



Board Of Supervisors Regular Meeting Minutes

September 30th, 2026

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Board Members Present: Paul Rydeen, Alroy Lewis and Ken Christensen

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 10:00 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 Christensen. **Motion carried 3-0.**

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

NRCS Report:

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

Financial Assistance General: Brandt noted the deadline is 9/11 and there were 22 applications in clearwater county. Brandt noted the Regenerative Pilot 5 year program was released from national.

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

CSP: Brandt noted there were 5 selections in Clearwater County and all sections were active contracts.

Other: Brandt attended a field training on 8-25-8/27 and a manager training on 9/10.

PROGRAM TECHNICIAN REPORT

Water Plan: Prokosch went out lake monitoring 9/8-9/9 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 ended on 9/7 and equipment had been returned. Prokosch noted the zebra mussel veliger results had come in. Veligers had been found in the Long Lake samples and the lake was now considered infested. The rest of the samples had come back negative/absent.

Education Outreach: Prokosch reported that she has been continuously working on the district website and Facebook keeping the public updated on multiple programs/events.

DISTRICT TECHNICIAN REPORT

Lake Monitoring: Buesing went lake monitoring on 9/8-9/9.

USFWS Pollinator Program: Buesing noted he had sprayed Lee's place, Kubiak project had been approved, Johnson had 10 acres to plant this fall and was gathering final quotes for ordering seed. Buesing had also attended the partnerscapes conference on 9/22-9/24.

Equipment: Buesing moved the drills around and had washed the Beltrami drill.

Area Tour: Buesing attended the Itasca area tour on 9/10.

WATER PLAN COORDINATOR/TECHNICIAN REPORT

Water Planning: Powell attended a Mississippi 1W1P meeting on 9/2, 9/14 and 9/30 to discuss budget, project and grant updates. Powell will attend a Clearwater 1W1P meeting on 10/14 and 10/28. Powell attended a Wild Rice 1W1P meeting on 9/28 to discuss fall updates and will attend a meeting on 11/23 and 11/24.

Soil Health: McCollum had completed 40 acres for \$1,600.00, Anderson completed 24 acres and 1 soil test for \$985.00, Titera completed 18 acres for \$720.00, Hoffman completed 17.8 acres and a soil test for \$737.00, Sorgaard completed 87 acres and 2 soil tests for \$3,530.00, Johnson 120 acres for \$4,800.00, Rudnik completed 120 acres and 3 soil tests for \$4,875.00, Buldoc completed 29 acres for \$1,160.00, G. Nordlund completed 24 acres for \$960.00, Nordlund Stockyard completed 118 acres for \$4,720.00 and Christensen completed 37 acres for \$1,480.00, Underwood (who would have the other half of his 70.5 acres and 2 soil tests come out of the Mississippi 1W1P funds) for \$1,435.00 and Marsh (who would have the other half of his 42 acres come out of the Wild Rice 1W1P funds) for \$840 to be taken out of the Clearwater 1W1P funds/Soil Health Expansion funds/Soil Health Delivery funds. Lewis made the motion to approve cost share for each individual. Seconded by Christensen. **Motion carried 3-0.**

Underwood (who would have the other half of his 70.5 acres and 2 soil tests come out of the Clearwater 1W1P funds) for \$1,435.00, Schulke completed 120 acres for \$4,800.00, Rohde completed 85.3 acres for \$3,412.00, Tarutis completed 15 acres and 3 soil tests for \$675.00 and Supalla completed 47 acres for \$1,880.00 to be taken out of Mississippi 1W1P funds. Christensen made the motion to approve cost share for each individual. Seconded by Lewis.

Motion carried 3-0.

Marsh (who would have the other half of his 42 acres come out of the Clearwater 1W1P funds) for \$840 to be taken out of the Wild Rice 1W1P funds. Lewis made the motion to approve cost share for Marsh. Seconded by Christensen.

Motion carried 3-0.

Forest Stewardship: Lassen completed a forest stewardship renewal plan on 231 acres at 50% cost share for \$2,141.37 to be taken out of Conservation Delivery. Lewis made the motion to approve cost share. Seconded by Christensen. **Motion carried 3-0.**

Training: Powell attended the FWS Partnerscape Conference on 9/22-9/24. Powell attended the Itasca area tour on 9/10.

Equipment: Powell noted with the heavier drills the truck was squatting too much. Powell asked the board approval to purchase overload springs for the truck for \$362.00. Ken made the motion to approve the purchase. Seconded by Lewis. **Motion carried 3-0.**

Powell noted the fair board would now start charging for storage for equipment over the winter. Powell noted the District would like to continue storing equipment there and that it would be \$80 per piece of equipment, so \$320 for all 4 drills. Lewis made the motion to approve the cost of storage. Seconded by Christensen. **Motion carried 3-0.**

DISTRICT MANAGER REPORT

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

Profit & Loss:

Income:

Income: Line 4 (Misc) reimbursement from MN Satet Nursey for over payment, Line 5 (No Till Drill Rental) up over \$1000. Line 6 (Observation Well Program) up \$2,880 billed MN DNR for Ob Wells. Line 17 (AIS) up over \$7,000 for 1st AIS billing, Line 20 (County Water Plan) up \$20,887 1st half Water Plan Billing. Line 36 (Misc-Other) invoiced US Fish and Wildlife for Training

Expense:

Line 46 (Employee Training Account) up \$900 for Registration for Partners Meeting-reimbursed thought US Fish and Wildlife, Line 58 (Vehicle Gas) up almost \$700. Line 16-20 (AIS Supplies) up over \$750 for Zebra Mussel samples, Line 96 (Water Plan) up over \$1,000 to RMB labs for Water Sampling, Line 103 (Cl1W1P) up over \$5000 for SH Cost Line 107 (Conservation Contracts) up \$1,000 for Well Sealings

Monthly Treasurer's Report: Expenses: Line 6 (MN DNR) payment for Ob Wells, Line 7-9 (Nelson-Ramsey) SH Cost Share. Line 16-20 (Overby-Ramsrud) SH payments, Line 22-24 (Murray-Wilde) SH Cost Share, Line 25-26 (Pond-Sorenson) SH Cost Share Payment, Line 29 (Davidson) SH Cost Share payment, Line 30 (Solid Bottom) payment for Porta John reimbursed through AIS

Deposit Detail: Deposit 1: MN DNR Ob Well Payment, Deposit 2: Soil Health payments, Envirothon Payment, Check from MN DNR Nursery AIS and Water Plan Payment, Deposit 3: Interest earned on Checking, Deposit 4: Interest Earned on Savings

Balance Sheet:

Line 4 (Checking Account): the end of August was \$262,933.65

Line 10 (Savings Account): the end of August was \$25,214.97

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

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

DISTRICT OPERATION-Board Action Items and Information:

Peterson Letter: Buell noted Peterson's had sent the representation letter to sign.

Annual Convention: Buell noted that annual convention would be December 1st and 2nd and would be \$340.00 for the 2 days. Alroy made the motion for whoever wants to go can go. Seconded by Christensen. **Motion carried 3-0.**

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:23am was made by Christensen. 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.