

Goodhue County SWCD District Regular Board Meeting

Monday June 24th 2024

5:30 PM

Goodhue County SWCD Conference Room
104 East 3rd Avenue, Goodhue MN 55027

TEAMs Meeting Link: [Join the meeting now](#)

Meeting ID: 235 069 417 413 Passcode: Tk3qwM

Call in @ (872) 240-8960 Phone Conference ID: 795 110 125#

MINUTES

I. Call to Order and Pledge Allegiance Meeting was called to order at 5:40 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)
Mark Comstock - Treasurer	Ben Dvorak – Nat. Resource Specialist	
John Beck - Reporter		
Don Schliep - Secretary		
Not in attendance		
Ed McNamara – Vice Chair		

II. Approval of the Agenda

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

III. Consent Agenda

- a. Approve Percent Based Voucher on Contract #LCF2023-07 for \$1,600 to Darren Vieths for seeding 40 acres of cover crops in the fall of 2023.
- b. Approve Percent Based Voucher on Contract #2023-06 for \$4,220.30 to Justin Mandelkow for installing a grassed waterway using 2023 State Cost-Share funds.

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

IV. Secretary's Report

- a. Approve May 28, 2024 District Regular Board Meeting Minutes

Motioned by Schliep, seconded Comstock to approve the May 28th 2024 District Regular Board Meeting Minutes as presented. Affirmative: Beck, Comstock, Hinck, Schliep. Opposed: None. Motion carried.

V. Public Comment (10 Minute limit)

VI. Action Items

- a. Action on Incentive Conservation Activity Reimbursement Contract #2024Cannon_GC_CRP-6 for Aquarium Innovations; Contract and Incentive Payment of \$500.00 for New CRP Sign-Up

Motioned by Comstock, seconded by Schliep to approve Contract #2024Cannon_GC_CRP-6 for Aquarium Innovations; Contract and Incentive Payment of \$500.00. Affirmative: Beck, Comstock, Hinck, Schliep. Opposed: None. Motion carried

- b. Action on Incentive Conservation Activity Reimbursement Contract #2024WAGZ_GC_CRP-2 for Jared Zillgitt; Contract and Incentive Payment of \$500.00 for New CRP Sign-Up

Motioned by Comstock, seconded by Schliep to approve Contract #2024WAGZ_GC_CRP-2 for Jared Zillgitt; Contract and Incentive Payment of \$500.00. Affirmative: Beck, Comstock, Hinck, Schliep. Opposed: None. Motion carried

- c. Action on Incentive Conservation Activity Reimbursement Contract #2024Cannon_GC_CRP-1 for Dan Jilk; Contract and Incentive Payment of \$500.00 for New CRP Sign-Up

Motioned by Comstock, seconded by Schliep to approve Contract #2024Cannon_GC_CRP-1 for Dan Jilk; Contract and Incentive Payment of \$500.00. Affirmative: Beck, Comstock, Hinck, Schliep. Opposed: None. Motion carried

- d. Action on Cooperative Weed Management Cost Share Contract #2024-CWMA-01 with Warsaw Township for Controlling Noxious Weeds on TWP Road Right-of-Ways @75% cost share not to exceed \$1,500.00.

Motioned by Schliep, seconded by Comstock to approve Contract #2024-CWMA-01 with Warsaw Township for Controlling Noxious Weeds on TWP Road Right-of-Ways @75% cost share not to exceed \$1,500.00. Affirmative: Beck, Comstock, Hinck, Schliep. Opposed: None. Motion carried

- e. Action on Goodhue SWCD Cost-Share Policy Updates

Motioned by Schliep, seconded by Comstock to approve SWCD Cost-Share Policy updates as presented in the Board packet. Affirmative: Beck, Comstock, Hinck, Schliep. Opposed: None. Motion carried

- f. Action on Long-Term and Short-Term Disability Benefits for Goodhue SWCD Employees

Motioned by Comstock seconded by Schliep to approve the Long- & Short-Term Disability Coverage Change to Humana as presented in the Board Packet. Affirmative: Beck, Comstock, Hinck, Schliep. Opposed: None. Motion carried

- g. Action on Goodhue SWCD Conservation Farmer of the Year Award

Motion by Beck and seconded by Schliep to award the 2024 Conservation Farmer of the Year Award to the Karin and Dana Jokela Family. Affirmative: Beck, Comstock, Hinck, Schliep. Opposed: None. Motion carried

- h. Action on Goodhue DWSMA Flat Rate Cost Share Contract #2023DWSMA-14with Kenneth Schrimpf in Sec. 17 of Goodhue TWP for installing cover crops and perennial vegetation on 71 acres. Contract not to exceed \$10,650.00

Motioned by Comstock seconded by Schliep to approve Contract #2023DWSMA-14with Kenneth Schrimpf in Sec. 17 of Goodhue TWP for installing cover crops and perennial vegetation on 71 acres. Contract not to exceed \$10,650.00.

Affirmative: Beck, Comstock, Hinck, Schliep. Opposed: None. Motion carried

VII. Reports

- a. NRCS Report: Presented by J. Benjamin (see attached)

- b. District Manager's

MSRS / Resolutions Mtg / Greater Zumbro & Cannon 1W1P / KTTC / Budget Mtg / TSA 7

- c. Staff Reports

Ben Dvorak introduced himself as the SWCD's newest employee: Natural Resource Specialist.

- d. Supervisor's Activity Report

Supervisors gave their reports on meetings attended. Beck: Hosted Soil Health Day with SWCD Staff/Bd. Hinck: Area 7 Mtg and Beck's SH Field Day. Schliep: Area 7 Mtg. Comstock: Area 7 Mtg and Co. Budget Mtg.

VIII. Treasurer's Report / Payables

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

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

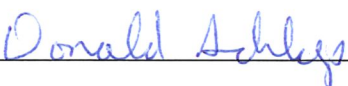
- b. Approve June 2024 Accounts Payable

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

IX. Adjournment

Motioned by Comstock, seconded by Schliep to adjourn the meeting. Affirmative: Beck, Comstock, Hinck, Schliep. Opposed: None. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned 7:04pm.

Respectfully submitted



Don Schliep

Upcoming Events

June 13th - Zumbro Policy Committee Meeting

June 13th - County Budget Committee Meeting 9am

June 19th - Holiday

June 24th 430 pm – USDA Local Work Group Meeting @ Goodhue SWCD

June 24th 530 pm – June Goodhue SWCD Board Meeting

NRCS District Conservationist Report

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

CSP (Conservation Stewardship Program)

- 13 Active contracts worth roughly **283K** cost share remaining to be paid out
- FY25 CSP Renewal application deadline March 1 : no apps were applicable
- 11 FY24 CSP classic applications submitted
- 4 FY24 applications have been preapproved worth an estimated rough **360K**
- 2 FY25 Classic applications waiting for the signup to be entered.

EQIP (Environmental Quality Incentive Program)

- 21 Active EQIP contracts worth roughly **459K** cost share remaining to be paid out
- 11 Applications in pending status
- 11 Applications in Approved status worth roughly **280K**
- 1 app in preapproved 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)

- 22 plans needing signature
- 42 FY26 expiring Review checks needing done.

WBP (Water Bank Program)

- Sign up opened 5/23/24
- Sign up deadline June 17 2024