



Board Of Supervisors Regular Meeting Minutes

January 22nd, 2026

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

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 10:01 a.m. at the Bagley USDA Service Center. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Agenda: The agenda was reviewed by the board. Sloan made the motion to approve the agenda. Seconded by Christenson. **Motion carried 3-0.**

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

NRCS Report:

Current Workload: Brandt noted he was reviewing active projects with producers.

Financial Assistance General: Brandt noted there was a new program deadline of January 15th.

EQIP: Brandt noted there were 20 applications for 2026 for Clearwater County with ranking questions having already been developed.

CSP: Brandt noted the 2026 application deadline was 10/31 and noted there will not be renewals for CSP.

Other: Brandt noted the NRCS State Operations meeting would be on 2/25-2/26.

PROGRAM TECHNICIAN REPORT

Water Plan: Prokosch reported the 2025 rain gage data had been sent to the State Climatology office.

Trees: Prokosch the tree and flower order forms were up on the website, posted to Facebook, sent out to the email list and printed in the local newspaper. Prokosch noted there were already 16 tree orders (11% 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 noted the winter newsletter had been printed in the local newspaper, was up on the website and emailed out with the tree/flower forms.

DISTRICT TECHNICIAN REPORT

Well Locating: Buesing noted he was ready to start verifying field locations.

Education Outreach: Buesing attended the Soil Management Summit on 1/14-1/15.

Miscellaneous: Buesing noted he has been attending various online trainings, reporting for the USFWS projects and hung-up flyers for the tree sales around the county.

WATER PLAN COORDINATOR/TECHNICIAN REPORT

Water Planning: Powell attended a Mississippi 1W1P meeting on 1/20 to go over the 2026 budget.

Soil Health: Powell noted that Titera completed 1 soil test for \$25.00 to be taken out of the Clearwater 1W1P funds/soil health expansion funds/grant. Sloan made the motion to approve cost share for each individual. Seconded by Christensen. **Motion carried 3-0.**

Cost Share: Powell noted that Hollaran had completed a well sealing for maxing out the cost share at \$500.00. Sloan made the motion to approve cost share for Hollaran. Seconded by Christenson. **Motion carried 3-0.**

End of Year Billing: Powell noted he was reporting billing for grants for the 2025 year in E-LINK.

DISTRICT MANAGER REPORT

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

Profit & Loss:

Income:

Line 2 (1W1P) up over \$80,000 1W1B, Line 8 (Plat Books and other resales), up \$over \$3,000 for SWAG invoices, Line 28 (BWSR Cost Share) up over \$10,000 claimed Cost Share expenses while closing out 2024 and 2025 Conservation Contracts Line 34 (State Aid) received 2nd half of State Aid in the amount \$65,145.84.

Expense:

Line 48 (Empl/Supervisor) up over \$200 mileage Line 49 (Fees and Dues) up over \$700 to MCIT Workers Comp Audit, Line 88 (Wages) will be moved to Supervisor Compensation, Line 104 (CI-1W1P) up over \$4,800 for SH projects approved by Board

Monthly Treasurer's Report: Line 37(Nordlund) SH Cost Share, Line 23 (BWSR) 2nd half State appropriations, Line 40 (Peterson Company) payment for 2024 Audit, Lines 41 (Hanson) SH Cost Share payment

Deposit Detail: Deposit 1: Reimbursement from RLWD for Aerial Imagery, Plat Books, SH payment and Payment for Pollinator Planting

Deposit 2: 2nd Half of State Appropriations

Deposit 3: Interest Earned on Checking

Deposit 4: Interest Earned on Savings

Balance Sheet:

Line 4 (Checking Account): the end of December was \$249,257.69

Line 10 (Savings Account): the end of December was \$25,049.33

Line 12 (Accounts receivable) Mostly 1W1P Billing

Closed out 2024 and 2025 Conservation Contracts.

Almost done closing out 2023 Local Capacity

Working on Soil Health Delivery and SH expansion

Billing 1W1P's

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

DISTRICT OPERATION-Board Action Items and Information:

2026 Chair Positions: After discussing the board opted to wait until the rest of the board was present to go over the assignments with Rydeen continuing as board chair until then. The board noted they would be reviewing the policy attendance during the next board meeting as well.

Budget Amendment: Buell noted the new paid leave and the TSA 8 income/expense for the new drill had been added to the 2026 budget. Sloan made the motion to approve the new 2026 budget. Seconded by Christenson. **Motion carried 3-0.**

Area 8 Dues: Buell noted the area 8 dues of \$6,323.63 were expected soon. Christenson made the motion to approve paying the dues. Seconded by Sloan. **Motion carried 3-0.**

Buell also noted that the area meeting in June would be hosted by the district.

Peterson Engagement Letter: Buell noted Peterson had sent out their engagement letter. Sloan made the motion to use Peterson's again for the next audit. Seconded by Christenson. **Motion carried 3-0.**

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:39 a.m. was made by Christenson. Seconded by Sloan. **Motion carried 3-0.**

Alroy Lewis, District Secretary _____ Date _____

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