

**COTTONWOOD SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MINUTES
OCTOBER 19, 2021**

The Cottonwood Soil and Water Conservation District Board of Supervisors held their monthly meeting at the District Office, Windom, MN on October 19, 2021 through WebEx (video communications). The meeting was called to order by Vice Chairman Jeremy Nerem at 8:09 a.m.

Members Present in Office or
Media (WebEx):

Vice Chairman, Jeremy Nerem (Office)
Secretary, Cody Duroe (Office)
Treasurer, Clark Lingbeek (Office)
PR&I, Daryl Tasler (Office)

Others Present:

District Administrator, Kay Gross (Office)
Dave Bucklin, District Technician (Office)
Kari Clouse, Administrative Program Assistant (Office)
Jake Gross, Watershed Technician (Office)
Dru Larson, MN-IA Conservation Corps (Office)
Tom Appel, Cottonwood County Commissioner (Office)

Absent:

Chairman, Tom Muller

CALL TO ORDER and ROLL CALL

AGENDA: Motion by Duroe, second by Lingbeek to approve the agenda as presented.

Roll Call Vote: Nerem – Yes Duroe – Yes Lingbeek – Yes Tasler – Yes

Opposed: None.

Motion carried.

MINUTES: Motion by Tasler, second by Lingbeek to approve the September 23, 2021 Board Meeting minutes.

Roll Call Vote: Nerem – Yes Duroe – Yes Lingbeek – Yes Tasler - Yes

Opposed: None.

Motion carried.

OCTOBER FINANCIAL REPORT: Motion by Lingbeek, second by Duroe to approve the October Financial Report as presented and submit for audit.

Roll Call Vote: Nerem – Yes Duroe – Yes Lingbeek – Yes Tasler - Yes

Opposed: None.

Motion carried.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE: Motion by Duroe, second by Lingbeek to approve and pay October accounts payable totaling \$17,317.14.

Roll Call Vote: Nerem – Yes Duroe – Yes Lingbeek – Yes Tasler - Yes

Opposed: None.

Motion carried.

Update 2020 Financials

RCRCA: Lingbeek

GBERBA: Lingbeek, Bucklin and Gross

DES MOINES 1W1P: Muller and Gross

SOUTHWEST PRAIRIE TSA: Muller and Gross

SOUTHWEST PRAIRIE TSA VOUCHERS and FINANCIAL REPORT

Motion by Tasler, second by Duroe to approve the Southwest Prairie September Monthly Financials, October vouchers and October Administrative Report.

Roll Call Vote: Nerem – Yes Duroe – Yes Lingbeek – Yes Tasler - Yes

Opposed: None.

Motion carried.

MASWCD: Lingbeek

COTTONWOOD COUNTY COMMISSIONER: Commissioner Tom Appel
JD24 Ditch Hearing and Future Hearings – 8:30 a.m. November 1 next Hearing
Summit Carbon Solutions – Pipeline to move Carbon
Cottonwood County Landfill – Drinking Water Protection

ADMINISTRATOR REPORT: Kay Gross

GBERBA WWDW – WATONWAN WATERSHED DRINKING WATER PROTECTION CONTRACT APPROVAL

City of Windom CWF-WWDW-21-17-02 Great Bend 25 Tree/Shrub Planting (612) Cost \$5,900.00 C-S \$5,000.00

Motion by Duroe, second by Lingbeek to approve the GBERBA Watonwan Watershed Drinking Water Protection Contract for City of Windom CWF-WWDW-21-17-02 (\$5,000.00).

Roll Call Vote: Nerem – Yes Duroe – Yes Lingbeek – Yes Tasler - Yes

Opposed: None.

Motion carried.

LAWNS TO LEGUMES COST-SHARE CONTACT APPROVAL

David Bucklin L2L-FY20-Cottonwood-38 Midway 34 Pollinator Project Cost \$500.00 C-S \$450.00

Motion by Lingbeek, second by Duroe to approve the Lawns to Legumes Cost-Share Contract Bucklin L2L-FY20-Cottonwood-38 (\$450.00).

Roll Call Vote: Nerem – Yes Duroe – Yes Lingbeek – Yes Tasler - Yes

Opposed: None.

Motion carried.

LAWNS TO LEGUMES COST-SHARE CONTACT FINAL PAYMENT

Julie Place L2L-FY20-Cottonwood-33 W. Heron Lake Pollinator Project Cost \$246.24 C-S \$221.62

Motion by Lingbeek, second by Tasler to approve the Lawns to Legumes Cost-Share Voucher Place L2L-FY20-Cottonwood-33 (\$221.62).

Roll Call Vote: Nerem – Yes Duroe – Yes Lingbeek – Yes Tasler - Yes

Opposed: None.

Motion carried.

WATER QUALITY DESIGNATION FOR STATE COST-SHARE PROJECT - Discussion

BWSR NON-COMPLIANCE DIRECTIVE – Discussion

MN MASWCD STATE CONVENTION - Resolution Packet

TRAINING REQUEST

Looking to register the Watershed Technician for any upcoming trainings including but not limited to SSTS, Engineering and WCA.

NOVEMBER SWCD BOARD MEETING – DATE CHANGE

Motion by Duroe, second by Lingbeek to move the Cottonwood SWCD November Board Meeting to Tuesday, November 23 starting at 8:30 a.m.

Roll Call Vote: Nerem – Yes Duroe – Yes Lingbeek – Yes Tasler – Yes

Opposed: None.

Motion carried.

SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER MEETING DATES

SUPERVISOR MEETINGS

October 21 - Des Moines Policy Board Meeting – Windom; November 4 – RCRCA/Area II Legislative Meeting – New Ulm; November 18 – Area V MASWCD Meeting – Marshall; November 19 – GBERBA Policy Board Meeting; November 23 – SWCD Board Meeting – Office.

SWCD EMPLOYEE MEETINGS

October 20 - GBERBA Technical Meeting – WebEx; October 20 – County Feedlot Officer Meeting – WebEx; October 21 - Des Moines Policy Board Meeting - Windom; October 26-28 - BWSR Academy – Virtual; November 4 – Cost-Share Review – Office; November 10 – Des Moines Steering Team Meeting – Windom; November 18 – Area V MASWCD Meeting – Marshall; November 19 – GBERBA Technical Committee Meeting – WebEx/In Person; November 19 – GBERBA Policy Board Meeting – WebEx/In Person; November 23 – SWCD Board Meeting – Office/WebEx.

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Motion by Tasler, second by Duroe to approve the Supervisor and Employee meetings and expenses for the month of October/November 2021.

Roll Call Vote: Nerem – Yes Duroe – Yes Lingbeek – Yes Tasler - Yes

Opposed: None.

Motion carried.

INTRODUCTION - Jake Gross - Watershed Technician – Report Given

NRCS – Karen Boysen, NRCS CST Leader – Not in Attendance

SENIOR TECHNICIAN – Dave Bucklin – Written Report

FARM BILL/PROGRAM TECHNICIAN – Becky Buchholz – Written Report

AREA 6 CERTIFICATION SPECIALIST – Herman Bartsch – Written Report

AREA 5 CERTIFICATION SPECIALIST – Danielle Evers – Written Report

PROGRAM TECHNICIAN – Lee Tapper – Written Report

MN CONSERVATION CORP MEMBER – Dru Larson – Written Report

PLANNING and ZONING TECHNICIAN – Alex Schultz – Written Report

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned by the Chairman at 10:10 a.m.

Next Meeting will be on TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 2021 at 8:30 a.m. at the District Office (by WebEx).

District Supervisor

District Administrator