

DAKOTA COUNTY



— SOIL & WATER — CONSERVATION DISTRICT

MEETING MINUTES BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING

DAKOTA COUNTY SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Thursday, July 11, 2024

9:00 a.m.

4100 220th Street W, Suite 102
Farmington, Minnesota

Board Members Present:

Kevin Chamberlain, Chair
Laura Zanmiller, Vice Chair
Jayne Dee Hager, Treasurer
Bruce Johnson, Secretary and Information Officer
Brian Raney

SWCD Staff Present:

Ashley Gallagher
Pam LaValle
Curt Coudron

Others Present:

Valeria Neppl, Dakota County
Chris Schmidt, NRCS
Matt Lundberg, NRCS

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Chair Chamberlain called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. A quorum was present.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

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

3. Audience

Chair Chamberlain 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

24.068 Motion by Zanmiller second by Johnson to approve the agenda. All members voting in favor. Motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA

5. Approval of June 13, 2024 Meeting Minutes

The June 13, 2024 meeting minutes were presented.

6. Approval of July 11, 2024 Accounts Payable

The July 2024 accounts payable were presented.

7. Acceptance of the June 2024 Finance Report.

The June Finance Report was presented.

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

REGULAR AGENDA

8. **Authorization to Provide Final Payment to Thomas Irvine Dodge Nature Center for Installation of Manure Management Practices.**

Construction of the Manure Management Practices for the Thomas Irvine Dodge Nature Center contract in West St. Paul, Mississippi River Watershed is complete and has been certified by staff. The project was approved for funding at the April 11, 2024 Board meeting at 85% cost share not to exceed \$12,325.

24.070 Motion by Zanmiller, second by Johnson to provide final payment of \$12,325 to Thomas Irvine Dodge Nature Center (24-IPP-01) for Installation of Manure Management Practices. Project funds are available through our FY23 State Cost Share Grant and Dakota County Capital Improvement Program (CIP). Members voting in favor: Chamberlain, Dee, Johnson, Raney, and Zanmiller. Motion carried.

9. **Authorization to Execute Contract with Minnesota Department of Natural Resources for Conducting Groundwater Level Monitoring Services.**

The DNR provided a FY25 Joint Powers Agreement (JPA) to conduct groundwater level measurements at various observation wells in Dakota County. The term of the agreement is July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025. Per this contract, 38 observation wells will be monitored at various intervals. The work plan includes a total of 157 well readings; and payment to the SWCD would be \$60 for each successful on-line submittal of data not to exceed \$5,880. The contract does allow for additional payments up to \$720 should they request more readings, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$6,600. The County agreement has \$18,000 for a variety of tasks under Groundwater Monitoring and Plan Implementation Support. It is anticipated that a maximum of \$1,500 would be needed from Dakota County to supplement the DNR agreement.

24.071 Motion by Raney, second by Johnson to execute contract with the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources not to exceed \$5,880. All members voting in favor. Motion carried.

10. **Announcements and Reports**

Natural Resources Conservation Service

The Natural Resources Conservation Service report was provided by Matt Lundberg and Chris Schmidt. Lundberg provided a program/workload update and Schmidt provided a personnel update.

Dakota County

The Dakota County report was provided by Valerie Neppl. Neppl provided an update on the water wise challenge and the irrigation water drop-in days.

Vermillion River Watershed Joint Powers Organization

No report provided.

Cannon River Watershed Joint Powers Board

The Cannon River Watershed Joint Powers Board report was provided by Kevin Chamberlain. Chamberlain reported the next meeting and tour will be Wednesday, August 7th. Gallagher added the meeting will be at the Shelter by Byllesby Dam at 9:00 am followed by site visits in Goodhue County and lunch; RSVP is required.

Metropolitan Conservation Districts Joint Power Board

No report provided.

Minnesota Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts

The Minnesota Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts report was provided by Laura Zanmiller. Zanmiller reported 3 resolutions were brought forward at the meeting by Anoka County and 2 of the resolutions will be presented at the convention for discussion.

District Managers Report

Gallagher reported Dru Larson, Conservation Technician will start on July 22 and Alex Scurto, Resource Conservationist will start on August 5th. Matthew Sorvig's last day will be August 1st. Gallagher requested to schedule a personnel and a finance committee meeting later this month.

Board of Supervisors Announcements

Supervisor Dee reported a new county manager has been hired.

Minnesota Board of Water and Soil Resources

No report provided.

11. Upcoming Events

The upcoming events were reviewed.

12. Adjourn

24.072 Motion by Zanmiller, second by Johnson to adjourn. Motion carried.

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

Respectfully submitted,



Bruce Johnson
Secretary