

**MINUTES OF THE DALLAS COUNTY  
SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT  
AT THE NRCS FIELD OFFICE  
OR Via Teleconference  
Wednesday, May 15, 2024 at 3:30pm**

**Call to Order**

The May regular monthly meeting was called to order by Eric Wessels at 3:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 15, 2024, at the NRCS Field Office. Those present at the meeting were:

**Commissioners:**

Eric Wessels  
Neil Hamilton  
Veronica Lack – Phoned In  
Patric McNorton  
Vern Tigges

**Assistant Commissioner:**

Sharon Donovan – Not Present  
Ken Herring

**Staff:**

Kelly Thomas - Dallas County CA

**Approve Agenda**

**24-58-** Moved by Pat and seconded by Vern to approve the agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

**Approve Minutes**

**24-59-** Moved by Pat and seconded by Vern to approve the regular meeting minutes from April 17, 2024. 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 April Treasurer's Report were reconciled with the April bank statements and all transactions had supporting documentation.

Pat reminded Vern to call LSB to get logged onto the portal for viewing the bank statements monthly. Vern replied that he needs to have Patric or Eric there to sign off.

**24-60-** Moved by Eric and seconded by Vern to approve the April 2024 Treasurer Report. Motion carried unanimously.

**Review of 2<sup>nd</sup> set of Bank Statements**

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

**New Business:**

Ken Herring introduced himself and spoke of his previous job as a DNR Wildlife Biologist and has expressed interest in becoming an Associate Commissioner Position for SWCD. Ken will come with suggestions on his projects at the next meeting.

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**24-61** – Moved by Neil and seconded by Pat to offer Ken Herring a position with SWCD as an Associate Commissioner. Motion carried unanimously.

REAP F/NG & REAP P Funds was discussed and decided Kelly sent an announcement to the newspapers stating there are funds still available in these programs.

DEIJAP Action Plan was reviewed and discussed. Neil will check to see if this is still applicable.

Website Pricing Plan increase was discussed and approved.

**24-62** – Moved by Neil and seconded by Pat to approve price increase on Moonwake Collaborative Website. Motion carried unanimously.

1M Funds Remaining for 2024 was discussed and with Commissioner Mileage, we should end up close to \$.00 for the June 30, 2024. Kelly suggested we use some of the 1M funds for 2025 on partnerships with organizations like Practical Farmers and postage to mail letters to producers.

**NRCS Update**

Aaron spoke about NRCS contracts.

**Commissioner and Assistant Commissioner Reports**

Neil spoke about the chemical spill in the East Nishnabotna River, citing the case has been turned over to the Attorney General with criminal/civil penalties to follow, and investigating the storage facility.

Eric spoke about the soil loss report that he and Tyler Reams had visited. It was determined that this not under the jurisdiction of the SWCD/NRCS and that the homeowner will need to file a civil case for reimbursement.

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, June 26, 2024 at 3:30 p.m. in the NRCS Field Office.

**24-57** - Moved by Pat and seconded by Vern to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting was adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

*Eric Wessels*

Eric Wessels, Chairman

*06.26.2024*

Date

*Kelly Thomas 06-26-24*

Kelly Thomas, Dallas County C.A. Date