

**MINUTES OF THE DALLAS COUNTY
SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
AT THE NRCS FIELD OFFICE
OR Via Teleconference
Wednesday, January 17, 2024 at 3:30pm**

Call to Order

The January regular monthly meeting was called to order by Patric McNorton at 3:30 p.m. Wednesday, January 17, 2024, at the NRCS Field Office. Those present at the meeting were:

Commissioners:

Eric Wessels – Phoned/Arrived 4:00
Neil Hamilton - Not Present
Patric McNorton
Vern Tigges – Phoned
Veronica Lack

Assistant Commissioner:

Sharon Donovan

Staff:

Kelly Thomas - Dallas County CA
Aaron Eggert – Dallas County DC
Tyler Reams – Dallas County SC

Approve Agenda

24-31- Moved by Vern and seconded by Eric to approve the agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

Approve Minutes

24-32- Moved by Eric and seconded by Vern to approve the regular meeting minutes from December 13, 2023. Motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Treasurer's Report

Pat reported upon the transactions and bank balances and confirmation of the following:

All transactions on the December Treasurer's Report were reconciled with the December bank statements and all transactions had supporting documentation.

LSB has reached out to Vern requesting him to sign up for e-statements, it is not clear whether that has been achieved. It will be put on the February agenda for discussion.

24-33- Moved by Vern and seconded by Veronica to approve the December 2023 Treasurer Report. Motion carried unanimously.

Pat proposed moving \$3,000 from LSB Checking to LSB Savings.

24-34- Moved by Vern and seconded by Eric to approve the transfer of funds in the amount of \$3,000 from LSB Checking into LSB Savings. Motion carried unanimously.

Review of 2nd set of bank statements

In Vern Tigges, Co-Treasurer has not yet reviewed the November/December statements.

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Expenses/Bills/Receipts

Water Rocks Donation for \$200.00, \$100 from SWCD and \$100 Donation from Veronica Lack. A new check will be written in February for the donation to Water Rocks in the amount of \$200.00.

24-35 - Moved by Vern and seconded by Eric to approve the Water Rocks donation in the amount of \$100.00 from SWCD and \$100.00 donation from Veronica Lack. Motion carried unanimously.

Old Business:

New Business:

Signature of Application for Property Tax Exemption, Eric signed, Kelly mailed it to the Dallas County Assessor on 1/18/24.

REAP Funding – Aaron discussed the rate sheet for REAP, and Kelly sent the sheet to Jen Spears for posting on the website.

Bock Family Grant – Eric will write a letter outlining the updates on the website.

Moonwake Collaborative contract was signed by Eric, sent to Jen Spears on January 22, 2024. Indicating the hourly amount is \$40.00.

24-36- Moved by Pat and seconded by Eric to approve the contact with Moonwake Collaborative in the amount of \$40.00 per hour. Motion carried unanimously.

Correspondence/Upcoming Events:

Kelly will get the venue chosen and the invitations sent to the area SW Commissioners for the February 29, 2024 meeting.

Soil and water Outcomes Fund was distributed to the Commission. Further discussion will be held after more reviewing of this particular fund.

NRCS UPDATE

Aaron discussed the ranking of applications.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS

Discussion was held regarding spreading the news of our new website. Dallas County Fair was discussed as well as the annual report being sent out via email along with the web address.

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WQI PAYMENTS

See Attached FY2024 WQI Statewide Cover Crop Approvals signed on 1-17-2024.

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 21, 2024 at 3:30 p.m. in the NRCS Field Office.

24-37 - Moved by Eric and seconded by Vern to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting was adjourned at 4:30 p.m.


Eric Wessels, Chairman 03.20.2024
Date


Kelly Thomas, Dallas County C.A. 3.20.24
Date