



Board Of Supervisors Regular Meeting Minutes

February 26th, 2026

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Board Members Present: Alroy Lewis, John Gunvalson, Paul Rydeen, Doug Sloan and Ken Christenson

SWCD Staff: Lori Buell, Chester Powell, Brielle Prokosch and Kaleb Buesing

Guests: Bryan Ramsrud

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. at the Bagley USDA Service Center. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Agenda: The agenda was reviewed by the board. Christenson made the motion to approve the agenda. Second, by Sloan. **Motion carried 5-0.**

Minutes: The January minutes were reviewed by the board. Lewis made the motion to accept the January minutes. Seconded by Sloan. **Motion carried 5-0.**

NRCS Report:

Brandt was not present, but provided a report.

Current Workload: Brandt was reviewing active projects with producers.

Financial Assistance General: There was a new program deadline of January 15th. The Regenerative Pilot Program began.

EQIP: There were 20 applications for 2026 for Clearwater County with ranking questions having already been developed.

CSP: Program changes were coming.

Other: Brandt was currently attending a State NRCS Operations meeting.

PROGRAM TECHNICIAN REPORT

Water Plan: Prokosch had been working on pre-season MPCA paperwork for the 2026 Lake Monitoring Season. Prokosch had also been entering rain gage data.

AIS: Prokosch had been attending online trainings and completing pre-season paperwork.

Trees: Prokosch the tree and flower order forms were up on the website, posted to Facebook, sent out to the email list and printed in the local newspaper. Prokosch noted there were already 49 tree orders (24% of trees had been sold) and 1 flower order so far.

Education Outreach: Prokosch reported that she has been continuously working on the district website and Facebook keeping the public updated on multiple programs/events (mostly trees at this time). Prokosch noted staff would be attending Bagley School's Water Festival on 3/2 and had been preparing for it.

DISTRICT TECHNICIAN REPORT

Training: Buesing noted he attended an online training for Pollinator and Ag practices.

Education Outreach: Buesing attended the first of the District's Coffee and Cover Crop event on 2/25.

USFWS Pollinator: Buesing noted he was working with Gile for his pollinator planting.

Miscellaneous: Buesing noted that tree tubes had been delivered for the 2026 Tree and Flower Sale. Buesing had been prepping for the Bagley School's Water Festival by building a stream table. Buesing noted that the plat books were up for a reprint in 2027. Lewis made the motion to accept the quote for 300 books at \$5,060 (shipping included). Seconded by Sloan. **Motion carried 5-0.** Buesing noted the District was out of pollinator seed to give away at educational events. Sloan made the motion to purchase roughly 2 years worth of pollinator seed for \$434.73. Seconded by Lewis. **Motion carried 5-0.**

WATER PLAN COORDINATOR/TECHNICIAN REPORT

Water Planning: Powell attended a Mississippi 1W1P meeting on 2/25 to go over workplan and budget updates, with a policy meeting being held 3/16. Powell noted there would be a Wild Rice 1W1P meeting on 3/23. Powell attended a Clearwater 1W1P meeting on 2/18 to go over updating the work plan, with another meeting being held on 3/25 and 4/1.

Soil Health: Powell noted that the Coffee and Cover Crops events were going well with one on 2/25 and two more to follow on 3/4 and 3/11. Powell attended the Bagley Co-op seed day on 2/24.

Forest Stewardship: Powell noted that Caroline had completed a forest stewardship plan on 96 acres for 75% cost share at \$1,305.00 and Duquette on 67 acres at 75% cost share for \$897.00. Lewis made the motion to approve cost share for each individual. Seconded by Sloan. **Motion carried 5-0.**

Education Outreach: Powell presented at a Rotary meeting on 2/11.

End of Year Billing: Powell noted he was reporting billing for grants for the 2025 year in E-LINK.

DISTRICT MANAGER REPORT

Financial Reports: Financial statements showing revenues and expenditures for the month of January were presented to the Board for review:

Profit & Loss:

Income:

Line 2 (Platbooks) up \$391 brought Platbooks to businesses for restock, Line 3 (Tree Accessories), Tree tubes, Line 5 (Tree Sales) Up over \$1,200 have entered many more since Line 16 (County Appropriations) received 1st half of County Appropriations. Line 34 (Misc-Interest) interest earned on accounts

Expense:

Line 43 (Employee Training Account) up \$318.66 Hotels for KB and CP while attending Soil Summit Line 49 (Insurance and Bonds) \$8558 MCIT Insurance premium for 2026, Line 52 (Publications and Subscriptions) Overmoe and Nelson Flex Benefits. Line 53 (Vehicle Maintenance) Tab renewals for district Vehicles, Line 101 (CI 1W1P) 1250 for SH Cost Share

Monthly Treasurer's Report: Line 4 & 5 (Ames and Hayes) SH Cost Share, Line 12 (Overmoe and Nelson) track Flex benefits for 2026 Line 15-17 (DVS Renewal) Tabs for district vehicle, Lines 27 MCIT) Insurance for 2026

Deposit Detail: Deposit 1: 1st QTR. County Appropriations, SH payment. Pollinator payment, 1W1P payment from Beltrami, Envirothon payment from Cass County, AIS and Water Plan payment from Clearwater County, Trees

Deposit 2: Trees, Platbooks

Deposit 3: Interest Earned on Checking

Deposit 4: Interest Earned on Savings

Balance Sheet:

Line 4 (Checking Account): the end of January was \$224,819.47

Line 10 (Savings Account): the end of January was \$25,070.40

Line 12 (Accounts receivable) Mostly 1W1P Billing , AIS and Water Plan (have since received)

Closed out 2024 and 2025 Conservation Contracts, Closed out 2023 Local Capacity, closed out 2023 Buffer Law,

Closed out 2024 and 2025 Conservation Delivery and claimed funds in Soil Health Delivery and SH expansion

Added

- 2026 Conservation Contracts

-2026 Conservation Delivery

-2027 Conservation Contracts

-2027 Conservation Delivery

A motion to accept the January financial report was made by Lewis. Seconded by Gunvalson. **Motion carried 5-0.**

DISTRICT OPERATION-Board Action Items and Information:

Environmental: Buell noted Envirothon would be held on 5/6.

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:51 a.m. was made by Gunvalson. Seconded by Christenson. **Motion carried 5-0.**

Alroy Lewis, District Secretary _____ Date _____

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