

**Goodhue County SWCD District Regular Board Meeting**

Monday – April 22<sup>nd</sup> 2024

**5:30 PM**

Goodhue County SWCD Conference Room  
104 East 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue, Goodhue MN 55027

TEAMs Meeting Link: [Click here to join the meeting](#)

Meeting ID: 279 843 819 039 Passcode: fXJeS8

Call in @ (872) 240-8960 Phone Conference ID: 241 346 058#

**MINUTES**

**I. Call to Order and Pledge Allegiance Meeting was called to order at 5:37 pm by Chair Christopher Hinck.**

| SWCD Supervisors Present  | SWCD Staff Present                      | Others Present       |
|---------------------------|---|----------------------|
| <i>In Person:</i>         | <i>In Person:</i>                       | <i>In Person:</i>    |
| Christopher Hinck – Chair | Beau Kennedy - District Manager         | John Benjamin (NRCS) |
| Ed McNamara – Vice Chair  | Delane Krier – Administrative Assistant |                      |
| Mark Comstock - Treasurer |   | <i>Teams:</i>        |
| John Beck - Reporter      |   | Ryan Hytry (NRCS)    |
| Don Schliep - Secretary   |   | Dave Copeland (BWSR) |
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**II. Approval of the Agenda**

Motioned by McNamara, seconded by Schliep to approve the Agenda as presented. Affirmative: Beck, Comstock, Hinck, McNamara, Schliep. Opposed: None. Motion carried.

**III. Consent Agenda**

- a. Approve 2024 Quarter #1 WAGZ Watershed Based Implementation Funding Invoice #2417 to Olmsted County SWCD for \$31,115.99.
- b. Approve 2024 Quarter #1 WAGZ Watershed Based Implementation Funding Invoice #WAGZ Q1-24 to Dodge SWCD for \$14,009.45.
- c. Approve 2024 Quarter #1 WAGZ Watershed Based Implementation Funding Invoice #2018039 to Rice SWCD for \$599.12.
- d. Approve 2024 Quarter #1 WAGZ Watershed Based Implementation Funding Invoice #2024-12 to SE TSA7 for \$1,952.16.
- e. Approve 2024 Quarter #1 WAGZ Watershed Based Implementation Funding Invoice #2024-17 to the Goodhue SWCD for \$16,412.73
- f. Approve 2024 Quarter #1 WAGZ Watershed Based Implementation Funding Invoice #2024-09 to the Wabasha SWCD for \$14,739.31
- g. Approve Contract #2023DWSMA-01 Voucher Payment #1 of \$1,450.00 to Travis Betcher for Implementing Perennial Cover within Goodhue’s DWSMA in 2023.

Motioned by Comstock, seconded by McNamara to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Affirmative: Beck, Comstock, Hinck, McNamara, Schliep. Opposed: None. Motion carried.

**IV. Secretary’s Report**

- a. Approve March 25<sup>th</sup>, 2024 District Regular Board Meeting Minutes

Motioned by McNamara, seconded by Schliep to approve the March 25<sup>th</sup>, 2024 District Regular Board Meeting Minutes as presented. Affirmative: Beck, Comstock, Hinck, McNamara, Schliep. Opposed: None. Motion carried.

**V. Public Comment (10 Minute limit)**

## **VI. Action Items**

- a. Action on Cost Share Contract # 24-GC-05 with Taylor Waugh for Prescribed Grazing in Section 28 in Belle Creek TWP; authorizing cost-share amount of \$1,927.74 @ 6.7%, piggybacked with EQIP funding not to exceed 90%.

*Motioned by McNamara, seconded by Schliep to approve the Cost Share Contract # 24-GC-05 with Taylor Waugh for Prescribed Grazing in Section 28 in Belle Creek TWP; authorizing cost-share amount of \$1,927.74 @ 6.7%, piggybacked with EQIP funding not to exceed 90%. Affirmative: Beck, Comstock, Hinck, McNamara, Schliep. Opposed: None. Motion carried.*

- b. Action on Cost Share Contract # 24WAGZ-GC-04 with Diane Krause for installing 9 Water and Sediment Control Basins in Section 24 of Roscoe TWP; authorizing cost-share amount of \$51,615, not to exceed 90% using Zumbro WBIF.

*Motioned by McNamara, seconded by Comstock to approve the Cost Share Contract # 24WAGZ-GC-04 with Diane Krause for installing 9 Water and Sediment Control Basins in Section 24 of Roscoe TWP; authorizing cost-share amount of \$51,615, not to exceed 90% using Zumbro WBIF. Affirmative: Beck, Comstock, Hinck, McNamara. Abstained Schliep. Motion carried.*

- c. Action on Cost Share Contract # 24WAGZ-GC-05 with Anthony Cappola for installing a Grade Stabilization Structure in Section 14 of Hay Creek TWP; authorizing cost-share amount of \$22,995.90, not to exceed 90% using Zumbro WBIF.

*Motioned by McNamara, seconded by Comstock to approve the Cost Share Contract # 24WAGZ-GC-05 with Anthony Cappola for installing a Grade Stabilization Structure in Section 14 of Hay Creek TWP; authorizing cost-share amount of \$22,995.90, not to exceed 90% using Zumbro WBIF. Affirmative: Beck, Comstock, Hinck, McNamara, Schliep. Opposed: None. Motion carried.*

- d. Action on Red Wing Urban Stormwater Project Sub-Agreement

*Motioned by McNamara, seconded by Comstock to approve the Red Wing Urban Stormwater Project Sub-Agreement. Affirmative: Beck, Comstock, Hinck, McNamara, Schliep. Opposed: None. Motion carried.*

- e. Action on May Board Meeting Date Change and Time Change

*Motioned by McNamara, seconded by Schliep to approve the May 2024 Board Meeting Date Change and Time Change to Tuesday, May 28<sup>th</sup> @ 5:30 pm. Affirmative: Beck, Comstock, Hinck, McNamara, Schliep. Opposed: None. Motion carried.*

## **VII. Reports**

- a. NRCS Report: *Presented by J. Benjamin (see attached)*
- b. District Manager's – Cons Farmer Discussion – Resolutions

*Goodhue DWSMA Nitrate Screening / SE MACDE Meeting / Greater Zumbro and Cannon 1W1P / Trees / Equipment / SWCD Job Postings / TSA7*

- c. Staff Reports

*Krier gave her report on the AgBMP Loan Program*

- d. Supervisor's Activity Report

*Supervisors gave their reports on meetings attended. McNamara: Met with Secretary of Agriculture, Tom Vilsack.*

- e. Other

*Copeland gave his report on BWSR Grant Funding*

## **VIII. Treasurer's Report / Payables**

- a. Approve the March 2024 Financial Report (Balance Sheet, Profit & Loss Budget vs Actual)

*Motioned by McNamara, seconded by Schliep to approve the March 2024 Financial Report (Balance Sheet, Profit & Loss Budget vs Actual). Affirmative: Beck, Comstock, Hinck, McNamara, Schliep. Opposed: None. Motion carried.*

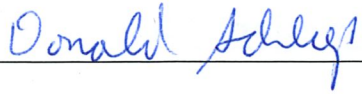
- b. Approve April 2024 Accounts Payable

*Motioned by McNamara, seconded by Comstock to approve the April 2024 Accounts Payable. Affirmative: Beck, Comstock, Hinck, McNamara, Schliep. Opposed: None. Motion carried.*

## **IX. Adjournment**

*Motioned by McNamara, seconded by Comstock to adjourn the meeting. Affirmative: Beck, Comstock, Hinck, McNamara, Schliep. Opposed: None. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned 6:221 pm.*

Respectfully submitted



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Don Schliep

**Upcoming Events**

**April 26<sup>th</sup> – Open Position Interviews**

**May 9<sup>th</sup> – Zumbro WAGZ meeting Oronoco 9am.**

**May 23<sup>rd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Field Day – Belle Creek Watershed Dam-Otterness/Waugh**

**May 28<sup>th</sup> – SWCD Board Meeting (Tuesday)???**

## **NRCS District Conservationist Report**

Ryan Hytry is the acting Team Lead for up to 120 days as of April 4<sup>th</sup> 2024.

John Benajmin is the District Conservationist in the Goodhue office stating 4/22/24

### **CSP** (Conservation Stewardship Program)

- 13 Active contracts
- FY25 CSP Renewal application deadline March 1
- 11 FY24 CSP classic applications submitted
- FY24 Classic Preapproval deadline May 3rd

### **EQIP** (Environmental Quality Incentive Program)

- 17 Active EQIP contracts
- 13 Applications in pending status
- 14 Applications in Approved status
- FY24 obligation deadline is June 28, 2024

### **RCPP18** (Regional Conservation Partnership Program)

Land Management Fund through MAWQCP sign up is applicable in this county.

- 0 Active contracts
- 0 Applications submitted
- Sign up deadline Dec 15th
- Ranking deadline January 19

### **CRP** (Conservation Reserve Program)

- 29 plans to write
- 40 FY26 expiring Review checks