



Board Of Supervisors Regular Meeting Minutes

April 23rd, 2026

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

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

NRCS Staff: Nate Brandt

Guests: Mark Titera

The meeting was called to order at 10:03 a.m. at the Bagley USDA Service Center. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Agenda: The agenda was reviewed by the board. Lewis made the motion to approve the agenda. Seconded by Sloan. **Motion carried 4-0.**

Minutes: The March minutes were reviewed by the board. Lewis made the motion to accept the March minutes. Seconded by Sloan. **Motion carried 4-0.**

NRCS Report:

Current Workload: Brandt had been planning CSP projects and writing practice reminder letters.

Financial Assistance General: There was a new program deadline of January 15th. The Regenerative Pilot Program began. There was 1 EQIP RPP and 1 CSP RPP application.

EQIP: 2 applications were selected from Clearwater County. Brandt noted that Clearwater received the property of 1 cropland and 1 pastureland.

CSP: Brandt noted the ranking deadline is 4/24. Brandt noted there were changes to the program.

Other: Brandt noted he will be on leave shortly. Brandt plans to attend enivronthon on 5/6.

Gunvalson arrived at 10:17 a.m.

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.

Prokosch had attended the Clearwater 1W1P meeting on 4/1.

AIS: Prokosch had been completing pre-season paperwork. Prokosch had been coordinating training dates for watercraft inspectors. Prokosch had been organizing their equipment for the season start date on 5/8.

Trees: Prokosch noted there were already 115 tree orders (63% of trees had been sold) and 5 flower orders. Prokosch noted the pick up dates were next week with 2 tree orders having already arrived.

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 would be attending the rain barrel education class that night and was creating informational materials for it.

DISTRICT TECHNICIAN REPORT

Education Outreach: Buesing noted the rain barrel education class would be tonight.

USFWS Pollinator Program: Buesing noted there were new plantings to start prep work on for this year and had created 4 seed mixes for 4 plantings.

Meetings: Buesing had attended the Clearwater 1W1P meeting on 4/1, TSA Summit on 4/17 and a buffer law meeting on 3/30.

Equipment: Buesing noted the drills, tree planters and boat were out of storage.

Trees: Buesing had schedule picking up the flowers for 4/27.

WATER PLAN COORDINATOR/TECHNICIAN REPORT

Water Planning: Powell attended the Clearwater 1W1P meeting on 4/1.

Soil Health: Powell noted the new drill would be arriving next week and the other drills were out of storage.

Forest Stewardship: Powell noted that Sawyer had completed a forest stewardship plan on 38 acres for 75% cost share at \$525.00 with funds to be used from Mississippi 1W1P funds. Christenson made the motion to approve cost share. Seconded by Sloan. **Motion carried 5-0.**

Education Outreach: Powell noted he would be attending the rain barrel class tonight. Powell attended the TSA 8 Summit on 4/17.

DISTRICT MANAGER REPORT

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

Profit & Loss:

Income:

Line 5 (Tree Accessories) up over \$2000 tree tubes, Line 5 (Tree Sales) Up over \$6000 Line 7 (Flowers and Grasses) up over \$200

Expense:

Line 45 (Education and Promotion) up over \$500 for Fair Booth Rental and MWPCP training for KB Line 46 (Employee Supervisor expense) up over \$200 for Supervisor mileage Line 47 (employee Training Account) up \$90 for KB to attend 2026 MWPCP training, Line 102 (up over \$2,000 for SH Cost Share

Monthly Treasurer's Report: Line 6-7 (Titera) SH Cost Share, Line 13 (MASWCD) Area 8 Dues Line 24 (Agassiz Seed) pollinator seed

Deposit Detail: Deposit 1: reimbursement for ESCH Drill from TSA8, Payment for plat book and trees, Deposit 2: Trees sales, Deposit 3: Tree Sales, Deposit 4: Area 8 Envirothon Donation from Hubbard and from Itasca SWCD, Plat Book sales and Trees, Deposit 5: Interest Earned on Checking, , Deposit 6: Interest Earned on Savings

Balance Sheet:

Line 4 (Checking Account): the end of March was \$279,270.32

Line 10 (Savings Account): the end of March was \$25,110.55

Line 12 (Accounts receivable) Mostly 1W1P

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

DISTRICT OPERATION-Board Action Items and Information:

Watch 'em Grow: Buell noted the Bagley Watch 'em Grow would be on 5/13 and the Clearwater-Gonvick Watch 'em Grow would be on 5/19

Election Filing: Buell noted that filing would be from 5/19 – 6/2

Envirothon: Buell noted Envirothon would be 5/6.

Area Meeting: Buell noted that the area 8 meeting would be hosted in Bemidji on 6/26.

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:56 a.m. was made by Lewis. Seconded by Christenson. **Motion carried 5-0.**

Alroy Lewis, District Secretary_____ Date_____

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