



# Board Of Supervisors Regular Meeting Minutes

July 24<sup>th</sup>, 2025

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**Board Members Present:** Ken Christenson, Paul Rydeen and Doug Sloan

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

**NRCS Staff:** Nate Brandt

**Guests:** Mark Titera

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The meeting was called to order at 9:57 a.m. at the Bagley USDA Service Center. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**Agenda:** The agenda was reviewed by the board. Powell added cost share rates to the agenda. Buesing added storage shed to the agenda. Sloan made the motion to approve the agenda with corrections. Seconded by Christenson.

**Motion carried 3-0.**

**Minutes:** Minutes of the June meeting were reviewed by the board. Sloan made the motion to approve the minutes. Seconded by Christenson. **Motion carried 3-0.**

## **NRCS REPORT:**

**Current Workload:** Brandt noted he was working on certifying tree/pasture/hay/pollinator plantings and grazing/watering systems for livestock. Brandt noted he was beginning planning on grazing systems, access control projects, plantings, general site visits and compliance plans for heavily eroded fields. Brandt noted he was working on compliance plans for highly erodible fields.

**EQIP:** Brandt noted the deadline was August 1st with having things ranked by January 9th. Brandt noted 26 applications were on file for Clearwater County and did not anticipate any more funding for 2025.

**CSP:** Brandt noted the deadline was October 31st and noted Brandt was finishing up certifying practices. Brandt did not anticipate any more funding for 2025.

**Upcoming Events:** Brandt attended the livestock watering system training on 7/10 and presented at the No-till class on 7/16.

## **PROGRAM TECHNICIAN REPORT**

**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 the Summer 2025 Newsletter was almost finished.

**Water Plan:** Prokosch reported she has been entering rain gauge.

Prokosch went out lake monitoring on 7/7-7/9. Prokosch noted she was entering in the data from monitoring for the MPCA and the additional paperwork for the SWAG lakes.

**AIS:** Prokosch noted the watercraft inspector season has been going well.

## **DISTRICT TECHNICIAN REPORT**

**Water Plan:** Buesing went out lake monitoring on 7/7-7/9.

**USFWS Partnership:** Buesing noted he was getting signed up designed seed mixes for Bjerke and Gile.

**Equipment:** Buesing noted coulters and openers were replaced on 2/3 drills.

Buesing noted the mower and ATV had maintenance done.

Buesing noted storage was getting tight with the upcoming purchase of tree tubes and suggested another storage unit rental east of town at \$90.00 a month. Sloan made the motion to approve renting another unit. Seconded by Christenson. **Motion carried 3-0.**

**Trainings:** Buesing helped with the No-till drill training on 7/16.

## **WATER PLAN COORDINATOR/TECHNICIAN REPORT**

**Waterplanning:** Powell noted he was reporting expenses for the Mississippi River 1W1P and the Clearwater 1W1P while attending meetings on 6/25 and 6/18 respectively.

**Soil Health:** Powell noted the no-till drills had repairs and maintenance preformed.

Powell noted that Anders had completed 38 acres for \$1,570.00 of cost share to be taken out of Clearwater 1W1P funds and/or soil health expansion funds. Sloan made the motion to approve the cost share for each individual. Seconded by Christenson. **Motion carried 3-0.**

Powell noted Holme completed 50 acres and 1 soil test for \$2,025.00 of cost share to be taken out of Mississippi River 1W1P funds and/or soil health expansion funds. Christenson made the motion to approve the cost share for each individual. Seconded by Sloan. **Motion carried 3-0.**

**Cost Share:** Powell noted Ramsrud had completed a well sealing and asked for approval of cost share at 50% of the price for \$457.50. Sloan made the motion to approve the cost share. Seconded by Christenson. **Motion carried 3-0.** Powell noted that the state notification rates were increasing so the local drilling company's rates were being raised. Powell suggested an increase to 50% cost share, up to \$600. The board did not go through with the vote and left the cost share up to \$500.

**Education Outreach:** Powell noted he hosted a no-till beginner training course for staff statewide on 7/16 at Wilde Farms.

## **DISTRICT MANAGER REPORT**

**Financial Reports:** Financial statements showing revenue and expenditures for the month of June were presented to the Board for review:

### ***Profit & Loss:***

#### ***Profit:***

Line 3 (1W1P) up \$2,464.26 for WR billing (working on Miss and CI), Line 5 (No-Till Drill Rental), up over \$6,000 from May, Line 28 (BWSR Cost Share) reimbursed by RLWD-Nordlund Stock Farm, Line 38 (Misc Revenue-other) up almost 400 GV Capital Credits.

#### ***Expense:***

Line 99 (Water Plan) up over \$1,000 started Water Plan Billing, Line 104, (Miss 1W1P) up Over \$5000 for 1W1P SH Coast Share approved in June, Line 105 (WR 1W1P) up over \$1,000 for CS contracts approved in June, Line 106 (CL-1W1P) up over \$20,000 for CH contracts approved in June, Line 116 (Conservation Contract) up over \$400 for Well Sealing approved in June

**Monthly Treasurer's Report:** Line 7, (Solid Bottom) AIS expense Line 9 (Crow Wing SWCD) Area 8 Meeting Registration Line 10 (Skeeter Stitch) FS Cost Share. Line 27 (Leclair) SH Cost Share, Line 30 (Flateland) SH Cost Share, Line 31 (Fisher) FS Plan re-printed check, Line 31 (Bolduc) SH Cost Share, Line 35 (Herman) SH Cost Share, Line 39 (Erickson) SH Cost Share Line 40 (Dewey) SH Cost Share

**Deposit Detail:** Deposit 1: SH payments and Tree orders, Deposit 2: SH payments and Tree orders, Deposit 3: Interest Earned in Checking, Deposit 4: Interest Earned in Savings

### ***Balance Sheet:***

Line 4 (Checking Account): the end of May was \$234,601.44

Line 10 (Savings Account): the end of May was \$24,931.52

Line 12 (Accounts Receivable) \$33,078.52 Soil Health payments and AIS Billing

A motion to accept the June financial report was made by Christenson. Seconded by Sloan. **Motion carried 3-0.**

## **DISTRICT OPERATION-Board Action Items and Information:**

**Budget Meeting:** Buell noted the budget meeting would be held this upcoming week with Rydeen and Lewis.

**Fall Tour/Area Meeting:** Buell noted Beltrami would be hosting the fall tour this year in September.

**Audit:** Buell noted the audit was ongoing.

**Stewardship Summit:** Buell noted the stewardship summit was 9/10-9/11 and asked the newer board members to think about going.

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:48 A.M. was made by Sloan. Seconded by Christenson. **Motion carried 5-0.**

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Alroy Lewis, District Secretary

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