



Board Of Supervisors Regular Meeting Minutes

June 25th, 2026

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Board Members Present: Paul Rydeen, Alroy Lewis, 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 10:02 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 Christenson. **Motion carried 5-0.**

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

NRCS Report:

Current Workload: Brandt had been carrying out contract obligations, dealing with practice certification and payments, and completing site visits.

Financial Assistance General: Brandt noted the regenerative pilot program was released from national. Brandt noted it was a 5-year program.

EQIP: Brandt noted there were 6 applications selected in Clearwater County. Brandt has also been assisting with some Red Lake Tribal projects.

CSP: Brandt noted there were 5 selections in Clearwater County. Brandt noted there were changes to the program in that there were no scheduling enhancements.

Other: Brandt noted he was hosting a “Facilitating Grazing Practices” training event on 8/10-8/11 and will visit 2 grazing projects. Brandt completed the Local Work group meeting last month.

PROGRAM TECHNICIAN REPORT

Water Plan: Prokosch went out lake monitoring 6/15-6/16 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. Prokosch attended an online training 6/12.

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.

DISTRICT TECHNICIAN REPORT

Lake Monitoring: Buesing went lake monitoring on 6/15-6/16.

USFWS Pollinator Program: Buesing noted he had sprayed for Gile and Lee and would spray Prokosch's later that week. Buesing noted the next round of funding should be secured and was submitting a grant application for more funds next Thursday.

Equipment: Buesing had been moving drills.

WATER PLAN COORDINATOR/TECHNICIAN REPORT

Water Planning: Powell noted there was a June 30th deadline for reporting grants over \$5,000.

Soil Health: Powell noted there would be mid-season drill maintenance soon.

Powell noted LeClaire had completed 98 acres for \$3,920.00 of cost share, Aakre completed 3 soil tests and 32 acres for \$1,355.00, Nordlund completed 1 soil test and 24 acres for \$985.00, Berg completed 120 acres for \$4,800.00, Holm completed 40.6 acres for \$1,624.00, Christenson completed 1 soil test and 54 acres for \$2,360.00, J. Titera completed 41 acres for \$1,640.00, Erickson completed 120 acres for \$4,800.00 and Sohler completed 13.1 acres for \$524.00 to be taken out of soil health expansion/soil health delivery/Clearwater 1W1P grant fundings. Lewis made the motion to approve cost share for each individual. Seconded by Gunvalson. **Motion carried 5-0.**

Powell noted Lewis completed 1 soil test and 50 acres for \$2,025.00 of cost share, Aufforth completed 116 acres for \$4,640.00 and Huschle completed 14 acres for \$560.00 to be taken out of the Wild Rice 1W1P grant funding. Christenson made the motion to approve cost share for each individual. Seconded by Sloan. **Motion carried 4-0 with Lewis abstaining.**

Powell noted Wiegman completed 120 acres for \$4,800.00 of cost share, Jansen completed 2 soil test for \$50.00, Sorenson completed 20 acres for \$800.00, Schwarts completed 5 soil tests for \$125.00 to be taken out of the Mississippi River 1W1P grant funding. Lewis made the motion to approve cost share for each individual. Seconded by Gunvalson. **Motion carried 5-0.**

Forest Stewardship: Powell noted that Melby completed a forest stewardship plan on 110 acres at 75% cost share for \$1,620.00 to be taken out of Clearwater 1W1P funding. Lewis made the motion to approve cost share. Seconded by Sloan. **Motion carried 5-0.**

Powell noted that Wehri completed a forest stewardship plan on 60 acres at 75% cost share for \$1,500.00 to be taken out of the Clearwater 1W1P funding. Sloan made the motion to approve the cost share. Seconded by Lewis. **Motion carried 5-0.**

DISTRICT MANAGER REPORT

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

Profit & Loss:

Income:

Line 3 (No till Drill Rental) up almost \$5,000 Line 6 (Tree Planter Rental) up over \$200. Line 34 (Misc. Rev) up over \$600 GV Capital Credits and Bagley Co-op

Expense:

Line 44 (Employee Training Account) up over \$100 for LB to attend Admin session Line 49 (Office Supplies) up over \$30 for paper supplies and coffee for SWCD Board Meetings, Line 55 (Vehicle Maintenance) up over \$60 for vehicle parts and misc. fastener. Line 56 (Vehicle Gas) up over \$1,000, Line 97 (WR-1W1P) over \$7,000 so SH Cost Share approved last month

Monthly Treasurer's Report: Line 4 (RLWD) reimbursement for overpayment on SWAG hours, Line 11 (Shumacher's) payment for trees Line 14 (Treasure Bay Printing) Plaques and ribbons for Area 8 Envirothon Line 15 (Susan Alpert) Reimbursement for trees, Line 28-31 SH Cost Share, Line 32 (MN Native Landscape) payment for flower packs, Line 34 (SH Cost Share), Line 35, (Lincoln-oaks Nurseries) tree payment, Line 37 (Trask) reimbursement for Envirothon expenses, Line 46 (Grand Rapids High School) stipend for state Envirothon, Line 47 (Clearbrook-Gonvick School) Stipend for state Envirothon, Line 48 (Treasure Bay Printing) plaques for Envirothon (additional amount)

Deposit Detail: Deposit 1: RLWD 1W1P payment billed in 2025, Tree Payments and SH payments, Deposit 2: Bagley Co-op dividend Check, Trees and SH, Deposit 3: BWSR 10,000 SH Payment, Deposit 4: QB withdrawal/Deposit testing on-line payments, Deposit 5: GV Capital Credits, RLWD, 1W1P payment from 2025 bill, SH payments and trees, Deposit 6: Interest Earned on Checking, Deposit 7: Interest Earned on Savings

Balance Sheet:

Line 4 (Checking Account): the end of May was \$305,702.06

Line 10 (Savings Account): the end of May was \$25,152.13

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

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

DISTRICT OPERATION-Board Action Items and Information:

Area 8 Meeting: Buell noted the area 8 meeting that the District would be hosting would be held tomorrow in Bemidji and asked for attendance.

Election filing: Buell noted Sloan had filed and Rydeen was going to run as a write-in.

Budget Meeting: Buell noted the annual budget meeting would held sometime in July; date would vary on availability. Buell noted she would make the budget and send it out before the meeting.

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:46 a.m. was made by Lewis. Seconded by Gunvalson. **Motion carried 5-0.**

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.