



Board Of Supervisors Regular Meeting Minutes

August 26th, 2026

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Board Members Present: Paul Rydeen, Alroy Lewis and John Gunvalson

SWCD Staff: Lori Buell, Brielle Prokosch and Kaleb Buesing

NRCS Staff: Jody Peek

Guests: Mark Titera

The meeting was called to order at 10:40 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 Gunvalson. **Motion carried 3-0.**

Minutes: The July minutes were reviewed by the board. Lewis made the motion to accept the minutes. Seconded by Gunvalson. **Motion carried 3-0.**

NRCS Report:

Peek gave Brandt's report:

Current Workload: Brandt had been carrying out contract obligations, dealing with practice certification and payments, completing site visits and meeting with Grazing Management folks to check on progress.

Financial Assistance General: Peek was noted the regenerative pilot program was released from national. It was noted it was a 5-year program and the deadline is 9/11.

EQIP: Peek noted there was now a total of 7 projects allocated for 2026. Brandt had been assisting with some Red Lake tribal projects.

CSP: There were 5 selections in Clearwater County and all sections were active contracts. Peek noted there were changes to the program in that there were no scheduling enhancements.

Other: Peek noted Brandt would attend a “Facilitating Grazing Practices” training event on 8/10-8/11 and a Back to our Roots training on 8/24-8/28 and a District Conservationist training on 9/10.

PROGRAM TECHNICIAN REPORT

Water Plan: Prokosch went out lake monitoring 8/17-8/19 and has been entering data for the MPCA. Prokosch noted she had been entering in rain gage data.

AIS: Prokosch noted the watercraft inspector season was going well and would end on 9/7. Prokosch noted that the state had cut the AIS budget in half and would have to consult with the county board on how to handle the 2027 budget.

Education Outreach: Prokosch reported that she has been continuously working on the district website and Facebook keeping the public updated on multiple programs/events. Prokosch noted she was familiarizing herself with the ADA Compliance requirements. Prokosch noted the Summer 2026 Newsletter was completed. Prokosch attended and manned the booth at the county fair 8/5-8/9.

DISTRICT TECHNICIAN REPORT

Outreach Education: Buesing attended and manned the booth at the county fair 8/5-8/9.

Lake Monitoring: Buesing went lake monitoring on 8/17-8/19.

USFWS Pollinator Program: Buesing noted he had sprayed for Gile and met with Kubiak about a possible project.

Equipment: Buesing had been moving drills and had washed the Great Plain which had fertilizer compacted in it.

Buffer Law: Buesing visited a judicial ditch to discuss with landowners and the Red Lake Watershed what was to be done to fix it.

WATER PLAN COORDINATOR/TECHNICIAN REPORT

Buesing gave Powell’s report:

Water Planning: Powell had attended a Clearwater 1W1P meeting on 8/19.

Soil Health: Rusten had completed 56 acres and 2 soil tests for \$2,290.00 to be taken out of soil health expansion/Clearwater1W1P grant funds. Lewis made the motion to approve the cost share for Rusten. Seconded by Gunvalson. **Motion carried 3-0.**

Aufforth completed 71 acres for \$2,840.00 to be taken out of Wild Rice 1W1P funds. Lewis made the motion to approve cost share for Aufforth. Seconded by Gunvalson. **Motion carried 3-0.**

Schwartz completed 20 acres for \$800.00 to be taken out of Mississippi 1W1P funds. Gunvalson made the motion to approve cost share for Schwartz. Seconded by Lewis. **Motion carried 3-0.**

Forest Stewardship: Davidson completed a forest stewardship renewal plan on 108 acres at 50% cost share for \$1,815.00 and Olson completed a new plan on 151 acres at 75% cost share for \$2,572.50 to be taken out of Conservation Delivery. Gunvalson made the motion to approve cost share. Seconded by Lewis. **Motion carried 3-0.**

Fair: Powell attended the Clearwater County Fair, 8/5-8/9 and the Beltrami County Fair, 8/12-8/16.

Cost Share: Ostrom was seeking approval for a well sealing. It was noted that Ostrom's well needed extra sealing since it was in a cistern and their cost was higher because of it; \$2,925.00. It was asked if the board would like to go above the \$500 cap of cost share and only do 50% since it was a special case. The board opted to keep the \$500 cap for this case. Doorman completed a well sealing for \$1,375.00. Lewis made the motion to approve 50% with a cap of \$500 for each individual. Seconded by Gunvalson. **Motion carried 3-0.**

Buffer Law: Powell visited a judicial ditch to discuss with landowners and the Red Lake Watershed what was to be done to fix it.

Training: Powell will attend a Fish and Wildlife meeting 9/22-9/24 and an Area 8 Tour 9/10-9/11.

DISTRICT MANAGER REPORT

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

Profit & Loss:

Income:

Line 3 (1W1P) up over \$61,000 billed the Watersheds, Line 4 (No Till Drill Rental) up over \$2000. Line 17 (County AIS Plan) up over \$7,000 billed County first half of AIS expenses. Line 29(State Aid) up almost 65,145.84 received the first half of the BWSR

Expense:

Line 47 (Misc) \$13.55 plugs for Beltrami bill will be billed to Beltrami, Line 56 (Vehicle and Maintenance) up almost \$70 for various Fasteners and shop rags. Line 77 (AIS Supplies) up over \$150 for Porta John at Lake Access will get reimbursed, Line 100 (2022-1W1P Miss-Soil Health) up almost \$1000 for SH Cost Share payments, Line 101 (WR-1W1P) over \$6000 for SH Cost Share Line 103 (CI-1W1P) up over \$8000 for SH Cost Share. Line 111 (SH Expansion) up over \$8,000 for SH Cost Share

Monthly Treasurer's Report: Line 5 (Wiegman) SH Payment, Line 8 (Sorenson) SH payment Line 12 (Titera) SH payment, Line 13 (Wadena SWCD) Area 8 deposit, Line 14 & 15(LeClair & Nordlund) SH Cost Share, Line 16 (Overmoe and Nelson) payment for O&N to review reconciliations, Line 18-19 (Lewis & Christensen), SH Cost Share payment, Line 23--32 (Melby-Berg) SH payments, Line 43 (BWSR) 1st Qtr. State Aid allocation

Deposit Detail: Deposit 1: SH No Till Drill Rental payments, Deposit 2: 3rd Qtr County Appropriations and SH Cost Share, Deposit 3: Area 8 deposit, Deposit 4: BWSR 1st half of State Aid, Deposit 5: Registration for Area 8 Meeting Deposit 6: SH No Till Drill payment, platbooks, Deposit 7: Interest Earned on Checking, Deposit 8: Interest Earned on Savings

Balance Sheet:

Line 4 (Checking Account): the end of July was \$272,892.62

Line 10 (Savings Account): the end of July was \$25,193.78

Line 43 (Soil Health Delivery) up \$10,000 received payment from BWSR

Buell noted that the CD had turned over 8/21 and would be on the next month's balance sheet. Buell noted she was currently working on billing grants.

A motion to accept the July financial report was made by Lewis. Seconded by Gunvalson. **Motion carried 3-0.**

DISTRICT OPERATION-Board Action Items and Information:

Area 8 Meeting: Buell noted the Fall Tour Area 8 meeting would be in Grand Rapids on 9/10-9/11. Lewis made a motion for a blanket approval for anyone who wants to attend. Seconded by Gunvalson. **Motion carried 3-0.**

Garden Valley: Buell noted that the federal phone swap would take place on 8/28 and that Garden Valley would be coming then to transfer the phones for the District.

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:23am was made by Gunvalson. Seconded by Lewis. **Motion carried 3-0.**

Alroy Lewis, District Secretary_____ Date_____

Our mission is simple - to promote the wise use and improvement of our county resources, in order that future generations will inherit an economically viable county that has made wise choices in resource management.