



## **Waseca Soil and Water Conservation District**

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Approved Meeting Minutes for the February 10, 2022.

The Meeting of the Waseca County Board of Supervisors that was held at the Waseca County SWCD Office Area, 300 North State Street, Waseca. The Meeting was called to order by Chairman Wayne Cords at 6:30 pm.

### **Members Present**

Wayne Cords, Chairman  
Scott Hildebrandt, Vice Chairman  
Todd Stencil, Treasurer  
Larry Muff, Member

### **Staff Present**

Mark Schaezke, District Manager  
Tyler Polster, District Technician  
Cheri Brummund, Admin Asst

### **Others Present**

Doug Christopherson, Waseca County Commissioner  
DeAnne Malterer, Waseca County Commissioner  
Ciara Ahrens, NRCS-on phone

### **Agenda**

Review of February Agenda – Wayne Cords requested addition to Agenda of the Walk-in Access Program. Scott Hildebrandt made a motion to approve agenda with agenda and Todd Stencil seconded. All-Yes.

### **Consent Agenda**

1. December Minutes
2. Treasurers Report
3. Approval of Bills
4. ~~Plan of Work approval~~ Moved to New Business
5. ~~Annual Report approval~~ Moved to New Business
6. Tree Open house expenses of cookies and hot chocolate approval \$30
7. Other

A motion was made by Todd Stencil to move #4 Plan of Work and #5 Annual Report to New Business and then approve Consent Agenda, Scott Hildebrandt seconded. All-Yes.

### **Old Business:**

1. Other

### **New Business:**

1. Plan of Work approval-Todd Stencil requested a change in the wording of the Introduction to eliminate “The mission of the Waseca SWCD” and quotation marks in the second paragraph. Scott Hildebrandt then made a motion to approve with changes, Todd Stencil seconded. All-Yes.
2. Annual Report approval-Wayne Cords requested an addition to page 8 under Buffer Law Grant to include the statement “As of December 2021, Waseca County is at 98.6% Compliance.” Wayne Cords made a motion to approve with changes and Todd Stencil seconded. All-Yes.

3. Approval of Disbursement of Funds for Le Sueur 1W1P Grant (November Bills):

Inv Date	Invoice #	Invoice Amount	10% Payment withheld	Disbursement Amount	Partner
<b>November 2021</b>					
11/30/2021	Inv#77316	\$ 6,741.50	\$ 674.15	\$ 6,067.35	ISG
12/14/2021	11-2021-SWCD	\$ 121.05		Direct Charge	Waseca SWCD

Larry Muff made a motion to approve disbursements and Todd Stencil seconded. All-Yes.

4. Approval of Disbursement of Funds for Le Sueur 1W1P Grant (December Bills):

Inv Date	Invoice #	Invoice Amount	10% Payment withheld	Disbursement Amount	Partner
<b>December 2021</b>					
12/31/2021	Inv#78228	\$ 12,767.25	\$ 1,276.73	\$ 11,490.53	ISG
1/5/2022	12-2021-WSWCD	\$ 377.15		Direct Charge	Waseca SWCD
1/6/2022	1/2021/1W1P CE	\$ 5,894.14			WRC-MSU-Consultant
1/7/2022	12-2021-FC	\$ 316.47			Freeborn County Env Ser
1/11/2022	1-2022-WC	\$ 591.14			Waseca County

Larry Muff made a motion to approve disbursements and Todd Stencil seconded. All-Yes.

5. Soil Health Day at Farmamerica-Meal cost approx \$480.00 (*price at 50 meals=\$8.95 a meal + tax for pulled pork sandwich and coleslaw & chips*) and then approx \$75 (*break cost-coffee/water and cupcakes/cookies*)-reimbursed by LSCE total cost would be approx \$555 if 50 persons register. Todd Stencil made to motion to approve costs for amount of meals needed and Scott Hildebrandt seconded. All-Yes.
6. Closing of 2019 Buffer Law Grant-Todd Stencil made a motion to approve closing the grant and Scott Hildebrandt seconded. All-Yes.
7. CD 30 Watershed Multipurpose Drainage Management Contract-Scott Hildebrandt made a motion to approve and Todd Stencil seconded. All-Yes.
8. RIM WO #81-20-W801 - \$3500-Todd Stencil made a motion to approve and Larry Muff seconded. All-Yes.
9. RIM WO #81-20-W802 - \$2000-Todd Stencil made a motion to approve and Larry Muff seconded. All-Yes.
10. Waseca County-Pheasants Forever (Gold) Sponsorship/Membership \$275 – Scott Hildebrandt made a motion to approve and Todd Stencil seconded. All-Yes.
11. Legislative Briefing & Reception
  - a. \$90 Registration and \$119.99 + tax motel for each one attending. March 9-10 Todd Stencil made a motion for Mark Schaezke to attend and Larry Muff seconded. All-Yes.
12. SWCD Aid Proposal-to advocate for \$22 million per year in SWCD Aid from General Fund-explanation of funding was given by Wayne Cords. Noted
13. Drill Liability Release Form and Instruction Sheet-(*waiting on instructions from Steele*)-a motion to accept the form was made by Scott Hildebrandt and seconded by Larry Muff. All-Yes. The question was then asked if Drill could be taken out of county, after discussion, this decision would be on a case by case basis for Waseca County residents. A motion was made by Scott Hildebrandt to approve Waseca County Residents to use drill outside of county upon Board approval. This would be on a case by case basis. Todd Stencil seconded. All-Yes.
14. Newspaper Renewals:

Newspaper	Cost
Waseca County News	\$ 65.00
Janesville Journal	\$ 39.00
New Richland Star	\$ 37.00
The Land	\$ 49.00

Larry Muff made the motion to renew subscriptions and Todd Stencil seconded.

15. Walk in Access Program Grant Agreement-Scott Hildebrandt made a motion to approve and Todd Stencil seconded. All-Yes.

**Supervisor/Meeting Reports:**

1. Larry Muff discussed information on the Le Sueur 1W1P. He stated that Lake Priorities included St. Olaf and Reeds Lake as being listed in the top 4. DeAnne Malterer stated that Lake Elysian may be added to list of interest.
2. Wayne Cords reported he attended the GBERBA Meeting and also the MASWCD Area VI Chairman's Meeting. The next Area VI meeting will be April 6 in New Ulm with Mankato (Blue Earth County) hosting.

**Agency Reports/Commissioners:**

1. Ciara Ahrens, NRCS reported that MOSH is on track and testing will be done in early spring. The Soil Health Bucket training will be available for SWCD staff and can be used at anytime by SWCD.
2. Doug Christopherson has contacted Ciara Ahrens on Watershed Project Funding, which she will be getting more information on and contacting the Commissioners on it..

**Staff Reports:**

1. Cheri Brummund reported that she had compiled the Plan of Work and Annual Reports for tonight's meeting. Also that she has Postcards ready to mail to 325 recipients for the March 4 Workshop at Farmamerica.
2. Tyler Polster reported on the tree project and the RIM ownership changes has been working on.
3. Mark Schaetzke highlighted items on his attached report.

**Adjourn:**

Todd Stencil made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Larry Muff seconded. All-Yes. The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 pm by Board Chairman, Wayne Cords.

**Next Board Meeting: Wednesday, March 10, 2022 at 6:30 pm. at the SWCD Offices.**

**Upcoming events:**

- February 18 – Tree Order Open House 8-4:30 SWCD Office
- February 25 – LS 1W1P Policy Meeting 10:00 am Faribault County SWCD-Blue Earth
- February 26 – Waseca County Pheasants Forever Banquet-The Mill-Waseca Doors Open at 3
- March 4 – Hwy 14 Soil Health – Farmamerica 9:30-3:00
- March 9-10 Legislative Session-Capitol Ridge Event Center/Radisson Hotel St. Paul Downtown
  - March 9 - Legislative Briefing and Reception 4:30 pm-9:00 pm
  - March 10 – Meeting with Legislators – scheduled appointments

**February Bills:**

First National Bank	Tyler-Cheri-Mark H S A (\$316.67 ea)	Jan \$16.67 & Mar \$300.00	\$ 950.01
Bock's	Truck Gas		\$ 88.00
South Central Technical Services Area	FY22 NPEA & Shared Svs Grant Matches	Inv # 340	\$ 3,550.00
John's Service	Oil Change	Inv#17120	\$ 51.18
Office of State Auditor	State Audit	Claim #71537	\$ 124.00
Waseca Cty License Bureau	Truck Plates		\$ 19.25
			\$ 4,782.44

H S A payments are pd for the next month, the Dec payment did not include the extra \$16.67 per person for Jan, therefore we are making up for it this month.

**1-26-22 – GBERBA Tech – virtual**

Dave Bucklin – one of the GBERBA co-coordinators has voluntarily moved from full time to half time at Cottonwood SWCD. New projects will be in the Watonwan watershed, but it is good to see another perspective on 1W1P implementation.

**2-2-22 – Cannon Implementation Group (CIG) - virtual**

Group reviewed revised ranking and scoring sheets for practices. Current version allows opportunity for practices within Waseca County to be funded. Discussed Clean Rivers Partners contract to do soil health field days in Steele, Le Sueur, and Goodhue counties. Le Sueur Co is pursuing engineering assistance for a water storage type practice on a county ditch system. We discussed a fund balance policy or goal, what that should be, and the reasoning behind it. This will likely be an agenda item at the next CRWJPB meeting. Due to lack of water monitoring equipment in Waseca, we will not be monitoring the one site through the MPCA contract. There is a flood study initiated by the City of Waterville and it was encouraged for CIG members to be aware of it.

**2-3-22 Le Sueur 1W1P Technical Advisory Committee - virtual**

Facilitated by Freshwater and ISG. The TAC had good attendance and discussed the first 7 issue statement groupings through small groups. We reviewed prior comments and recommended revisions.

**2-8-22 – Le Sueur 1W1P Steering Team – virtual**

The team reviewed the input from the TAC on the first 7 issue statement groupings and recommended them for approval. We discussed the last two issue statements of Bacteria and Leadership. The land and resource narrative is almost complete. We reviewed several different implementation table formats to get an idea of what team members would like to see in ours. We also discussed what future plan administration would look like.

**Boot Creek headwaters**

It would be good to start contacting landowners where projects were identified to gauge interest and public support needs. Coordination should be made with Waseca P&Z, drainage authority, and others.