



Board Of Supervisors Regular Meeting Minutes

March 26th, 2026

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

SWCD Staff: Lori Buell, Chester Powell and Kaleb Buesing

NRCS Staff: Nate Brandt, Jody Peek

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. Powell added MRHW water plan approval. Lewis made the motion to approve the agenda with changes. Second, by Gunvalson. **Motion carried 5-0.**

Minutes: The February minutes were reviewed by the board. Lewis made the motion to accept the February minutes. Seconded by Christenson. **Motion carried 5-0.**

NRCS Report:

Current Workload: Brandt had been planning projects, certifying installed practices and coordinating with producers.

Financial Assistance General: There was a new program deadline of January 15th. The Regenerative Pilot Program began. There was 1 EQIP RPP and 1 CSP RPP application.

EQIP: 16 applications processed and ranked for Clearwater County. Brandt noted the application dollar request for 2026 in Clearwater County was top be about \$1.24 million.

CSP: Brandt noted there were 9 applications on file for Clearwater County with ranking deadline to be 4/24.

Other: Brandt attended a State NRCS Operations meeting 2/25-2/26 and an area engineer meeting 3/3 - 3/4. Peek noted that NRCS was generally unstaffed.

PROGRAM TECHNICIAN REPORT

Prokosch was not present at this meeting.

Water Plan: Prokosch had been working on pre-season MPCA paperwork for the 2026 Lake Monitoring Season. Prokosch had also been entering rain gage data.

AIS: Prokosch had been attending online trainings and completing pre-season paperwork.

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 84 tree orders (48% of trees had been sold) and 5 flower order so far.

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 Bagley school water festival. Prokosch had been designing handouts and flyers for the rain barrel class.

DISTRICT TECHNICIAN REPORT

Soil Health: Buesing attended 2 coffee and cover crop meetings on 3/4 and 3/11.

Education Outreach: Buesing attended the Bagley school water festival. Buesing noted the rain barrel class had been advertised. Buesing had received the ordered pollinator seeds for educational purposes.

Miscellaneous: Buesing noted that 2 out of 3 tree planters had been retrieved from storage. Buesing noted he had ordered the flowers from MNL and pick up was scheduled for 4/27. Buesing noted that platbooks were confirmed for 2027.

WATER PLAN COORDINATOR/TECHNICIAN REPORT

Water Planning: Powell attended Mississippi 1W1P meetings on 3/16 and 3/25. Powell noted there was a resolution to accept the FY26 water plan funding. Christenson made the motion to approve the funding. Seconded by Sloan.

Motion carried 5-0.

Powell noted there would be a Wild Rice 1W1P meeting on 3/23.

Powell attended a Clearwater 1W1P meeting on 3/25 with another meeting being held on 4/1.

Soil Health: Powell attended coffee and cover crop meetings on 2/25, 3/4 and 3/11.

Powell noted the new drill was arriving in April.

Forest Stewardship: Powell noted that Anderson had completed a forest stewardship plan on 413 acres for 75% cost share at \$3,774.34 with funds to be used from Clearwater 1W1P funds. Lewis made the motion to approve cost share for Anderson. Seconded by Sloan. **Motion carried 5-0.**

Johnson had completed a forest stewardship plan on 80 acres at 75% cost share for \$825.00. Christenson made the motion to approve cost share for Johnson. Seconded by Gunvalson. **Motion carried 5-0.**

Education Outreach: Powell attended the Bagley school water festival on 3/2.

DISTRICT MANAGER REPORT

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

Profit & Loss:

Income:

Line 2 (Platbooks) up \$over \$300, Line 3 (Tree Accessories), up over \$300 Tree tubes, Line 5 (Tree Sales) Up over \$6000 have entered more since Line 16 (County Appropriations) received 1st half of County Appropriations. Line 37 (Misc-Interest) interest earned on accounts

Expense:

Line 46 (Education and Promotion) up over \$800 portion of the Newsletter and supplies for the school Water Fair, Line 57 (Publications and Subscriptions) Overmoe and Nelson for tracking Flex and for doing W-2's and 1099's, Line 102 (Water Plan) Portion of the Newsletter, Line 109(CI 1W1P) up over \$2,000 for SH Cost Share, Line 113. (BWSR Cost Share) up over \$500 for Well Sealing, Line 117 (Buffer Law) up over \$600 for District Newsletter

Monthly Treasurer's Report: Line 5 (Titera) SH Cost Share, Line 8 (Zimmerman Farm) No-Till Drill payment Line 12 (Plantra) Tree tubes, Line 13 (Holloran) Well Sealing, Line 14 (MASWCD) Area dues, Line 23 (Farmers Publishing) Newsletter, Line 27 (BWSR) 2026 Buffer Law payment

Deposit Detail: Deposit 1: Area 8 Envirothon Donation from Paul Bunya Communication, Area 8 Envirothon donation from Beltrami Electric, Tree Sales, Deposit 2: Trees, Platbooks, Area 8 Envirothon Donation from Lake of the woods, payment for 1W1P WR WSD, Deposit 3: 2026 Buffer Law Payment, Plat Books, Trees, SH payment, Deposit 4: Area 8 Envirothon Donation from Beltrami-1st national Bank, Deposit 5: Interest Earned on Checking, Deposit 6: Interest Earned on Savings

Balance Sheet:

Line 4 (Checking Account): the end of February was \$252,250

Line 10 (Savings Account): the end of February was \$25,089.45

Line 12 (Accounts receivable) Mostly 1W1P Billing and trees (have since received some of the 1W1P payments) Added

- 2026 Buffer Law

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

DISTRICT OPERATION-Board Action Items and Information:

Fair Booth Rental: Buell reported that it would be \$450.00 for 3 fair booth slots like previous years. Lewis made the motion to have 3 fair booths. Seconded by Gunvalson. **Motion carried 5-0.**

Designation of Authorization: Buell reported that someone needed to be authorized as the signer and representative for BWSR grants. Sloan made the motion to authorize Buell as the representative and authorized signer for financial reports submitted to BWSR. Seconded by Christenson. **Motion carried 5-0.**

Envirothon: Buell noted Envirothon would be 5/6.

Area Meeting: Buell noted that the area 8 meeting would be hosted in Bemidji on 6/6.

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:17 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.