



Waseca Soil and Water Conservation District

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Approved minutes of the Waseca SWCD Board of Supervisors Meeting July 11, 2024. The Meeting of the Waseca County Board of Supervisors was held at the Waseca County SWCD Office Area, 300 North State Street, Door 4, Waseca.

The July 11, 2024 Meeting was called to order by Chairman Larry Muff at 6:32 pm.

Members Present

Larry Muff, Chairman

Gregg Rosenthal, Vice Chairman

Wayne Cords, Treasurer

Matt Sommers, Secretary

Keith Morgan, Member

Staff Present

Mark Schaetzke, District Manager

Cheri Brummund, Admin Asst

Others Present

Doug Christopherson, Waseca County Commissioner

Review of the July Agenda

Wayne Cords made a motion to approve the July Agenda and Matt Sommers seconded. All-Yes.

Consent Agenda

1. June Minutes
2. Approval of Bills
3. Treasurer's Report
4. Other

Wayne Cords made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda and Matt Sommers seconded.
All-yes

Old Business:

1. Soil Health Staffing-Information-New Employee, Cammi Nordmeyer will begin July 22 as the Resource Technician.
2. Credit Card Policy Draft- Wayne Cords made a motion to adopt the Credit Card Policy as currently stated and Keith Morgan seconded the motion. All-Yes
3. 2025 Budget Approval-Wayne Cords made a motion to look into investment of a CD and Gregg Rosenthal seconded. All-Yes. After Budget discussion a decision was made to take \$5000 off the County Appropriation and enter it into the Reserve Income line. Wayne Cords made a motion to accept the Budget with the change and Matt Sommers seconded. All-Yes.
4. Other

New Business:

1. Le Sueur Watershed Based Implementation Funds (LS WBIF) Financial Report-noted

2. Approval to pay quarterly LS WBIF Funds:

Inv Date	Invoice #	Invoice Amount	Direct Grant Charge	Partner/Contractor/Landowner	Project Number
April 1-June 30, 2024					
6/28/2024	WasC-02-24	\$ 5,919.76		Waseca County	
6/28/2024	WasS-02-24	\$ 2,331.12	X	Waseca SWCD	
6/30/2024	FreS-01-24	\$ 136.82		Freeborn SWCD (Feb 15-June 30)	

Wayne Cords made a motion to approve payment and Matt Sommers seconded the motion. All-Yes

3. Le Sueur WBIF Projects:

- a. LS-24-07-03-SE \$22,630 Total Est-CS \$10,000
- b. LS-24-07-04-SE \$17,181 Total Est-CS \$8,590.50
- c. LS-24-07-05-SE \$22,195 Total Est-CS \$10,000
- d. LS-24-07-06-SE \$24,808.69 Total Est-CS \$10,000
- e. LS-24-43-04-SE \$21,070 Total Est-CS \$10,000

Wayne Cords made a motion to approve all 5 cost share contracts and Keith Morgan seconded. All-Yes

4. Consideration of LS 1W1P Revision-Wayne Cords made a motion that the Waseca SWCD will defer to the LS 1W1P Policy Committee on the appropriate revisions needed for the LS 1W1P and will adopt the Ls 1W1P Policy Committee's recommendation. Staff has the approval to approve and then expedite the workplan. Matt Sommers seconded. All-Yes
5. Reed's Lake Ravine Project-Mark is to obtain more information on costs associated with designing fixes for the ravine and utilizing the information develop an application to submit to cover the cost from the competitive Clean Water Fund Grant.
6. South Central TSA Peer to Peer Policy-Matt Sommers made a motion to adopt the policy and Wayne Cords seconded. All-Yes.
7. Riparian RF-2024-01 Cover Crops Contract Total \$3,143.60-Matt Sommers made a motion to recommend contract and Wayne Cords seconded. All-Yes.
8. TSA Soil Health Coordinator Position-Noted
9. CS-2023-03 Well Sealing Contract Total Est \$ 2,450.00 CS Total \$1,000-Wayne Cords made a motion to approve and Matt Sommers seconded. All-Yes.
10. Closing of 2024 Conservation Delivery-Matt Sommers made a motion to approve closing of Grant and Keith Morgan seconded. All-Yes.
11. Waseca County Hazard Mitigation Plan Update-Noted
12. Disaster Recovery Assistance-Noted
13. Shirts for Cammi (5) and Larry would like new ones too. (he wants 2)-Wayne Cords mase a motion to approve 5 Staff Shirts and Supervisor Shirts can be ordered but Supervisor is responsible for cost after initial shirt is given at beginning of 1st term. Matt Sommers seconded. All-Yes.
14. WCA Training for Mark-August 27-28, Morton 2 day training \$120 + Motel-Wayne Cords made a motion to approve Mark attending and Matt Sommers seconded. All-Yes.
15. FYI-MDA Soil Health Equipment Grant-Noted
16. Fair Schedule for Supervisors-Matt Sommers volunteered to help out on Sunday at the Fair.
17. Other

Supervisor Reports:

1. Gregg Rosenthal mentioned that he attended a demonstration on drone spraying at Crystal Valley.

Agency Reports:

1. None

Staff Reports:

1. Cheri Brummund reported on putting together information for the fair booth and also on Admin Training.

- Mark Schaetzke Manager's report is attached and also mentioned that he and Joe Edel attended the Cover Crop Academy.

Adjourn –A motion to adjourn was made by Wayne Cords and seconded by Matt Sommers. Meeting was adjourned by Larry Muff, Chairman at 8:40 pm

Next Board Meeting Thursday, August 8, 2024 at 6:30 pm.

Upcoming Meetings/Events:

- July 10-14 Waseca County Fair
- July 12 GBERBA Policy & Tech Meeting 9:30 @ TBD
- July 26 LS PAC 8am Albert Lea
- July 31 Cannon Soil Health Bus Tour 9:30 am Faribault City Area
- August 7 CRWJPB 9 am meeting by Lake Byllesby and tour to follow-bus leaves at 8:00

July Bills:

Keen Bank	Joe-Mark H S A (\$300.00 ea)		\$ 600.00
Bock's	Truck Gas		\$ 73.44
Innovative Office	Office/Fair Supplies	Inv#IN4569831	\$ 69.06
Cheri Brummund	Training	Voucher#2024CB2	\$ 304.96
Supervisor Vouchers	2nd qtr vouchers		\$ 1,288.16
Waseca County	2nd qtr benefits/insurance		\$ 9,800.25
Postmaster	2 rolls stamps		\$ 136.00
			\$ 12,271.87

July 2024 Manager's Report

6-18-24 Cover Crop Academy and SROC Agronomy field tour

Presentations on corn and bean weeds, corn growth, corn rootworm, and soil carbon in the morning as part of the Agronomy field tour. Attendance was good with a packed conference room at SROC. Afternoon was spent hearing from Steele Farmers Mark and Mick Ditlevson, SROC cover crop trials.

6-24-24 SC TSA meeting – Mankato

Discussed status of current grants and deadlines. Discussed soil health staffing effort of peer-to-peer mentors and soil health coordinator. Staff received favorable reviews and raises.

6-27-24 Area VI Staff and Supervisors meeting – McLeod Fairgrounds – Hutchinson

Update on BWSR soil health funding sources and efforts. Presentation by local farmer incorporating soil health and doing specialty marketing. No resolutions submitted from area SWCDs.

Flooding and future potential disaster aid. With substantial damage in our county and neighboring counties it is likely there will be future Disaster Recovery Assistance Program (DRAP) and FEMA funding. Waseca is among the counties currently included in the Disaster Area. Priority will likely be damage to existing conservation practices and second priority will likely be new practices that will prevent future damage. Damage that occurred on or after June 16 would be eligible.

WCA

- Delineation and no loss application for Solar Farm in Janesville Twp.
- Reviewing application for delineation and incidental wetland by Chrystal Valley.
- Pre-application review of property for tiling.
- Training on rule changes in July and August
- 16.5 hours of effort in June

