

**Goodhue County SWCD District Regular Board Meeting**

Monday – September 23<sup>rd</sup> 2024

**4:00 PM**

Goodhue County SWCD Conference Room

104 East 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue, Goodhue MN 55027

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

Meeting ID: 258 901 300 202

Passcode: RfGv8v

**MINUTES**

**I. Call to Order and Pledge Allegiance** *Meeting called to order at 4:04 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	Dave Copeland (BWSR)
John Beck - Reporter		
Don Schliep - Secretary		
<b>Not in attendance</b>		
Mark Comstock - Treasurer		

**II. Approval of the Agenda**

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

**III. Consent Agenda**

- a. Approve Cost Share Voucher #2023-07 for Paul Burfeind for constructing a Grassed Waterway in Sec 12 of Belvidere TWP for \$3,956.25 @ 75% cost share using 2023 State Cost Share Funds.

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

**IV. Secretary’s Report**

- a. Approve August 26<sup>th</sup> 2024 District Regular Board Meeting Minutes

*Motioned by McNamara, seconded by Schliep to approve the August 26<sup>th</sup> 2024 District Regular Board Meeting Minutes as presented. Affirmative: Beck, Hinck, McNamara, Schliep. Opposed: None. Motion carried.*

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

**VI. Action Items**

- a. Action on Lease Agreement between Goodhue SWCD and TSA7 (retroactive)

*Motioned by McNamara, seconded by Schliep to approve the Lease Agreement between Goodhue SWCD and TSA7 (retroactive). Affirmative: Beck, Hinck, McNamara, Schliep. Opposed: None. Motion carried.*

- b. Action on Flat Rate Cost Share Contract #24SWCD-05 for Matt Voxland for implementing 40 acres Cover Crops in Sec.23 of Holden TWP with a maximum 3yr Contract Payment of \$4,800 using our “40 for 40” Cover Crop SWCD Aid Funding.
- c. Action on Flat Rate Cost Share Contract #24WAGZ-GC-08 for Ken Lohman for implementing 27 acres of Multi Species Cover Crops in Sec.29 of Zumbrota TWP with a maximum 3yr Contract Payment of \$4,050 using Zumbro Watershed Based Funding.
- d. Action on Flat Rate Cost Share Contract #24SWCD-07 for Hoefst Farms Inc for implementing 40 acres Cover Crops in Sec.10 of Welch TWP with a maximum 3yr Contract Payment of \$4,800 using our “40 for 40” Cover Crop SWCD Aid Funding.
- e. Action on Flat Rate Cost Share Contract #24SWCD-06 for Brian Hoefst for implementing 40 acres Cover Crops in Sec. 2 of Welch TWP with a maximum 3yr Contract Payment of \$4,800 using our “40 for 40” Cover Crop SWCD Aid Funding.

*Chair Hinck requested a motion to approve items, b. thru e. together due to their similarities in nature.*

Motioned by Schliep, seconded by Beck to approve items (b) Flat Rate Cost Share Contract #24SWCD-05 for Matt Voxland for implementing 40 acres Cover Crops in Sec.23 of Holden TWP with a maximum 3yr Contract Payment of \$4,800 using our "40 for 40" Cover Crop SWCD Aid Funding, (c) Flat Rate Cost Share Contract #24WAGZ-GC-08 for Ken Lohman for implementing 27 acres of Multi Species Cover Crops in Sec.29 of Zumbrota TWP with a maximum 3yr Contract Payment of \$4,050 using Zumbro Watershed Based Funding, (d) Flat Rate Cost Share Contract #24SWCD-07 for Hoeft Farms Inc for implementing 40 acres Cover Crops in Sec.10 of Welch TWP with a maximum 3yr Contract Payment of \$4,800 using our "40 for 40" Cover Crop SWCD Aid Funding, (e) Flat Rate Cost Share Contract #24SWCD-06 for Brian Hoeft for implementing 40 acres Cover Crops in Sec. 2 of Welch TWP with a maximum 3yr Contract Payment of \$4,800 using our "40 for 40" Cover Crop SWCD Aid Funding. Affirmative: Beck, Hinck, McNamara, Schliep. Opposed: None. Motion carried.

- f. Action on Percent Based Cost Share Contract #2024CWMA-03 with Austin Sontag for Noxious Weed Control in Sec.28/29/32/33 in the City of Pine Island @ 50% cost-share not to exceed \$1,000 using Cooperative Weed Management Grant.

Motioned by McNamara, seconded by Schliep to approve the Percent Based Cost Share Contract #2024CWMA-03 with Austin Sontag for Noxious Weed Control in Sec.28/29/32/33 in the City of Pine Island @ 50% cost-share not to exceed \$1,000 using Cooperative Weed Management Grant. Affirmative: Beck, Hinck, McNamara, Schliep. Opposed: None. Motion carried.

- g. Action on Flat Rate Cost Share Contract #2023DWSMA-07 Amendment#1 for Todd Strusz adding Cover Crops and Low Disturbance Manure Application to his contract. Adding increasing contract amount from \$4,380.00 to \$9,510.00.

Motioned by McNamara, seconded by Schliep to approve the Flat Rate Cost Share Contract #2023DWSMA-07 Amendment#1 for Todd Strusz adding Cover Crops and Low Disturbance Manure Application to his contract. Adding increasing contract amount from \$4,380.00 to \$9,510.00. Affirmative: Beck, Hinck, McNamara, Schliep. Opposed: None. Motion carried.

- h. Action on Percent Based Cost Share Contract #2024WAGZ-GC-09 with Colleen Pawlenty Implementing a Prescribed Grazing System in Sec.3 of Zumbrota TWP @ 90% cost-share \$25,223.67 using Zumbro Watershed Based Implementation Funding.

Motioned by McNamara, seconded by Schliep to approve the Percent Based Cost Share Contract #2024WAGZ-GC-09 with Colleen Pawlenty Implementing a Prescribed Grazing System in Sec.3 of Zumbrota TWP @ 90% cost-share \$25,223.67 using Zumbro Watershed Based Implementation Funding. Affirmative: Beck, Hinck, McNamara, Schliep. Opposed: None. Motion carried.

- i. Action on Flat Rate Cost Share Contract #24WAGZ-GC-10 for Eric Ryan for implementing 100 acres of Single Species Cover Crops in Sec.24 of Goodhue TWP & Sec 20 and 29 of Belvidere TWP with a maximum 3yr Contract Payment of \$13,500 using Zumbro Watershed Based Funding.

Motioned by McNamara, seconded by Schliep to approve the Flat Rate Cost Share Contract #24WAGZ-GC-10 for Eric Ryan for implementing 100 acres of Single Species Cover Crops in Sec.24 of Goodhue TWP & Sec 20 and 29 of Belvidere TWP with a maximum 3yr Contract Payment of \$13,500 using Zumbro Watershed Based Funding. Affirmative: Beck, Hinck, McNamara, Schliep. Opposed: None. Motion carried.

- j. Action on Flat Rate Cost Share Contract #24SWCD-8 for Hader Farms Partnership for implementing 37 acres Cover Crops in Sec. 12 of Wanamingo TWP with a maximum 3yr Contract Payment of \$4,440 using our "40 for 40" Cover Crop SWCD Aid Funding.
- k. Action on Flat Rate Cost Share Contract #24SWCD-9 for Brady Voth for implementing 32 acres Cover Crops in Sec. 23 of Goodhue TWP with a maximum 3yr Contract Payment of \$3,840 using our "40 for 40" Cover Crop SWCD Aid Funding.

Chair Hinck requested a motion to approve items, j. thru k. together due to their similarities in nature. Motioned by McNamara, seconded by Schliep to approve items (j) Flat Rate Cost Share Contract #24SWCD-8 for Hader Farms Partnership for implementing 37 acres Cover Crops in Sec. 12 of Wanamingo TWP with a maximum 3yr Contract Payment of \$4,440 using our "40 for 40" Cover Crop SWCD Aid Funding, (k) Flat Rate Cost Share Contract #24SWCD-9 for Brady Voth for implementing 32 acres Cover Crops in Sec. 23 of Goodhue TWP with a maximum 3yr Contract Payment of \$3,840 using our "40 for 40" Cover Crop SWCD Aid Funding. Affirmative: Beck, Hinck, McNamara, Schliep. Opposed: None. Motion carried.

**VII. Reports**

- a. NRCS Report

*Presented by J. Benjamin (see attached)*

- b. District Manager's

*Zumbro 1W1P / Cannon 1W1P / Nitrates / Cover Crops / TSA7*

- c. Staff Reports

*Krier gave her report on the AgBMP Loan Program*

- d. Supervisor's Activity Report

*Supervisors gave their report of meetings attended. McNamara: Soil Health Meeting*

- e. Other

*Copeland gave his report on BWSR Grant Funding*

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

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

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

- b. Approve September 2024 Accounts Payable and Supervisor's Quarterly Expenses

*Motioned by McNamara, seconded by Schliep to approve the September 2024 Accounts Payable and Supervisor's Quarterly Expenses. Affirmative: Beck, Hinck, McNamara, Schliep. Opposed: None. Motion carried.*

**IX. Adjournment**

*Motioned by McNamara, seconded by Schliep to adjourn the meeting. Affirmative: Beck, Hinck, McNamara, Schliep. Opposed: None. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned 4:55 pm.*

*Respectfully submitted*



*Don Schliep*

**Upcoming Events**

**October 8<sup>th</sup> Aflac Meeting 12:30 SWCD Bd Room - Board and Staff Invited**

**Holiday – Indigenous American Day October 14<sup>th</sup>**

**Fall Area7 Supervisor/Employee Meeting – October 22<sup>nd</sup> @ Jay Hormel Nature Center – 9-3pm**

**October SWCD Board Meeting – October 28<sup>th</sup> 5:30pm**

**BWSR Academy – October 29<sup>th</sup> - 31<sup>st</sup>**

# NRCS District Conservationist Report

09/23/2024

Dylan Bartles is the acting Team Lead through Dec 15<sup>th</sup>.

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

- 19 Active contracts worth roughly **895K** cost share remaining to be paid out
- 2 FY25 Classic applications waiting for the signup to be entered.
- FY25 Renewal application deadline is Dec 13<sup>th</sup>.

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

- 30 Active EQIP contracts worth roughly **670K** cost share remaining to be paid out
- 30 EQIP25 applications submitted
- 13 eng. Ag waste, 410, 412, irrigation
- 7 forestry 314, 666
- 3 5328
- FY25 EQIP signup deadline Sept. 6<sup>th</sup>.

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

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

- 0 Active contracts
- 0 Applications submitted
- FY25 Sign up deadline unannounced

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

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

## **WBP** (Water Bank Program)

- Sign up opened 5/23/24
- Sign up deadline June 17 2024
- No Applications submitted