

## DODGE SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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## Minutes of the February 16, 2021 Dodge Soil and Water Conservation District's Regular Board of Supervisor's Meeting

This meeting was held remotely in accordance with Minnesota State Statute Section 13D.021, Subdivision 1 of the Minnesota Open Meeting Law which permits public bodies to hold meetings via telephone or other electronic means when specific conditions are met.

Meeting Link: <https://zoom.us/j/98446740779?pwd=T1U3YWtsTkJFWk90SW5wZ2hjblVYdz09>  
 Phone: 1 (312) 626-6799 (Meeting ID: 984 4674 0779, Passcode: 693830)

The meeting was called to order by Chair, Larry Scherger at 7:15 P.M.

**Members Present:** Larry Scherger, Chair  
 Rick Alberts, Vice-Chair  
 Glenn Hahn, Treasurer  
 David Livingston, Secretary  
 Bruce Freerksen, PR&I

**Members Absent:** none

**Others Present:** Adam King, District Manager, Dodge Soil and Water Conservation District;  
 Nancy Peterson, Dodge County Resident

**Approval of Meeting Agenda** – There were no additions or corrections to the February 16, 2021 Agenda. A motion was made to approve the February 16, 2021 meeting agenda as presented.

Motion: Bruce Freerksen  
 Seconded: David Livingston  
 Roll Call Vote: Alberts: Affirmative; Freerksen: Affirmative; Scherger: Affirmative;  
 Livingston: Affirmative; Hahn: Affirmative  
 The motion carried unanimously.

**Approval of the January 21, 2021 Board Meeting Minutes** – The supervisors discussed the January 21, 2021 board meeting minutes, and corrections included changing “Budiness” to “Business” under Other New Business on page 6, and including the date of February 22, 2021 as the next Policy Committee meeting under the One Watershed One Plan – Root River Report on page 7. A motion was made to approve the January 21, 2021 Dodge Soil and Water Conservation District's Board of Supervisors Meeting Minutes.

Motion: David Livingston  
 Seconded: Glenn Hahn  
 Roll Call Vote: Alberts: Affirmative; Freerksen: Affirmative; Scherger: Affirmative;  
 Livingston: Affirmative; Hahn: Affirmative  
 The motion carried unanimously.

**Public Comment** – No Public Comment

**Partner Agency Reports**

**Natural Resource Conservation Service Report**

Gary Kurer, District Conservationist, United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) - Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS), was unable to attend the meeting.

**Minnesota Board of Water and Soil Resources Report**

David Copeland, Board Conservationist, Minnesota Board of Water and Soil Resources, was unable to attend the meeting.

**Dodge County Commissioner's Report**

John Allen, Dodge County District I Commissioner, was unable to attend the meeting.

**Treasurer's Report**

**Approval of the Treasurer's Financial Statements and Payment of New Bills** – Glenn Hahn, Treasurer, presented the January 2021, Balance Sheet, Revenues of \$51,329.46, Expenditures of \$73,911.23, the General Ledger, and Aging Summary with a payables total of \$13,437.83. The supervisors discussed the Treasurer's Report. A motion was made to approve the January 2021 Treasurer's Report, and payment of the bills on the Aging Summary, for a payables total of \$13,437.83.

Motion: David Livingston

Seconded: Bruce Freerksen

Roll Call Vote: Alberts: Affirmative; Freerksen: Affirmative; Scherger: Affirmative;

Livingston: Affirmative; Hahn: Affirmative

The motion carried unanimously.

**Unfinished Business**

**Regional Conservation Partnership Program (RCPP) Feedlot Cost-Share Contract RCPP2020-01 (Currier Bros.) Final Payment**

Ben and Jay Currier (Currier Bros.) of Mantorville Township, MN is requesting final payment for District Cost-Share Contract RCPP2020-01 to install a manure storage facility, totaling \$552,282.85, with \$228,695.83 of non-state funding, and \$268,358.74 encumbered. There was a previous payment of \$106,833.72 made and Currier Bros. are requesting a final payment of \$161,525.02 to bring the amount to 90% of eligible expenses. A motion was made to approve the payment of \$161,525.02 for RCPP Cost-Share Contract RCPP2020-01 from the RCPP Lower Mississippi River Feedlot Management in Minnesota Grant Funds for Ben and Jay Currier (Currier Bros.).

Motion: Rick Alberts

Seconded: Glenn Hahn

Roll Call Vote: Alberts: Affirmative; Freerksen: Affirmative; Scherger: Affirmative;

Livingston: Affirmative; Hahn: Affirmative

The motion carried unanimously.

### **Elections and Redistricting**

Adam King, District Manager, led a discussion on elections and redistricting, presenting maps of the current supervisor district boundaries, current supervisor locations, and current county commissioner boundaries with supervisor locations. The supervisors wanted to know how Dodge County felt about potential supervisor boundary changes.

### **Audit of 2020 Financials**

Adam King, District Manager, informed the supervisors that he sent out a request for quote, and gave an update on responses received so far.

### **New Business**

#### **2021 Minnesota Association of Conservation District Employees Dues**

Adam King, District Manager, informed the supervisors that 2021 Dues for the Minnesota Association of Conservation District Employees are set at \$20.00 per employee. With three employees, 2021 dues total \$60.00. A motion was made to authorize payment of \$60.00 to the Minnesota Association of Conservation District Employees for 2021 dues.

Motion: Glenn Hahn

Seconded: Bruce Freerksen

Roll Call Vote: Alberts: Affirmative; Freerksen: Affirmative; Scherger: Affirmative;

Livingston: Affirmative; Hahn: Affirmative

The motion carried unanimously.

#### **Joint Powers Agreement between the Minnesota Department of Agriculture and the Dodge Soil and Water Conservation District for Woodchip Bioreactor Monitoring**

Adam King, District Manager, discussed a proposed Joint Powers Agreement between the Minnesota Department of Agriculture and the Dodge Soil and Water Conservation District for Woodchip Bioreactor Monitoring. King will present the joint powers agreement from the Minnesota Department of Agriculture when it is made available.

### **Other New Business**

There was no Other New Business

### **Correspondence & Staff Report**

Adam King, District Manager, reported that the staff have been working in the office full time, with an option to work remotely. Staff have been working on 2020 grant reporting and the Winter Newsletter.

### **Supervisor Reports**

Resource Conservation and Development (RC&D) – Bruce Freerksen, District II Supervisor, reported attending the RC&D meeting on Monday, January 25, 2021 via Zoom, and that there will be an additional meeting in February to hire on a new Executive Director. John Beckwith, Executive Director, Hiawatha Valley RC&D, will remain on until the new Executive Director is trained in.

Root River Policy Committee – Glenn Hahn, District V Supervisor, reported that the next Root River Policy Committee meeting will be on Tuesday, February 22, 2021.

Dodge County Feedlot Advisory Committee – Glenn Hahn, District V Supervisor, was unable to attend the Feedlot Advisory Committee meeting on Tuesday, February 09, 2021, but Rick Alberts, District I Supervisor did attend. The size of the project, with a 320-day storage capacity designed to NRCS standards, was discussed.

Cedar – Wapsipinicon Policy Advisory Committee – David Livingston, District IV Supervisor, reported attending the Policy Advisory Committee for the Cedar – Wapsipinicon watershed on Wednesday, February 03, 2021 via Zoom where the cost-share policy of a 75% cost-share rate and up to 90% cost-share when combined with EQIP, and the 2021 quarterly meeting schedule was set, and the Dodge Soil and Water Conservation District was approved as the Day-to-Day Contact.

Cedar River Watershed District (CRWD) – David Livingston, District IV Supervisor, reported that the next CRWD meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 17, 2021 via Zoom.

Southeast Soil and Water Conservation District Technical Support Joint Powers Board – Larry Scherger, District III Supervisor, reported attending the meeting on Wednesday, January 27, 2021, via Zoom where they approved Beau Kennedy, District Manager, Goodhue Soil and Water Conservation District, as the new Host Manager. 2021 dues were approved, and grant updates were given.

Watershed Alliance for the Greater Zumbro (WAGZ) Policy Committee – Larry Scherger, District III Supervisor, reported attending the meeting on Thursday, February 11, 2021, where the payment of bills was approved, an update on where we are in the planning process, and how we are taking public input was reviewed.

**Next Meeting**

The next meeting of the Dodge SWCD Board of Supervisors will be Tuesday, March 16, 2021 at 7:15 p.m. to be held remotely via Zoom.

**Adjournment**

Hearing no further business, Larry Scherger, Chair, called for a motion for adjournment at 8:49 P.M.

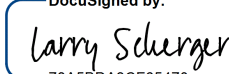
Motion: David Livingston

Seconded: Bruce Freerksen

Roll Call Vote: Alberts: Affirmative; Freerksen: Affirmative; Scherger: Affirmative;

Livingston: Affirmative; Hahn: Affirmative

The motion carried unanimously.

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Approved: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: 3/17/2021 Recorder: Adam King  
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