

**BIG STONE SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT**  
**SUPERVISORS' MEETING – April 2, 2024**  
**USDA Service Center, Ortonville MN**

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Morrill at 1:00 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance followed.

Supervisors present: Morrill, Reisdorph, Holker, Dybdahl, Moen

Others present: Brett Baldwin, Tammy Neubauer, Dustin Hieserich – SWCD staff; Wade Athey, BSC Commissioner

**Approval of Agenda:** motion Dybdahl, second Holker, to approve the agenda, as presented. Passed unanimously.

**Secretary's Minutes** – motion Holker, second Reisdorph, to approve the minutes of March 5, 2024, Board meeting. Passed unanimously.

**Treasurer's Report** – motion Holker, second Dybdahl, to approve the Treasurer's Report and pay all bills presented. Passed unanimously.

**STRATEGIC PLANNING**

- Buffer Compliance Update – Dustin Hieserich updated on the buffer compliance. Dustin spoke again with BWSR Buffer and Soil Loss Specialist Laura DeBeer. They went through parcels that needed updated and corrected landowners. Laura stated that she is pleased with the progress the District is making. Notices of Non-Compliance will be sent out soon. Dustin has emailed Traverse SWCD about their cover-crop/buffers information in their cost share policy. Dan Morrill asked if Laura DeBeer and BWSR are understanding the concept of the non-compliance of the high-water parcels. Dustin replied that they are. BWSR understands why we are not sending the high-water parcels landowners to the County of Corrective Action Notices. Dustin is waiting for buffer updates from BWSR.
- UMRWD 1WIP – the UMR 1WIP has been approved by BWSR. There will be a meeting on April 12<sup>th</sup> to plan where the funds will be distributed. Scoring for projects will be discussed. The WBIF will be requested and a workplan will need to be submitted.

**OLD BUSINESS** - none

**NEW BUSINESS**

- CD Rates – the Board discussed the current CD rates that were presented by Tammy Neubauer. The Board would like to revisit these at the May Board meeting.
- Cost Share Payment Voucher – motion Holker, second Dybdahl, to approve cost share payment voucher for Gordon Lindquist #22LC1 Ag Pit Closure – total project cost approved \$34,064.00; total cost share payment approved \$25,548.00, or 75%. Landowner match \$8,516.00, or 25%. Passed unanimously.
- Tom Holker discussed information regarding a high-end weather center to possibly be placed near Browns Valley or Beardsley.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Big Stone County Commissioners' Report** – Commissioner Wade Athey was present to provide information from County Commissioners' meeting. The new County Attorney is starting this month-April 1. Commissioners authorized the Big Stone Lake Sno Riders to make application for trail maintenance and grooming for Fiscal Years ending June 30, 2025-2029. Board approved the 2024 Tobacco License for Snak Atak. 2024 gravel crushing contract with Wm. D. Scepaniak approved. The CSHA 1 paving project awarded to Central Specialties Inc. Board approved a contract with

Houston Engineering for the feasibility study on a proposed ditch near Barry. Board approved the 2024 DNR Boat & Water Grant. The Office of Justice Programs awarded a \$50,000 grant for the Intensive Comprehensive Peace Officer Education and Training for 2024. Scott Gillespie was appointed to another 3-year term as Bois de Sioux Board Manager. Concerns were discussed over SF 3808 which is proposed legislation for shotgun zone changes for hunting. Wade agreed to talk to the Environmental Office about moving the county's boat that is at the District tree building to the Highway Dept. Wade discussed that avian flu has crossed over to livestock; mainly, from chickens roaming pasture with goats, etc.

**NRCS Report** – none

**SWCD Technician's Report** – Dustin Hieserich presented the District Technician's Report.

**Programs Technician's Report** – Brett Baldwin presented the District Programs Technician's Report.

**District Manager's Report** – Tammy Neubauer presented the District Manager's Report.

Being there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:22 p.m.

Sincerely,

*Tammy Neubauer*  
District Manager