larry Muff at 6:29 pm.

Members Present

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

Staff Present

Mark Schaetzke, District Manager
Joe Edel, District Technician

Others Present

De Malterer, Waseca County Commissioner
Doug Christopherson, Waseca County Commissioner
Mallory Malecek, NRCS District Conservationist

Review of the February Agenda

Matt Sommers made a motion to accept the Agenda with the addition of Riparian Fund 2023-09 added under New Business, Gregg Rosenthal seconding the motion. Vote- All Yes

Consent Agenda

1. January Minutes
2. Treasurer's Report
3. Approval of Bills

Matt Sommers made a motion to accept the Consent Agenda with Gregg Rosenthal seconding the motion. Vote: All Yes

Old Business:

1. BWSR Soil Health Staffing Grant RFP-Mark Schaetzke gave some information on the grant.
2. Farm Bill Biologist-contribute financially-Wayne Cords made a motion to approve \$1500 annually until position ended and Matt Sommers seconded. Vote taken Wayne Cords-Yes, Matt Sommers-Yes, Gregg Rosenthal-Yes, Keith Morgan-No. Larry Muff-did not Vote Motion passed with majority.
3. Le Sueur 1W1P Financial Agreements-Motion to approve was made by Wayne Cords and seconded by Matt Sommers. All-Yes
 - a. Waseca County
 - b. Freeborn County SWCD
 - c. Faribault County
 - d. Faribault County SWCD
4. Social Media Policy-Matt Sommers made a motion to approve and Gregg Rosenthal seconded. All-Yes
5. Other-None

New Business:

1. Peterson Audit Engagement Letter-Annual Audit \$4,500 (needs signatures)-Wayne Cords made a motion to approve and Keith Morgan seconded. All-Yes.
2. BWSR RIM Program Joint Powers Agreement-Wayne Cords made a motion to approve and Gregg Rosenthal seconded. All-Yes.
3. MASWCD CRP Agreement-CRP SIGN-UP Conservation Plans, Practice Certification & Status Reviews-2024--Noted
4. MOSH Education Grants RFA-informational--Noted.
5. RIM Work Order 81-24-W001 \$4,000-Matt Sommers made a motion to approve and Keith Morgan seconded. All-Yes
6. 2023 Cost Share CS-2023-02 Well Sealing \$2,050 total estimate-Cost Share Amount \$1,000-Matt Sommers made a motion to approve and Gregg Rosenthal seconded. All-Yes
7. 2023 Annual Report Approval-Matt Sommers made a motion to approve and Wayne Cords seconded. All-Yes.
8. 2024 Plan of Work Approval-Matt Sommers made a motion to approve with the redating of the LSRWCWMP to 9/14/2023 instead of 2024, Gregg Rosenthal seconded. All-Yes
9. Area VI 2024 Dues \$400-Wayne Cords made a motion to approve and Gregg Rosenthal seconded. All-Yes.
10. South Central Technical Service Area-FY24 NPEA & Enhanced Shared Services Grant Cash Match \$3,550.00-Wayne Cords made a motion to approve and Matt Sommers seconded. All-Yes.
11. 2024 SWCD Legislative Briefing & SWCD Day at the Capitol March 12-13 Registration \$125-Matt Sommers made a motion to approve Mark Schaetzke to attend and reimburse any supervisor that would like to attend, Keith Morgan seconded. All-Yes.
12. Farm-City Luncheon, March 21 11:30-1:15 at the Mill-tickets run around \$17/person, however Supervisors should check with their financial ag lenders for tickets, the lenders usually pay for their patrons-you should be getting an email from them about it. A motion to approve paying for whoever wanted to attend and Gregg Rosenthal seconded. All-Yes
13. Pheasant Banquet, March 24th Sponsorship \$ 300-who will go this year-they will not be giving prints this year but are giving \$80 Scheels Gift Card instead. The Gift Card can go to the Conservation Farmer in place of the print. Larry Muff volunteered to attend the Banquet. A motion was made by Wayne Cords to pay for the Sponsorship and have Larry Muff attend and Gregg Rosenthal seconded. All-Yes.
14. Approval to do drawing give away of a potted \$15 tree at the Open House-A motion was made by Matt Sommers to give 2 trees away to total of \$30 value and Keith Morgan seconded. All-Yes.
15. Approval for ad in paper about Tree Open House-please note that there will be an article in the Pioneer on February 16 about the Tree Open House. Wayne Cords made a motion to put ads in all three area papers-Janesville Journal, New Richland Star and Waseca Pioneer with a total dollar limit of \$200.00, Keith Morgan seconded the motion. All-Yes.
16. Other-Riparian Funds 2023-09-A motion by Wayne Cords to table until more information could be obtained and reviewed with Matt Sommers seconding. All-Yes.

Supervisor Reports:

1. Keith Morgan, reported on the Cannon River Watershed Meeting he attended noting that the Cannon is applying for a grant for capping wells with limits up to \$3000.00
2. Larry Muff reported on the Le Sueur 1W1P-elections and that he met with Chantel on financial statements on ways to simplify and more easily to follow.
3. None

Agency Reports:

1. Dee Malterer, Waseca County Commissioner, stated that the LS 1W1P was slow and steady. Dee also mentioned that a new Commissioner will be elected on Tuesday, Feb 13.
2. Mallory Malecek, District Conservationist, NRCS-Reported that there are 7 apps in Waseca for EQIP and 12 Apps for CSP. She stated that all funds have been spent for the Southeastern Region. She also requested that the SWCD would assist in CRP inspections.

Staff Reports:

1. Joe Edel-Reported that he has been working on trees and windbreak and facebook projects,
2. Mark Schaetzke-reported on the LS 1W1P, wetland restoration, GBERBA Policy Tech Meeting and the Soil Health Workshop on Feb 22st.

- Cheri Brummund-did not attend the meeting but left listing of accomplishments during the month.

Adjourn –Wayne Cords made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Matt Sommers seconded. All-Yes. Meeting adjourned at 8:10 by Chairman Larry Muff.

Next Board Meeting Thursday, March 14, 2024 at 6:30 pm.

Upcoming Meetings/Events:

- February 5-8, 2024 9:00 am Soil Health I-90 Tour, Heron Lake, Fairmont, Stewartville, Hokah, MN - see times & locations & registration at <https://www.mnsoilhealth.org/events/2024-02/>
- February 20-22, 2024 9:00 am 2024 Hwy 14 Tour – CLASIC, Lake Benton, Lamberton, Owatonna, MN see times & locations & registration at <https://www.mnsoilhealth.org/events/2024-02/>
- March 4, 2024 8:00 am Midwest Covers & Grains Conference, Mayo Health System Event Center, Mankato, MN Registration free to PFI members, \$50 non-members. Register at: <https://practicalfarmers.org/events/midwest-covers-and-grains-conference/>
- March 13-14, 2024 12:00 pm 11th Annual Midwest Soil Health Summit, Courtyard Marriot Mankato, MN Early Bird registration \$125 SFA members & \$175 non members after January 16, 2024 \$260 members & \$200 non members. Register at <https://sfa-mn.org/midwest-soil-health-summit/>

February Bills:

Keen Bank	Joe-Mark H S A (\$300.00 ea)		\$ 600.00
Bock's	Truck Gas		\$ 85.79
Waseca Pioneer	1 yr subscription	Inv# 2826	\$ 55.00
			\$ 740.79