

Goodhue County SWCD District Regular Board Meeting

Monday – February 24th 2025

2:30 PM

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

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Meeting ID: 210 534 041 138 Passcode: BM966tX9

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Minutes

I. Call to Order and Pledge Allegiance Meeting was called to order at 2:30 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	Colleen Pawlenty (FSA)
Don Schliep - Secretary	Coty Hyllengren – District Technician	
John Beck – Reporter	Savannah Domnie – Conservation Technician	Call In:
Mark Comstock - Treasurer	Kelsey Petit – Feedlot Compliance Coordinator	

II. Approval of the Agenda

Motioned by Comstock, seconded by McNamara to approve the agenda as presented.

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

III. Consent Agenda

- a. Approve Cost Share Voucher #24-GC-05 Final Payment for Taylor Waugh for implementing a Prescribe Grazing Plan in Sec 8 of Belle Creek TWP for \$1,178.96 using Cannon River WBIF funding.

Motioned by McNamara, seconded by Comstock to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

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

IV. Secretary's Report

- a. Approve January 27th 2025 District Regular Board Meeting Minutes

Motioned by McNamara, seconded by Comstock to approve the January 27th 2025 District Regular Board Meeting Minutes.

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

V. Public Comment (10 Minute limit)

Colleen Pawlenty -FSA updated the Board on Goodhue FSA Office staffing as well as federal programs and funding freezes as directed by leadership in Washington DC.

Comstock left the meeting at 2:35 due to family emergency

VI. Action Items

- a. Action on Percent Based Cost Share Contract #25SWCD-01 with Les Anderson for a Pond Cleanout in Sec. 24 of Welch TWP @ 50% cost-share not to exceed \$2,500 using Local SWCD Aid Funding

Motioned by McNamara, seconded by Schliep to approve the Percent Based Cost Share Contract #25SWCD-01 with Les Anderson for a Pond Cleanout in Sec. 24 of Welch TWP @ 50% cost-share not to exceed \$2,500 using Local SWCD Aid Funding.

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

- b. Action on Percent Based Cost Share Contract #25-WAGZ-GC-01 with Allan Geyer for a Grassed Waterway in Sec. 8 of Cherry Grove TWP @ 90% cost-share not to exceed \$24,076.80 using Zumbro WBIF and Conservation Contract Funds

Motioned by McNamara, seconded by Schliep to approve the Percent Based Cost Share Contract #25-WAGZ-GC-01 with Allan Geyer for a Grassed Waterway in Sec. 8 of Cherry Grove TWP @ 90% cost-share not to exceed \$24,076.80 using Zumbro WBIF and Conservation Contract Funds.

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

- c. Action on Percent Based Cost Share Contract #25-WAGZ-GC-02 with Paul Mangan for a Grassed Waterway in Sec. 8 of Cherry Grove TWP @ 90% cost-share not to exceed \$9,949.50 using Zumbro WBIF

Motioned by McNamara, seconded by Schliep to approve the Percent Based Cost Share Contract #25-WAGZ-GC-02 with Paul Mangan for a Grassed Waterway in Sec. 8 of Cherry Grove TWP @ 90% cost-share not to exceed \$9,949.50 using Zumbro WBIF.

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

- d. Action on Percent Based Cost Share Contract #25-GC-01 with Marty O'Connor for a Grassed Waterway in Sec. 27 of Belle Creek TWP @ 85% cost-share not to exceed \$14,301.25 using Cannon River WBIF

Motioned by McNamara, seconded by Schliep to approve the Percent Based Cost Share Contract #25-GC-01 with Marty O'Connor for a Grassed Waterway in Sec. 27 of Belle Creek TWP @ 85% cost-share not to exceed \$14,301.25 using Cannon River WBIF.

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

- e. Action on Percent Based Cost Share Contract #25-GC-02 with Marty O'Connor for a Grassed Waterway in Sec. 25 of Leon TWP @ 85% cost-share not to exceed \$3,577.50 using Cannon River WBIF

Motioned by McNamara, seconded by Schliep to approve the Percent Based Cost Share Contract #25-GC-02 with Marty O'Connor for a Grassed Waterway in Sec. 25 of Leon TWP @ 85% cost-share not to exceed \$3,577.50 using Cannon River WBIF.

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

- f. Action on Percent Based Cost Share Contract #25-WAGZ-GC-03 with David Baker for a Grade Stabilization Rehab in Sec. 8 of Kenyon TWP @ 90% cost-share not to exceed \$5,106.88 using Zumbro WBIF

Motioned by McNamara, seconded by Schliep to approve the Percent Based Cost Share Contract #25-WAGZ-GC-03 with David Baker for a Grade Stabilization Rehab in Sec. 8 of Kenyon TWP @ 90% cost-share not to exceed \$5,106.88 using Zumbro WBIF.

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

- g. Action on Percent Based Cost Share Contract #25-GC-03 with Wes Scheffler for a Grassed Waterway in Sec. 36 of Leon TWP @ 85% cost-share not to exceed \$6,494.00 using Cannon River WBIF

Motioned by McNamara, seconded by Schliep to approve the Percent Based Cost Share Contract #25-GC-03 with Wes Scheffler for a Grassed Waterway in Sec. 36 of Leon TWP @ 85% cost-share not to exceed \$6,494.00 using Cannon River WBIF.

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

- h. Action on Percent Based Cost Share Contract #2024-01 with Lorn Manthey for a Grassed Waterway in Sec. 20 of Wanamingo TWP @ 75% cost-share not to exceed \$7,869.00 using Conservation Contract Funds

Motioned by McNamara, seconded by Schliep to approve the Percent Based Cost Share Contract #2024-01 with Lorn Manthey for a Grassed Waterway in Sec. 20 of Wanamingo TWP @ 75% cost-share not to exceed \$7,869.00 using Conservation Contract Funds.

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

- i. Action on 2024 Goodhue SWCD Cost-Share Policy (tabled from January Board Meeting)

Motioned by McNamara, seconded by Schliep to bring to the table the 2024 Goodhue SWCD Cost-Share Policy (tabled from January Board Meeting). Discussion took place on specific items within the SWCD Cost-Share Policy, and aligning the RCPP Soil Health policy with neighbouring county policies.

Affirmative: None. Opposed Beck, Hinck, McNamara, Schliep.

VII. Reports

- a. NRCS Report

Presented by John Benjamin (see attached)

- b. SWCD Staff Reports

Kelsey Petit – 2024 Feedlot compliance update / Coty Hyllengren – 2024 Yearly program update

- c. Supervisors Activity Report

Zumbro 1W1P – Cannon 1W1P – Outreach – Nitrate Work Group – Soil Health – TSA7

- d. Supervisor's Activity Report:

Beck – N/A

Hinck – TSA7 Prioritization Meeting

McNamara – Legislative Meeting / Cannon River Joint Powers Board Meeting / Zumbro 1W1P Policy Committee Meeting / Cow/Calf Meeting / Clean Water Council Meeting

- e. Other

Motioned by McNamara, seconded by Schliep to approve the Goodhue SWCD March Board Meeting on March 24th to start at 2:30pm. Affirmative: Beck, Hinck, McNamara, Schliep. Opposed: None. Motion carried.

VIII. Treasurer's Report / Payables

- a. Approve the January 2025 Financial Report (Balance Sheet, Profit & Loss Budget vs Actual)

Motioned by McNamara, seconded by Schliep to approve the January 2025 Financial Report (Balance Sheet, Profit & Loss Budget vs Actual).

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

- b. Approve February 2025 Accounts Payable

Motioned by Schliep, seconded by McNamara to approve the February 2025 Accounts Payable.

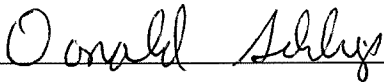
Affirmative: Beck, Hinck, McNamara, Schliep. Opposed: None. Motion carried.

IX. Adjournment

Motioned by McNamara, seconded by Schliep to adjourn the meeting @ 4:29pm

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

Respectfully submitted



Don Schliep

Upcoming Events

March 4th and 5th – MASWCD Legislative Day at the Capital

MDA Nitrogen Meeting Rochester March 13th

Wells Creek Meeting March 17th

Goodhue DWSMA Lunch at AgPartner's March 18th

Goodhue SWCD March Board Meeting – **March 24th @ 2:30pm**

Spring SE SWCD Employees Meeting-Harmony March 26th

State SWCD Managers Meeting St. Cloud 27-28th

NRCS Goodhue Field Office Report

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John Benjamin

Teddy Moreno-Santos will be acting Team Lead starting Dec 29th through April 15.

CSP (Conservation Stewardship Program)

- 19 Active contracts worth roughly **5671K** cost share remaining to be paid out
- FY25 CSP Classic signup deadline Nov.15th
- 11 FY25 CSP Classic applications in currently
- FY25 CSP classic ranking deadline Mach 21.
- FY26 CSP Renewal application deadline Mach 10th .
- 4 FY26 CSP Renewal application submitted

EQIP (Environmental Quality Incentive Program)

- 22 Active EQIP contracts worth roughly **534K** cost share remaining to be paid out
- 34 EQIP25 applications submitted
- submitted
- FY25 EQIP ranking deadline January 10th.
- 11 FY25 EQIP preapprovals

RCPP18 (Regional Conservation Partnership Program)

- 2129 MDA MAWQCP no longer offered
- IFHWR: Goodhue is not applicable
- 2365 MDA IPPGW: Goodhue is not applicable
- 2881 TU-DA_HFTWAR: Good hue is applicable. Only on designated trout streams.
- 0 Active contracts
- 1 Applications submitted
- FY25 Sign up deadline Dec15th
- 3053 Soil Health AFA (Alternative Funding Agreement)
 1. 25 million granted
 2. 180k first round
 3. SWCD volunteer to be included
 4. Soil health practices
 5. Producers need to be FSA eligible
 6. **RCPP funds are on hold**

CRP (Conservation Reserve Program)

- 9 plans needing planned
- 42 FY26 expiring Review checks needed.