



**Minutes of the June 15, 2021 Dodge Soil and Water Conservation District's  
Regular Board of Supervisor's Meeting**

United States Department of Agriculture Service Center  
916 2<sup>nd</sup> St. S.E. Dodge Center, MN 55927

The meeting was called to order by Chair, Larry Scherger at 7:25 P.M.

**Members Present:** Larry Scherger, Chair  
Rick Alberts, Vice-Chair  
Glenn Hahn, Treasurer  
David Livingston, Secretary  
Bruce Freerksen, PR&I (Late: in at 8:06 P.M.)

**Members Absent:** None

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

**Approval of June 15, 2021 Meeting Agenda** – Additions to the June 15, 2021 agenda includes the 2021 Conservationist of the Year, and a Storage Unit Rental under Other New Business. A motion was made to approve the June 15, 2021 meeting agenda as amended.

Motion: David Livingston

Seconded: Glenn Hahn

The motion carried.

**Approval of the May 18, 2021 Board Meeting Minutes** – The supervisors discussed the May 18, 2021 board meeting minutes. There were no additions or corrections. A motion was made to approve the May 18, 2021 Dodge Soil and Water Conservation District's Board of Supervisors Meeting Minutes as presented.

Motion: Glenn Hahn

Seconded: David Livingston

The motion carried.

**Public Comment**

There was no Public Comment

**Partner Agency Reports**

**Dodge County Commissioner's Report**

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

### **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 (BWSR), 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 May 2021 financial report, including the Balance Sheet, Revenues of \$44,502.07, Expenditures of \$26,323.28, the General Ledger, and Aging Summary, with a payables total of \$746.10. The supervisors discussed the Treasurer's Report. A motion was made to approve the May 2021 Treasurer's Report, and payment of the bills on the Aging Summary, for a payables total of \$746.10.

Motion: David Livingston

Seconded: Rick Alberts

The motion carried.

### **Unfinished Business**

There was no Unfinished Business.

### **New Business**

Bruce Freerksen Entered the Meeting at 8:06 P.M.

### **2022 Draft Preliminary Budget**

Adam King, District Manager, presented the 2022 Draft Preliminary Budget. The supervisors discussed the Draft Preliminary Budget for 2022. A Finance Committee meeting was established for 8:00 A.M. on Thursday July 08, 2021.

### **Personnel Committee Recommendations**

Adam King, District Manager, discussed staffing options with the supervisors. The supervisors discussed the options. A motion was made to investigate and check into hiring an administrative professional.

Motion: David Livingston

Seconded: Glenn Hahn

The motion carried.

### **FY22 Contract between the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources and the Dodge Soil and Water Conservation District for Groundwater Level Monitoring**

Adam King, District Manager, informed the supervisors that a FY22 Contract between the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources and the Dodge Soil and Water Conservation District for Groundwater Level Monitoring has not been received, but is expected shortly.

### **2022 Blue Cross Blue Shield of Minnesota Health Insurance Plan**

Adam King, District Manager, presented options from Blue Cross Blue Shield of Minnesota for 2022 health insurance. The “BlueAccess Silver Plan 642” has increased the deductible to \$3,800.00, and there is about a 4 percent increase in the premium. Staff has indicated that they are happy with the current plan, and is OK with the increased deductible. A motion was made to choose the “BlueAccess Silver Plan 642” for employee health insurance including contributing \$1,000 towards the employee’s Health Savings Account.

Motion: Rick Alberts

Seconded: Bruce Freerksen

The motion carried unanimously.

### **Other New Business**

#### **2021 Outstanding Conservationist of the Year**

Adam King, District Manager, presented options for the 2021 Outstanding Conservationist of the Year. The supervisors discussed the options. A motion was made to select the Delzer Family Farm as the 2021 Outstanding Conservationist of the Year.

Motion: David Livingston

Seconded: Bruce Freerksen

The motion carried unanimously.

#### **Storage Unit Rental**

Adam King, District Manager, informed the supervisors that a storage unit is needed for the storage of the Polaris UTV. King has looked into rental units in Kasson, but has not heard back, and rental units in Dodge Center. AA Self-Storage LLC of Waseca, MN has rental units available in Dodge Center for \$95.00 / month. A motion was made to rent a storage unit from AA Self-Storage LLC of Waseca, MN for \$95.00/month.

Motion: Rick Alberts

Seconded: David Livingston

The motion carried unanimously.

### **Correspondence & Staff Report**

Adam King, District Manager, reported that staff were off on June 07, 2021 for the funeral of Blaine Delzer, District Technician, and that staff have been busy with the no-till drill and cover crop programs, and trying to get projects surveyed, designed and installed.

### **Supervisor Reports**

Cedar River Watershed District (CRWD) – David Livingston, District IV Supervisor, reported attending the CRWD meeting on May 19, 2021 where they purchased water monitoring equipment to monitor water temperatures in Wolf Creek through a Section 319 grant. More trout have been stocked in Wolf Creek. The CRWD hired CliftonLarsonAllen to complete their audit. The next CRWD meeting will be in-person.

Dodge County Feedlot Advisory Committee – Glenn Hahn, District V Supervisor, reported that there is no Dodge County Feedlot Advisory Committee meeting currently scheduled.

Root River Policy Committee – Glenn Hahn, District V Supervisor, reported that there is no Root River Policy Committee meeting currently scheduled.

Resource Conservation and Development (RC&D) – Bruce Freerksen, District II Supervisor, reported attending the RC&D meeting in person on Monday, May 24, 2021 at the Olmsted County Courthouse. Robert Harris is the new Executive Director of the RC&D. The RC&D is now working on a pollinator program, and working with a dog park in Waseca.

Watershed Alliance for the Greater Zumbro (WAGZ) Policy Committee – Larry Scherger, District III Supervisor, reported that the Comprehensive Watershed Management Plan for the Greater Zumbro is currently out for 60-day state-agency review, and that they have scheduled a public hearing for August 12, 2021 at 5:30.

Compeer Financial – Rick Alberts, District I Supervisor, reported that he is on the nomination committee for Compeer Financial, and that they have decided on candidates on the ballot for board.

### **Next Meeting**

The next meeting of the Dodge Soil and Water Conservation District Board of Supervisors will be Tuesday, July 20, 2021 at 7:15 p.m. to be held in the conference room of the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Service Center, 916 2<sup>nd</sup> Street S.E., Dodge Center, MN.

### **Adjournment**

Hearing no further business, Larry Scherger, Chair, called for a motion for adjournment at 10:08 P.M.

Motion: David Livingston

Seconded: Glenn Hahn

The motion carried.

Approved: Larry Scherger Date: 7-20-21 Recorder: Adam King  
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**Supervisors: Rick Alberts – Bruce Freerksen– Larry Scherger – David Livingston – Glenn Hahn**