

## Goodhue County SWCD District Regular Board Meeting

Monday December 23<sup>rd</sup> 2024

5:30 PM

Goodhue County SWCD Conference Room

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

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Meeting ID: 290 385 673 090

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### Minutes

#### I. Call to Order and Pledge Allegiance *Meeting called to order at 5:31 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)
Don Schliep - Secretary		
John Beck - Reporter		
<b>Not in attendance</b>		
Mark Comstock - Treasurer		

#### II. Approval of the Agenda

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

#### III. Consent Agenda

- Approve Flat Rate Cost Share Voucher #23-GC-08 for Chris Hokanson for installing 40 acres of Multi-Species Cover crops in Belle Creek TWP for \$1,600.00 using Cannon WBIF Cost Share Funds.
- Approve Flat Rate Cost Share Voucher #24SWCD-11 for Gavin Hokanson for installing 40 acres of cover crops in Cannon Falls TWP for \$1,600.00 using SWCD Aid Cost Share Funds.
- Approve Flat Rate Cost Share Voucher #23-GC-06 for Maring DeFresne Famrs for installing 2.5 acres of Multi-Species Cover crops in Holden TWP for \$100.00 using Cannon WBIF Cost Share Funds.
- Approve Flat Rate Cost Share Voucher #24WAGZ-GC-10 for Eric Ryan for installing 100 acres of cover crops in Goodhue & Belvidere TWP for \$4,500.00 using 2024 WAGZ Cost Share Funds.
- Approve Flat Rate Cost Share Voucher #24SWCD-03 for Rostad Farms LLP for installing 40 acres of cover crops in Wanamingo TWP for \$1,600.00 using SWCD Aid Cost Share Funds.
- Approve Flat Rate Cost Share Voucher #24WAGZ-GC-24 for Jared Brinkman for installing 81 acres of cover crops in Belvidere TWP for \$3,645.00 using 2024 WAGZ Cost Share Funds.
- Approve Flat Rate Cost Share Voucher #24WAGZ-GC-12 for Jon Krusmark for installing 71 acres of cover crops in Belvidere TWP for \$3,550.00 using 2024 WAGZ Cost Share Funds.
- Approve Flat Rate Cost Share Voucher #LCF2023-07 for Darren Vieths for installing 40 acres of cover crops in Goodhue TWP for \$1,600.00 using 2023 Local Capacity Cost Share Funds.
- Approve Flat Rate Cost Share Voucher #LCF2023-05 for Duane Stemmann for installing 19 acres of cover crops in Belvidere TWP for \$760.00 using 2023 Local Capacity Cost Share Funds.
- Approve Flat Rate Cost Share Voucher #24SWCD-04 for Tom Bryan for installing 17 acres of cover crops in Red Wing TWP for \$680.00 using SWCD Aid Cost Share Funds.
- Approve Flat Rate Cost Share Voucher #LCF2023-02 for Arnold Breuer for installing 36 acres of cover crops in Goodhue TWP for \$1,440 using 2023 Local Capacity Cost Share Funds.
- Approve Flat Rate Cost Share Voucher #LCF2023-04 for Mitch Breuer for installing 36 acres of cover crops in Goodhue TWP for \$1,440 using 2023 Local Capacity Cost Share Funds.
- Approve Flat Rate Cost Share Voucher #23-GC-13 for Dicke Farms Partnership for installing 96 acres of Cover crops in Vasa TWP for \$3,333.33 using Cannon WBIF Cost Share Funds.
- Approve Flat Rate Cost Share Voucher #24WAGZ-GC-17 for Matt Mangan for installing 75 acres of cover crops in Cherry Grove TWP for \$3,750.00 using 2024 WAGZ Cost Share Funds.
- Approve Flat Rate Cost Share Voucher #2022WAGZ-GC-09 for John Dose for installing 22 acres of cover crops in Florence TWP for \$990.00 using 2022 WAGZ Cost Share Funds.

- p. Approve Flat Rate Cost Share Voucher #LCF2022-02 for Billy Diercks for installing 40 acres of cover crops in Goodhue TWP for \$1,000 using 2022 Local Capacity Cost Share Funds
- q. Approve Flat Rate Cost Share Voucher #2023DSWMA-01 for Paul Bether Rev. Trust for installing 22 acres of perennial crops in Goodhue TWP for \$1,213.71 using BWSR DWSMA Cost Share Funds & MDH incentives.
- r. Approve Flat Rate Cost Share Voucher #2023DSWMA-02 for Stehr Farms Inc. for installing 214.6 acres of cover crops in Goodhue TWP for \$11,839.20 using BWSR DWSMA Cost Share Funds & MDH incentives.
- s. Approve Flat Rate Cost Share Voucher #2023DSWMA-03 for Kevin Dankers for installing 106 acres of cover crops and split rate Nitrogen in Goodhue TWP for \$6,483.88 using BWSR DWSMA Cost Share Funds & MDH incentives.
- t. Approve Flat Rate Cost Share Voucher #2023DSWMA-04 for Townsedge Pork LLC for installing 135 acres of cover crops and low disturbance manure application in Goodhue TWP for \$10,147.77 using BWSR DWSMA Cost Share Funds & MDH incentives.
- u. Approve Flat Rate Cost Share Voucher #2023DSWMA-05 for Larry Lexvold for installing 110 acres of cover crops and 38 acres of no-till planting & split rate Nitrogen in Goodhue TWP for \$7,056.56 using BWSR DWSMA Cost Share Funds & MDH incentives.
- v. Approve Flat Rate Cost Share Voucher #2023DSWMA-06 for Goodhue Area Historical Society for installing 4.91 acres of cover crops in Goodhue TWP for \$270.88 using BWSR DWSMA Cost Share Funds & MDH incentives.
- w. Approve Flat Rate Cost Share Voucher #2023DSWMA-07 for Todd Strusz for installing 5 acres of cover crops and 73 acres of no-till planting in Goodhue TWP for \$1,977.31 using BWSR DWSMA Cost Share Funds & MDH incentives.
- x. Approve Flat Rate Cost Share Voucher #2023DSWMA-08 for Brady Voth for installing 54 acres of cover crops in Goodhue TWP for \$2,997.11 using BWSR DWSMA Cost Share Funds & MDH incentives.
- y. Approve Flat Rate Cost Share Voucher #2023DSWMA-09 for Brady Voth for installing 20 acres of cover crops and low disturbance manure application in Goodhue TWP for \$1,503.37 using BWSR DWSMA Cost Share Funds & MDH incentives.
- z. Approve Flat Rate Cost Share Voucher #2023DSWMA-10 for Reed Lexvold for installing 25.5 acres of cover crops, 50 acres of no-till planting & 58.5 acres split rate Nitrogen in Goodhue TWP for \$2,884.43 using BWSR DWSMA Cost Share Funds & MDH incentives.
- aa. Approve Flat Rate Cost Share Voucher #2023DSWMA-11 for Bucks Unlimited LLC for installing 50 acres of cover crops in Goodhue TWP for \$2,758.43 using BWSR DWSMA Cost Share Funds & MDH incentives.
- bb. Approve Flat Rate Cost Share Voucher #2023DSWMA-12 for Steve Dankers for installing 157.5 acres of cover crops in Goodhue TWP for \$8,689.07 using BWSR DWSMA Cost Share Funds & MDH incentives.
- cc. Approve Flat Rate Cost Share Voucher #2023DSWMA-13 for Lodermeier Farms, LLC. for installing 81.3 acres of cover crops in Goodhue TWP for \$4,485.21 using BWSR DWSMA Cost Share Funds & MDH incentives.
- dd. Approve Flat Rate Cost Share Voucher #24WAGZ-GC-21 for Nate Jaeger for installing 100 acres of cover crops in Florence/Hay Creek TWP for \$4,000 using 2024 WAGZ Cost Share Funds.
- ee. Approve Flat Rate Cost Share Voucher #LCF2023-13 for Dale Dicke for installing 40 acres of cover crops in Featherstone TWP for \$1,600 using 2023 Local Capacity Cost Share Funds.
- ff. Approve Percent Based Cost Share Voucher #24WAGZ-GC-04 for Diane Krause for installing 8 WASCOBs in Roscoe TWP for \$37,686.03 @ 90% C/S using WAGZ Cost Share Funds.
- gg. Approve Percent Based Cost Share Voucher #LCF2022-036 for Molitor Bros LLC for installing a Grassed Waterway in Cherry Grove TWP for \$5,362.50 @ 75% C/S using WAGZ Cost Share Funds.
- hh. Approve Percent Based Cost Share Voucher #2024CWMA-03 for Austin Sontag for conducting buckthorn treatment and removal in Pin Island TWP for \$212.50 @ 50% C/S using CWMA Cost Share Funds.
- ii. Approve Percent Based Cost Share Voucher #24-GC-06 for Dicke Farms for installing a Grassed Waterway in Vasa TWP for \$5,886.49 @ 85% C/S using Cannon Watershed Cost Share Funds.
- jj. Approve Flat Rate Cost Share Voucher #2023DSWMA-15 for Trevor Ryan for installing 160 acres of cover crops in Goodhue TWP for \$8,826.99 using BWSR DWSMA Cost Share Funds & MDH incentives.
- kk. Approve Flat Rate Cost Share Voucher #2023DSWMA-14 for Kenneth Schrimpf for installing 71.0 acres of cover crops in Goodhue TWP for \$3,916.98 using BWSR DWSMA Cost Share Funds & MDH incentives.

- ll. Approve Flat Rate Cost Share Voucher #2023DSWMA-16 for Burfeind Dairy LLC for installing 45.0 acres of cover crops in Goodhue TWP for \$2,482.59 using BWSR DWSMA Cost Share Funds & MDH incentives.
- mm. Approve Percent Based Cost Share Voucher #24-GC-07 for Gary Hinrichs for installing a Grassed Waterway in Featherstone TWP for \$11,672.34 @ 75% C/S using Cannon Watershed Cost Share Funds.
- nn. Approve Percent Based Cost Share Voucher #24WAGZ-GC-06 for Scott Androli for installing 2 WASCOBs in Cherry Grove TWP for \$34,444.46 @ 75% C/S using WAGZ Cost Share Funds.

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

#### **IV. Secretary's Report**

- a. Approve November 25th, 2024 District Regular Board Meeting Minutes

*Motioned by McNamara, seconded by Schliep to approve the November 25<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 Cost Share Contract #2024 WAGZ-GC-23 Amendment#1 for Marianne Derr for increasing total amount of contract from \$3,817.50 to \$6,026.25 for sealing 2 abandon wells.

*Motioned by McNamara, seconded by Schliep to approve the Cost Share Contract #2024 WAGZ-GC-23 Amendment#1 for Marianne Derr for increasing total amount of contract from \$3,817.50 to \$6,026.25 for sealing 2 abandon wells Affirmative: Beck, Hinck, McNamara, Schliep. Opposed: None. Motion carried.*

- b. Action on Cost Share Voucher 2024 WAGZ-GC-23 for Marianne Derr for Sealing 2 Abandon Wells for \$6,026.25 @ 75% Cost-Share using Zumbro WBIF Cost Share Funds.

*Motioned by McNamara, seconded by Schliep to approve the Cost Share Voucher 2024 WAGZ-GC-23 for Marianne Derr for Sealing 2 Abandon Wells for \$6,026.25 @ 75% Cost-Share using Zumbro WBIF Cost Share Funds. Affirmative: Beck, Hinck, McNamara, Schliep. Opposed: None. Motion carried.*

- c. Action on Cost Share Contract #24WAGZ-GC-01 Amendment#1 for Brad Nord for the repair of a Grade Stabilization Structure in Roscoe TWP increasing the original contract amount from \$18,558.82 to \$22,563.21.

*Motioned by McNamara, seconded by Schliep to approve the Cost Share Contract #24WAGZ-GC-01 Amendment#1 for Brad Nord for the repair of a Grade Stabilization Structure in Roscoe TWP increasing the original contract amount from \$18,558.82 to \$22,563.21. Affirmative: Beck, Hinck, McNamara, Schliep. Opposed: None. Motion carried*

- d. Action on Percent Based Cost Share Voucher #24WAGZ-GC-01 for Brad Nord for the repair of a Grade Stabilization Structure in Roscoe TWP for \$22,563.21 @ 32% C/S using 2022 WAGZ Cost Share Funds.

*Motioned by McNamara, seconded by Schliep to approve the Percent Based Cost Share Voucher #24WAGZ-GC-01 for Brad Nord for the repair of a Grade Stabilization Structure in Roscoe TWP for \$22,563.21 @ 32% C/S using 2022 WAGZ Cost Share Funds. Affirmative: Beck, Hinck, McNamara, Schliep. Opposed: None. Motion carried.*

- e. Action on Cost Share Contract #2024CWMA-04 for the Belle Creek Watershed District for treating noxious weeds in Leon TWP for \$1,100.00 @ 75% using Cooperative Weed Management Grant (signed 10/26/24 by Manager).

*Motioned by Schliep, seconded by McNamara to approve the Cost Share Contract #2024CWMA-04 for the Belle Creek Watershed District for treating noxious weeds in Leon TWP for \$1,100.00 @ 75% using Cooperative Weed Management Grant (signed 10/26/24 by Manager). Affirmative: Beck, Hinck, McNamara, Schliep. Opposed: None. Motion carried*

- f. Action on Cost Share Voucher #2024CWMA-04 for the Belle Creek Watershed District for treating noxious weeds in Leon TWP for \$825.00 using Cooperative Weed Management Grant.

*Motioned by McNamara, seconded by Schliep to approve the Cost Share Voucher #2024CWMA-04 for the Belle Creek Watershed District for treating noxious weeds in Leon TWP for \$825.00 using Cooperative Weed Management Grant. Affirmative: Beck, Hinck, McNamara, Schliep. Opposed: None. Motion carried.*

- g. Action on Personnel Committee Recommendations on Staff COLA and Eligible Step Adjustments and Personnel Policy Updates (effective January 1<sup>st</sup> 2025).

*Motioned by McNamara, seconded by Schliep to approve the Personnel Committee Recommendations on Staff COLA and Eligible Step Adjustments and Personnel Policy Updates (effective January 1<sup>st</sup> 2025). Affirmative: Beck, Hinck, McNamara, Schliep. Opposed: None. Motion carried*

h. Action on CY2025 Goodhue SWCD Budget.

*Motioned by Schliep, seconded by McNamara to approve the CY2025 Goodhue SWCD Budget. 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 / Outreach / Nitrate Work Group / 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. Schliep: Personnel Committee Meeting. McNamara: MASWCD Convention / Personnel Committee Meeting / Wisconsin Soil & Health Training. Hinck: MASWCD Convention*

*Motioned by McNamara, seconded by Schliep to sponsor the Cow Calf Attendance. Affirmative: Beck, Hinck, McNamara, Schliep. Opposed: None. Motion carried.*

e. Other

*D. Copeland gave his report on the BWSR Grant Funding*

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

a. Approve November 2024 Financial Reports (Balance Sheet, Profit & Loss Budget vs Actual)

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

b. Approve December 2024 Accounts Payable & Supervisors Quarterly Expenses

*Motioned by Schliep, seconded by McNamara to approve the December 2024 Accounts Payable & Supervisors 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 7:20 pm.*

*Respectfully submitted*

  
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Don Schliep

## **Upcoming Events**

**December 24<sup>th</sup> ½ Day Christmas Holiday**

**December 25<sup>th</sup> Christmas Holiday**

**January 1<sup>st</sup> New Year's Day Holiday**

**January 20<sup>th</sup> Martin Luther King Holiday**

**January 22<sup>nd</sup> SE TSA7 Board Meeting 1pm @ Olmsted SWCD PW.**

**January 27<sup>th</sup> – Goodhue SWCD Board Meeting**

# NRCS District Conservationist Report

12/23/2024

Teddy Moreno-Santos will be acting Team Lead starting Dec 29<sup>th</sup>.

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

- 19 Active contracts worth roughly **578K** cost share remaining to be paid out
- **Won't change much until new contract obligations**
- FY25 CSP Classic signup deadline Nov.15<sup>th</sup> **No applicable contracts**
- 12 FY25 Classic applications in currently
- FY25 renewal ranking deadline Dec. 13<sup>th</sup>. **No applicable applicants**
- FY26 Renewal application deadline unannounced. **8 applicable contracts 4 apps in**

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

- 25 Active EQIP contracts worth roughly **549K** cost share remaining to be paid out **50K decrease from last board meeting.**
- 34 EQIP25 applications submitted **Mix of forestry, farmstead fix, structures with a few irrigations, cover crop, grazing**
- 3 EQIP25 2<sup>nd</sup> sign up submitted
- FY25 EQIP ranking deadline January 10<sup>th</sup>.
- FY25 EQIP preapprovals January 17th

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

- 2129 MDA MAWQCP no longer offered
- IFHWR: Goodhue is not applicable **only applicable in most of the north half of the state**
- 2365 MDA IPPGW: Goodhue is not applicable **Only applicable in central MN counties & Dakota & Washington**
- 2881 TU-DA\_HFTWAR: Good hue is applicable. Only on designated trout streams.
- 0 Active contracts
- 1 Applications submitted **not applicable**
- FY25 Sign up deadline Dec 15th

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

- 9 plans needing planned **these are not Nationally accepted plans yet**
- 42 FY26 expiring Review checks needed. **SWCD is signed up to complete 20** Chris has completed **SWCD obligation**