



# Board Of Supervisors Regular Meeting Minutes

August 28<sup>th</sup>, 2025

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

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

**NRCS Staff:** Jody Peek

**Guests:** Mark Titera, Dale Benson

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The meeting was called to order at 10:06 a.m. at the Bagley USDA Service Center. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**Agenda:** The agenda was reviewed by the board. Buell noted the previous months minutes was missing and would review July's minutes in September. Buell also asked to move the aerator bids to after the agenda. Lewis made the motion to approve the agenda with changes. Seconded by Sloan. **Motion carried 4-0.**

**Aerator Bids:** Buell opened the aerator bids and told the board what they contained. Lewis made the motion to accept the highest bid of \$15,000 from Sax. Seconded by Christenson. **Motion carried 4-0.**  
Lewis made the motion to approve the second highest bid from J. Rydeen in case Sax backed out. Seconded by Sloan. **Motion carried 3-0 with Rydeen abstaining.**

Benson departed at 10:13 a.m.

Powell noted Sax had asked if he could get the aerator delivered if he won the bid. Lewis made the motion to allow delivery by staff for \$350.00 (\$6.00 per mile out of county) for Sax. Seconded by Christenson. **Motion carried 4-0.**

Gunvalson arrived at 10:20.

## **NRCS REPORT:**

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

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

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

### **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 2025 Summer Newsletter was completed and up on the FB page, website and sent out on the emailing list.

Prokosch manned the booth during the county fair.

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

Prokosch went out lake monitoring during 7/28-7/30 and 8/18-8/20 for all lakes. 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 with the season ending on Labor Day.

Prokosch noted Zebra Mussel Sampling was performed during 7/28-8/1. Prokosch noted the lab had not gotten back to her with results yet.

### **DISTRICT TECHNICIAN REPORT**

***Water Plan:*** Buesing went out lake monitoring during 7/28-7/30 and 8/18-8/20 for all lakes.

***USFWS Partnership:*** Buesing noted sprayed for Thabes, Bkerke and Gile. Buesing noted he created a seed mix for Gile.

***Equipment:*** Buesing noted coulters and openers were replaced on the Mississippi drill.

***Education:*** Buesing noted he manned the fair booth during the county fair.

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

***Soil Health:*** Powell noted that he had gotten approval from BWSR to use funds from TSA8 and funds from Clearwater 1W1P in order to purchase a new drill with the only cost to the District being \$2,340.00 out of the original price of \$65,000, which would most likely come from selling the aerator. Powell noted it was a new Esch model with a 15-foot planting width and a 9-foot road width, with only 10 machines being made next year. Rydeen noted to look into finding a third-party vendor warranty. Sloan made the motion to approve purchasing a new drill with the funds. Seconded by Christenson. **Motion carried 5-0.**

Powell noted that Jesness had completed 20 acres for \$800.00 of cost share, McCollum had 6 soil tests for \$150.00, Stenseng completed 35 acres and 1 soil test for \$1,425.00, Kortan completed 120 acres and 10 soil tests for \$5,050.00, Solheim completed 20 acres and 2 soil tests for \$850.00 and Rydeen completed 120 acres and 3 soil tests

for \$4,875.00 to be taken out of soil health expansion funds. Gunvalson made the motion to approve the cost share for each individual. Seconded by Sloan. **Motion carried 4-0 with Rydeen abstaining.**

Powell noted Ramsrud completed 14 acres and 1 soil test for \$585.00 of cost share and Huschle completed 14 acres for \$560.00 to be taken out of Wild Rice 1W1P funds and/or soil health expansion funds. Lewis made the motion to approve the cost share for each individual. Seconded by Gunvalson. **Motion carried 5-0.**

Powell noted Platt completed 20 acres for \$800.00 of cost share to be taken out of the Wild Rice 1W1P funds and/soil health expansion funds. Lewis made the motion to approve cost share for Platt. Seconded by Christenson. **Motion carried 5-0.**

**Cost Share:** Powell noted Julin had completed a well sealing and asked for approval on 50% cost share for \$457.50. Sloan made the motion to approve the cost share. Seconded by Christenson. **Motion carried 5-0.**

Powell noted Halloran had signed a well sealing contract and provided an estimate, and asked for approval to go forward with the contract. Lewis made the motion to approve. Seconded by Gunvalson.

**Education Outreach:** Powell noted he manned the booth at the county fair and set up a soil health section at the Beltrami fair as well.

## **DISTRICT MANAGER REPORT**

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

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

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

Line 3 (1W1P) up over \$22,000 for 1W1P Billing, Line 5 (No-Till Drill Rental), up over \$5,000 from July, Line 6 (Ob Well Program) up 2880 received payment for 2024 ob well recordings, Line 18 (County AIS plan) billed the County for the first half of AIS, Line 19 (County Appropriations) up \$17,340 for 3rd Qtr County Appropriations, Line 20 (County Water Plan) Billed the county for the first half of the Water Plan, Line 21 (WCA) did the 2025 WCA billing to the County, Line 37 (Misc Revenue-other) received the Bagley Co-Op dividend \$180.86

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

Line 48 (Education & Promotion) up over \$200 for fair booth supplies, Line 55, (Office Supplies) up Over \$100 for office supplies, Line 62 (Vehicle Maintenance ) up over \$800 for 4-wheel maintenance at Bagley Motor sports and fuel pump, Line 82 (AIS Supplies) up over \$100 for Solid bottom expense, Line 100 (Water Plan) up over \$1000 for Well Testing Expense, Line 104 ( 1W1P Miss) up over \$3,000 for SH projects approved in July, Line 110 (2023 Local Capacity) Up over \$7,000 for SHOUP payment for new Coulters and disks for drill approved in July, Line 116 (Conservation Contracts) up over \$400 for Ramsrud Well Sealing, Line 120 ( Soil Health Cost-Share) up over \$14,000 for SH contracts approved in July

**Monthly Treasurer's Report:** Line 6-10, (Gebhardt-Benson) SH Cost Share, Line 12-15 (Johnson-Richardson) SH Cost Share, Line 18-20 (Christensen-Holm) SH Cost Share. Line 22 (SHOUP) Coulters and Openers for No-Till Drill, Line 24 (Treasure Bay Printing) Envirothon Expense, Line 25 (RMB Labs) Water Testing Expense, Line 34 (Platow) Water test reimbursement, Line 35 (BWSR) General Fund Allocation first 50% 36 (Ramsrud) Well Sealing Cost Share, Line 37 (Bagley Motor Sports) 4-Wheeler Maintenance, Line 39 (Sorenson) SH Cost Share Line 40 (MN DNR) Ob Well Deposit, Line 42-43 (Holm and Anderson) SH Cost Share, Line 45 ( Christenson) SH Cost Share

**Deposit Detail:** Deposit 1: 3rd QTR. County Appropriations, Bagley Co-Op Dividend, SH Payments and Plat Book payment, Deposit 2: Payment from BWSR first 50% of County Allocations, Deposit 3: MN DNR Ob Well Payment, Deposit 4: Soil Health payments and Plat Book payments, Deposit 5: Interest Earned in Checking, Deposit 6: Interest Earned in Savings

**Balance Sheet:**

Line 4 (Checking Account): the end of July was \$252,674.13  
Line 10 (Savings Account): the end of July was \$24,950.58  
Line 12 (Accounts Receivable) \$90929.78 Soil Health payments and AIS Billing, Water Plan Billing and 1W1P billing have since received most of these

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

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

**Budget:** Buell went over the 2025 budget with the board. Lewis made the motion to approve the budget as is. Seconded by Gunvalson. **Motion carried 5-0.**

**Fall Tour/Area Meeting:** Buell noted the fall tour and area meeting hosted by Beltrami county would be on Sept 18-19. Gunvalson made the motion for anyone who wanted to go, can go. Seconded by Lewis.

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 12:16 p.m. was made by Christenson. Seconded by Gunvalson. **Motion carried 5-0.**

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Alroy Lewis, District Secretary

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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.*