

Goodhue County SWCD District Regular Board Meeting

Monday – July 22nd 2024

5:30 PM

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

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Meeting ID: 230 144 998 357 Passcode: 23ZDwQ

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MINUTES

I. Call to Order and Pledge Allegiance Meeting called to order at 5:30 pm by Chair Christopher Hinck

| SWCD Supervisors Present | SWCD Staff Present | Others Present |
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| <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) |
| Mark Comstock - Treasurer | | |
| John Beck - Reporter | | |
| Don Schliep - Secretary | | |
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II. Approval of the Agenda

Motioned by Comstock, 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 #2 WAGZ Watershed Based Implementation Funding Invoice #22424 to Olmsted County SWCD for \$14,377.41.
- b. Approve 2024 Quarter #2 WAGZ Watershed Based Implementation Funding Invoice #2018061 to Rice SWCD for \$1,649.40.
- c. Approve 2024 Quarter #2 WAGZ Watershed Based Implementation Funding Invoice #2024-21 to SE TSA7 for \$3,967.92.
- d. Approve 2024 Quarter #2 WAGZ Watershed Based Implementation Funding Invoice #2024-43 to the Goodhue SWCD for \$22,035.11
- e. Approve 2024 Quarter #2 WAGZ Watershed Based Implementation Funding Invoice #2024-30 to the Wabasha SWCD for \$9,138.42
- f. Approve Cooperative Weed Management Cost Share Voucher #2024CWMA-01 for Warsaw TWP for \$1,500.00
- g. Approve Cost Share Voucher #LCF2022-02 for Billy Diercks for planting 40 acres of cover crop (Fall 2023) at flat rate of \$25.00/ac totalling \$1,000 from.
- h. Approve Cost Share Voucher #24-GC-03 for F & K Halverson for constructing a Grassed Waterway in Sec 26 of Leon TWP for \$17,268.96 @ 85% cost share using Cannon River WBI Funds.

Motioned by Schliep, 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 June 24th, 2024 District Regular Board Meeting Minutes

Motioned by Schliep, seconded by Comstock to approve the June 24th, 2024 District Regular Board Meeting Minutes as presented. Affirmative: Beck, Comstock, Hinck, McNamara, Schliep. Opposed: None. Motion carried.

V. Public Comment (10 Minute limit)

- a. Donna Larsen – MN State Retirement System to discuss Health Care Savings Plans & Deferred Compensation Plans

The SWCD Board reviewed the presentation that Ms Larsen provided on the topic of HCSP and DCPs for our employees. The Board directed Manager to bring this information back to the Staff for review and comment prior to our December Board meeting. If the Board elects to move forward with either the HCSP or DFP, the target start date would be 1/1/2025

VI. Action Items

- a. Action on Incentive Conservation Activity Reimbursement Contract #2024Cannon_GC_CRP-3 for Rich Gustafson; Contract and Incentive Payment of \$500.00 for New CRP Sign-Up
- b. Action on Incentive Conservation Activity Reimbursement Contract #2024Cannon_GC_CRP-2 for Tim Kurtz; Contract and Incentive Payment of \$500.00 for New CRP Sign-Up
- c. Action on Incentive Conservation Activity Reimbursement Contract #2024Cannon_GC_CRP-7 for Brian Benson; Contract and Incentive Payment of \$500.00 for New CRP Sign-Up

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

Motioned by Schliep, seconded by McNamara to approve items (a) Incentive Conservation Activity Reimbursement Contract #2024Cannon_GC_CRP-3 for Rich Gustafson; Contract and Incentive Payment of \$500.00 for New CRP Sign-Up, (b) Incentive Conservation Activity Reimbursement Contract #2024Cannon_GC_CRP-2 for Tim Kurtz; Contract and Incentive Payment of \$500.00 for New CRP Sign-Up, (c) Incentive Conservation Activity Reimbursement Contract #2024Cannon_GC_CRP-7 for Brian Benson; Contract and Incentive Payment of \$500.00 for New CRP Sign-Up.

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

- d. Action on Cooperative Weed Management Contract#2024CWMA-02 with Goodhue TWP (Dale Dicke) for Noxious Weed Control on TWP Right of Ways.

Motioned by Comstock, seconded by Schliep to approve the Cooperative Weed Management Contract#2024CWMA-02 with Goodhue TWP (Dale Dicke) for Noxious Weed Control on TWP Right of Ways not to exceed \$1,000.00.

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

- e. Action on State Cost Share Contract #2023-08 for Steve Lurken for Constructing a Grassed Waterway in Sec 31 of Kenyon TWP at 75% not to exceed \$4,256.25.

Motioned by Comstock, seconded by Schliep to approve the State Cost Share Contract #2023-08 for Steve Lurken for Constructing a Grassed Waterway in Sec 31 of Kenyon TWP at 75% not to exceed \$4,256.25. 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

Goodhue DWSMA / Zumbro / Wetlands / TSA& / Nitrates / Wells Creek

- c. Staff Reports

D.Krier: Report on the AgBMP Loan Program / "What is an SWCD" flip-booklet

Motioned by McNamara, seconded by Comstock to approve the purchase of "What is an SWCD" flip-booklets.

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

- d. Supervisor's Activity Report

Supervisors gave their reports of meetings attended. Hinck: TSA7 meetings

- e. Other

VIII. Treasurer's Report / Payables

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

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

- b. Approve July 2024 Accounts Payable

Motioned by Comstock, seconded by Schliep to approve July 2024 Accounts Payable. Affirmative: Beck, Comstock, Hinck, Schliep. Abstained: McNamara. 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 7:34pm.

Respectfully submitted



Don Schliep

Upcoming Events

August 8th – County Board Meeting @ Fairgrounds 10am

August 26th – Goodhue SWCD Board Meeting 5:30

NRCS District Conservationist Report

07/22/2024

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
- 4 FY24 CSP Classic Application in Approved status worth roughly 330K
- 2 FY24 applications preapproved worth roughly 120K
- 2 FY25 Classic applications waiting for the signup to be entered.

EQIP (Environmental Quality Incentive Program)

- 27 Active EQIP contracts worth roughly **567K** cost share remaining to be paid out
- 9 Applications in pending status
- 6 Applications in Approved status worth roughly
- FY24 80% of program funding obligation deadline is June 28, 2024
- FY25 EQIP signup deadline Sept. 6th.

RCPP18 (Regional Conservation Partnership Program)

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

- 0 Active contracts
- 0 Applications submitted
- FY24 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
- No Applications submitted