

**COTTONWOOD SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MINUTES
FEBRUARY 24, 2022**

The Cottonwood Soil and Water Conservation District Board of Supervisors held their monthly meeting at the District Office, Windom, MN on February 24, 2022 (WebEx available). The meeting was called to order by Chairman Jeremy Nerem at 8:34 a.m.

Members Present in Office or
Media (WebEx):

Chairman, Jeremy Nerem (Office)
Secretary, Clark Lingbeek (Office)
PR&I, Tom Muller (Office)

Others Present:

District Administrator, Kay Gross (Office)
Dave Bucklin, District Technician (Office)
Kari Clouse, Administrative Program Assistant (Office)
Jake Gross, Watershed Technician (Office)
Tom Appel, Cottonwood County Commissioner (Office)

Absent:

Vice Chairman, Cody Duroe
Treasurer, Daryl Tasler

CALL TO ORDER and ROLL CALL

AGENDA: Motion by Lingbeek, second by Muller to approve the agenda as presented with additions.

Roll Call Vote: Nerem – Yes Lingbeek – Yes Muller – Yes

Opposed: None.

Motion carried.

MINUTES: Motion by Muller, second by Lingbeek to approve the January 27, 2022 Board Meeting minutes.

Roll Call Vote: Nerem – Yes Lingbeek – Yes Muller - Yes

Opposed: None.

Motion carried.

FEBRUARY FINANCIAL REPORT: Motion by Muller, second by Lingbeek to approve the February Financial Report as presented and submit for audit.

Roll Call Vote: Nerem – Yes Lingbeek – Yes Muller - Yes

Opposed: None.

Motion carried.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE: Motion by Lingbeek, second by Muller to approve and pay February accounts payable totaling \$40,624.49.

Roll Call Vote: Nerem – Yes Lingbeek – Yes Muller - Yes

Opposed: None.

Motion carried.

RCRCA: Lingbeek

GBERBA: Lingbeek, Bucklin and Gross

DES MOINES 1W1P: Muller and Gross

Discussion - Joint Powers Collaboration vs Joint Powers Entity

SOUTHWEST PRAIRIE TSA: Muller and Gross

SOUTHWEST PRAIRIE TSA VOUCHERS and FINANCIAL REPORT

Motion by Lingbeek, second by Muller to approve the Southwest Prairie January Monthly Financials, February vouchers and February Administrative Report.

Roll Call Vote: Nerem – Yes Lingbeek – Yes Muller - Yes

Opposed: None.

Motion carried.

MASWCD: Lingbeek
COTTONWOOD COUNTY COMMISSIONER: Commissioner Tom Appel

ADMINISTRATOR REPORT: Kay Gross

FY2020 LAWNS to LEGUMES DEMONSTRATION NEIGHBORHOOD GRANT (C20-8893) CONTRACT APPROVAL:

JoAnn Sandbo	L2L-FY20-Cottonwood-41	Great Bend 22	Pollinator Project	C-S \$450.00
William Hanson	L2L-FY20-Cottonwood-42	Great Bend 26	Pollinator Project	C-S \$450.00

Motion by Lingbeek, second by Muller to approve the FY2020 Lawns to Legumes Demonstration Neighborhood Grant (C20-8893) Cost-Share contract for Sandbo L2L-FY20-Cottonwood-41 (\$450.00) and Hanson L2L-FY20-Cottonwood-42 (\$450.00).

Roll Call Vote: Nerem – Yes Lingbeek – Yes Muller - Yes

Opposed: None.

Motion carried.

2022 LOCAL WATER MANAGEMENT – NRBG GRANT COTTONWOOD COUNTY (P22-6296) CONTRACT and PAYMENT APPROVAL

Shirley Ahlrichs	2022-02	Rosehill 36	Well Sealing – 1 no.	Cost \$1,450.00	C-S \$525.00
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Motion by Lingbeek, second by Muller to approve the 2022 Local Water Management – NRBG Grant Cottonwood County (P22-6296) contract and payment approval for Ahlrichs 2022-02 (\$525.00).

Roll Call Vote: Nerem – Yes Lingbeek – Yes Muller - Yes

Opposed: None.

Motion carried.

GBERBA MAWQCP CERTIFICATION CONTRACT and PAYMENT AUTHORIZATION

Scott Veenker	17-5-28	Dale 34	Worksheet Incentive	Incentive \$100.00
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Motion by Muller, second by Lingbeek to approve the GBERBA MAWQCP certification contract and payment authorization for Veenker (\$100.00).

Roll Call Vote: Nerem – Yes Lingbeek – Yes Muller – Yes

Opposed: None.

Motion carried.

MASWCD LEGISLATIVE BRIEFING – March 9 and 10 – SWCD Aid Legislative Action

Motion by Nerem, second by Muller to approve the Legislative Briefing expenses including \$90 registration and \$199.99 plus tax for lodging and meal expenses for those attending.

Roll Call Vote: Nerem – Yes Lingbeek – Yes Muller – Yes

Opposed: None.

Motion carried.

2022 ELECTIONS

- Election Process – Election At Large (What we do presently) or by Districts (Similar to Commissioners)
- Nominating District I (Clark Lingbeek) and Nominating District III (Daryl Tasler) Filing May 17 – 30, 2022

VEHICLE PERMISSION

Motion by Nerem, second by Muller to approve SWCD staff, if requested, the ability to take an SWCD vehicle home when going to meetings or trainings (with prompt return when completed).

Roll Call Vote: Nerem – Yes Lingbeek – Yes Muller - Yes

Opposed: None.

Motion carried.

TRAINING REQUEST

Motion by Muller, second by Lingbeek to approve attendance at Drone Training, February 28 and March 1, 2022 in St. James, registration cost \$299.

Roll Call Vote: Nerem – Yes Lingbeek – Yes Muller - Yes

Opposed: None.

Motion carried.

**FEBRUARY MEETING DATES
SUPERVISOR MEETINGS**

March 2 – Southwest Prairie TSA Meeting – WebEx; March 7 – RCRCA/Area II Meeting – Marshall/Hybrid; March 9 – 10 – MASWCD Legislative Briefing – St. Paul; March 11 – GBERBA Policy Board Meeting – WebEx; March 17 – Des Moines Advisory and Policy Board Meeting – Windom; March 24 – SWCD Board Meeting – Office/WebEx.

SWCD EMPLOYEE MEETINGS

February 25 – Cottonwood Watershed 1W1P Meeting – Zoom; February 28 – March 1 – Drone Training – St James; March 2 – Southwest Prairie TSA Meeting – WebEx; March 2 – Hwy 14 CLASIC – Lambertton; March 4 – Summit Carbon Meeting – Redwood Falls; March 7 – MACFO Meeting – Virtual; March 8 – Planning Commission Meeting – Windom; March 9 – Des Moines Steering Team Meeting – Windom; March 9-10 – MASWCD Legislative Briefing – St. Paul; March 11 - GBERBA Policy Board Meeting – WebEx; March 17 - Des Moines Advisory and Policy Board Meeting – Windom; March 22 – USF&WS Fire Refresher – Windom; March 22-24 – MACFO Convention – Alexandria; March 23 - GBERBA Technical Meeting – WebEx; March 24 - SWCD Board Meeting – Office/WebEx; March 28 – April 1 – SSTS Basic Design Training – Alexandria.

Motion by Lingbeek, second by Muller to approve the Supervisor and Employee meetings and expenses for the month of February/March 2022.

Roll Call Vote: Nerem – Yes Lingbeek – Yes Muller - Yes

Opposed: None.

Motion carried.

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**
- WATERSHED TECHNICIAN – Jake Gross – Written Report**
- MN CONSERVATION CORP MEMBER – Position Open**
- PLANNING and ZONING TECHNICIAN – Alex Schultz – Written Report**

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned by the Chairman at 10.30 a.m.

Next Meeting will be on THURSDAY, MARCH 24, 2021 at 8:30 a.m. at the District Office (by WebEx).

District Supervisor

District Administrator