



Board Of Supervisors Regular Meeting Minutes

May 28th, 2026

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

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

NRCS Staff: Nate Brandt and Jody Peek

Guests: Mark Titera

The meeting was called to order at 10:04 a.m. at the Bagley USDA Service Center. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

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

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 there may be re-allocations of the funds.

EQIP: Brandt noted there were 5 applications selected in Clearwater County with more funding possible through the summer. Brandt has also been assisting with some Red Lake Tribal projects.

CSP: Brandt noted there were 2 selections in Clearwater County. Brandt noted there were changes to the program in that there were no scheduling enhancements.

Other: Brandt attended Envirothon on 5/6. Brandt then went over what would happen at the local workgroup meeting that would take place after the board meeting today.

PROGRAM TECHNICIAN REPORT

Water Plan: Prokosch noted that the lake monitoring volunteer informational packets and schedule had been created and sent out and the season would start on 6/14.

Prokosch noted she had been entering in rain gage data.

AIS: Prokosch noted the watercraft inspector season had started 5/8 and that she had been previously organizing and cleaning the inspector's equipment. Prokosch noted the equipment had been picked up end of April/beginning of May.

Trees: Prokosch noted the tree pick-up days were 4/30 – 5/2 and ended with 125 tree orders (74% of trees sold) and 5 flower orders. Prokosch noted the after sale was successful and in total more than 74% of trees had been sold.

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 attended the rain barrel class on 4/23. Prokosch attended and created informational handouts and goody bags for the Watch 'em Grow 1st graders at Bagley (5/13) and Clearbrook-Gonvick (5/419) schools.

DISTRICT TECHNICIAN REPORT

Education Outreach: Buesing attended the rain barrel class 4/23, Envirothon on 5/6 and Watch 'em Grow on 5/13 and 5/19.

USFWS Pollinator Program: Buesing he would spray for 3 different plantings soon.

Training: Buesing had attended the Wetland Conservation Act training on 4/24.

Equipment: Buesing noted the boat and sprayer were ready for the season.

Trees: Buesing picked up flowers on 4/27 and trees on 4/29 and attended tree pick up from 4/28-5/1. Buesing noted he and Powell had planted 6 tree plantings this year totaling 3,500 trees so far.

WATER PLAN COORDINATOR/TECHNICIAN REPORT

Water Planning: Powell noted the 1W1P meetings had slowed down for the season, but would be reporting expenses to the state by June 30th.

Soil Health: Powell noted all the drills were running.

Powell noted that Bardwell completed 120 acres and 3 soil tests for \$4,875.00, Titera completed 8 acres for \$320.00, Peterson completed 55 acres for \$2,200.00, Overby completed 73 acres for \$2,920.00 Erickson completed 43 acres and 2 soil tests for \$1,770.00, Chernes completed 120 acres for \$4,800.00, Faldet completed 64 acres for \$2,560.00 of cost share to all be taken out of soil health expansion grant. Sloan made the motion to approve cost share for each individual. Seconded by Gunvalson. **Motion carried 4-0.**

Powell noted Greiving completed 23 acres and 1 soil test for \$945.00 of cost share and Kelm completed 25 acres for \$1,000.00 of cost share to be taken out of the Mississippi River 1W1P funds. Christensen made the motion to approve cost share for each individual. Seconded by Gunvalson. **Motion carried 3-0 with Lewis abstaining.**

Powell noted Ken completed 118 acres for \$4,720.00 and Mullen completed 25 acres and 1 soil test of \$1,025.00 of cost share to be taken out of the Wild Rice 1W1P funds. Christenson made the motion to approve cost share. Seconded by Sloan. **Motion carried 4-0.**

Forest Stewardship: Powell noted that Sawyer had completed a forest stewardship plan on 80 acres for 75% cost share at \$825.00 with funds to be taken out of Wild Rice 1W1P funds. Sloan made the motion to approve cost share. Seconded by Gunvalson. **Motion carried 4-0.**

Gile had completed a plan for 60 acres for 75% cost share at \$873.00 with funds to be taken out of Wild Rice 1W1P funds. Christensen made the motion to approve cost share. Seconded by Sloan. **Motion carried 4-0.**

Robinette completed renewal plan on 37 acres for 50% cost share at \$422.00 with funds to be taken out of Clearwater 1W1P funds. Christensen made the motion to approve cost share. Seconded by Gunvalson. **Motion carried 4-0.**

Thompson completed a plan for 75% cost share on 266 acres at \$3,232.50 with funds to be taken out of Clearwater 1W1P funds. Gunvalson made the motion to approve cost share. Seconded by Sloan. **Motion carried 4-0.**

Education Outreach: Powell attended the rain barrel class on 4/23, Envirothon on 5/6 and Watch 'em Grow on 5/16 and 5/19.

DISTRICT MANAGER REPORT

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

Profit & Loss:

Income:

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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 8-9 (Anderson, Johnson) SH Cost Share, Line 18 (Zimmerman) Shipping on Not-Till Drill Line 30 (Greimans Printing) Envirothon T shirts

Deposit Detail: Deposit 1: reimbursements from RLWD and trees, Deposit 2: Envirothon Donation and Trees sales, Deposit 3: 2nd Qtr County Appropriations, Area 8 Envirothon Donations and Tree Sales, Deposit 4: Interest Earned on Checking, Deposit 5: Interest Earned on Savings

Balance Sheet:

Line 4 (Checking Account): the end of April was \$265,480.49

Line 10 (Savings Account): the end of April was \$25,130.99

Line 12 (Accounts receivable) Mostly trees and a bill to RLWD (which has since been paid)

A motion to accept the April financial report was made by Christensen. Seconded by Sloan. **Motion carried 4-0.**

DISTRICT OPERATION-Board Action Items and Information:

Overmoe and Nelson quote: Buell noted that it would be good to have another set of eyes on the financials. Buell noted Overmoe and Nelson quoted roughly \$100 a year to double check reconciliations. Sloan made the motion to approve hiring Overmoe and Nelson. Seconded by Gunvalson. **Motion carried 4-0.**

Area 8 Meeting: Buell noted the area 8 meeting would be held on 6/26th in Bemidji. Buell noted those that wanted to attend needed to register by 6/19th.

Election filing: Buell noted election filing would begin 5/19 and end 6/2.

Budget Meeting: Buell noted the annual budget meeting would need a date.

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:18 a.m. was made by Sloan. Seconded by Gunvalson. **Motion carried 4-0.**

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.