



## MEETING MINUTES

### BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING

#### DAKOTA COUNTY SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Thursday, June 8, 2023

9:00 a.m.

4100 220<sup>th</sup> Street W, Suite 102  
Farmington, Minnesota

**Board Members Present:**

Laura Zanmiller, Chair  
Kevin Chamberlain, Vice Chair  
Jayne Dee Hager, Treasurer  
Chelsea Skog, Secretary  
Bruce Johnson, Information Officer

**SWCD Staff Present:**

Brian Watson  
Pam LaValle  
Curt Coudron  
Ashley Gallagher

**Others Present:**

Dain Olson, DCAO  
Lizzy Dawson, NRCS  
Chris Schmidt, NRCS

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**1. Call to Order and Roll Call**

Chair Zanmiller called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

**2. Pledge of Allegiance**

Chair Zanmiller led the Board of Supervisors in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**3. Audience**

Chair Zanmiller asked if there was anyone in the audience that wished to address the Board on an item that is not on the agenda. Nobody came forward.

**4. Approval of Agenda**

**23.043** Motion by Skog second by Chamberlain to approve the agenda. All members voting in favor. Motion carried.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**5. Approval of May 11, 2023 Meeting Minutes**

The May 11, 2023 meeting minutes were presented.

**6. Approval of June 8, 2023 Accounts Payable**

The June 2023 accounts payable was presented.

**7. Acceptance of May Finance Report**

The May finance Report was presented.

**8. Authorization to Amend Joint Powers Agreement with Minnesota Department of Agriculture to Support Implementation of Nitrogen Fertilizer Management Plan and Groundwater Protection Rule within the Hastings Drinking Water Supply Management Area.**

Amend Joint Powers Agreement with Minnesota Department of Agriculture to Support implementation of Nitrogen Fertilizer Management Plan and Groundwater Protection Rule within the Hastings Drinking Water Supply Management Area not to exceed \$18,330 thru June 30, 2025.

**23.044** Motion by Dee, second by Johnson to approve the consent agenda items. Members voting in favor: Zanmiller, Skog, Johnson, Dee, and Chamberlain. Motion carried.

**REGULAR AGENDA****9. Authorization to Execute Two Contracts with Wayne Peterson for Establishment of Cover Crop (1-year).**

Wayne Peterson is proposing to establish a cover crop on two different fields totaling 43 acres located in Greenvale Township, Cannon River Watershed. Each field will have a separate contract. Project funds are available through our agreement with Dakota County.

**23.045** Motion by Dee, second by Johnson to execute two contracts with Wayne Peterson (23-IPP-21 and 23-IPP-22) not to exceed \$805 and \$700 for establishing a cover crop. Members voting in favor: Skog, Johnson, Dee, Chamberlain, and Zanmiller. Motion carried.

**10. Authorization to Execute Contract with City of Burnsville for Installation of Grade Stabilization Structure.**

The City of Burnsville is proposing to construct a grade stabilization structure at Alimagnet Park in the Vermillion River Watershed. The total eligible costs of the project are estimated at \$29,800 and project funds are available through our agreements with Dakota County and the Vermillion River Watershed Joint Powers Organization. Staff is recommending approval at 85% not to exceed \$25,000.

**23.046** Motion by Johnson, second by Chamberlain to execute contract with The City of Burnsville (23-CIF-01) not to exceed \$25,000 for installation of a grade stabilization structure. Members voting in favor: Johnson, Dee, Chamberlain, Zanmiller, and Skog. Motion carried.

**11. Authorization to Execute Contract with Noah and Cathy Blaha for Installation of Native Prairie with Pollinator Habitat.**

Noah and Cathy Blaha are proposing installation of a native prairie with pollinator habitat in Vermillion Township, Vermillion River Watershed. The total eligible costs of the project are estimated at \$1,900 and project funds are available through our FY22 Drinking Water Protection grant and our agreements with Dakota County and the Vermillion River Watershed Joint Powers Organization. Staff is recommending approval at 85% not to exceed \$1,615.

**23.047** Motion by Chamberlain, second by Johnson to execute contract with Noah and Cathy Blaha (23-IPP-23) not to exceed \$1,615 for installation of a native prairie with pollinator habitat. Members voting in favor: Dee, Chamberlain, Zanmiller, Skog, and Johnson. Motion carried.

**12. Authorization to Execute Contract with Janelle and Jim Cikanek for Installation of Native Prairie with Pollinator Habitat.**

Janelle and Jim Cikanek are proposing installation of a native prairie with pollinator habitat in Sciota Township, Cannon River Watershed. Total eligible costs of the project are estimated at \$1,900 and project funds are available through our FY22 Drinking Water Protection grant and our agreement with Dakota County. Staff is recommending approval at 85% not to exceed \$1,615.

**23.048** Motion by Dee, second by Johnson to execute contract with Janelle and Jim Cikanek (23-IPP-24) not to exceed \$1,615 for the installation of a native prairie with pollinator habitat. Members voting in favor: Chamberlain, Zanmiller, Skog, Johnson, and Dee. Motion carried.

**13. Announcements and Reports**

**Natural Resources Conservation Service**

The Natural Resources Conservation Services (NRCS) report was provided by Lizzy Dawson and Chris Schmidt. Dawson provided an update on the new EQIP organic transition initiative and Conservation Stewardship Program. Schmidt provided a staffing update and information on the state office quality assurance review.

**Dakota County**

No report provided.

**Cannon River Watershed Joint Powers Board**

No report provided.

**Vermillion River Watershed Joint Powers Board**

No report provided. Watson indicated that a special Board meeting has been scheduled for 1 pm today to discuss the hiring of the Administrator and the structure of the Vermillion River Watershed Joint Powers Organization.

**Metropolitan Conservation Districts Joint Power Board**

No report provided.

**Minnesota Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts**

Zanmiller reported on recent MASWCD meetings. Watson reported the Metro Area meeting is next Tuesday at Pleasant Valley Orchard in Shafer. Three staff will be attending and eight resolutions will be brought forward for policy discussions.

**District Managers Report**

Watson reported the study to vacate the Extension and Conservation Center has been moved to the July 11<sup>th</sup> Physical Development Committee meeting agenda. Watson reported that we have ceased proctoring pesticide applicator testing on behalf of the Minnesota Department of Agriculture effective June 9, 2023 due to lack of funding and staffing workload concerns.

**Board of Supervisors Announcements**

Dee reported she is in the last year of her term on the BWSR Board but will be re-applying for another term. Dee reported that she serves on the BWSR Water Management and Strategic Planning Committee and the board and staff will be beginning the strategic planning process.

**14. Upcoming Events**

The upcoming events were reviewed.

**15. Adjourn**

**23.049** Motion by Chamberlain, second by Johnson to adjourn. All members voting in favor. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:50 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chelsea Skog  
Secretary

