



Waseca Soil and Water Conservation District

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Approved minutes of the Waseca SWCD Board of Supervisors Meeting June 13, 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 June 13, 2024 Meeting was called to order by Chairman Larry Muff at 6:30 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
Joe Edel, District Technician
Cheri Brummund, Admin Asst

Others Present

Doug Christopherson, Waseca County Commissioner
Jessica Beske, Regional NRCS Leader

Review of the June Agenda

Matt Sommers made a motion to approve the June Agenda and Gregg Rosenthal seconded. All-Yes.

Consent Agenda

1. May Minutes
2. Approval of Bills
3. Treasurer's Report
4. Payment of State Sales Tax \$2359.95 (*trees sales & tree planter/drill rentals January 1-June 30*)
5. Parking pass for Fair \$15.00 (1 pass)
6. Other

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

Old Business:

1. Soil Health Staffing-Interviews were held 6/13/24. A final decision will be made by Monday, June 17, 2024. Wayne Cords made a motion to authorize the Personnel Committee to make the final decision and Matt Sommers seconded the motion. All-Yes
2. Credit Card Draft-brief explanation was given by Wayne Cords of the draft. He asked the Board to review and make additions or comments at next meeting-item tabled until next meeting.
3. Call for Resolutions-must be sent in before Area VI Meeting-No Resolutions were written.
4. Conservation Farmer Award-Matt Sommers made a motion to choose Karl Swenson as the Waseca Conservation Farmer for 2024. Wayne Cords seconded the motion. All-Yes
5. Update: LS-24-07-01 – BE CD-1 10 alternative side inlet pipes. Cost estimate: \$34,067 at 75% cost share for \$25,550 & LS-24-07-02 – BE CD-1 7 rock riffles. Cost estimate of \$61,500 at 75% cost share for \$45,753. Still *Pending BWSR approval*- Tabled-will wait for further updates.
6. Other

New Business:

1. Le Sueur Watershed Based Implementation Funds (LS WBIF) Financial Report-no change from last month--noted
2. Le Sueur Projects:
 - a. LS-24-43-01-FarS Septic – Est Cost \$21795.00 Cost Share Amount \$10,000.00
 - b. LS-24-43-02-FarS Septic – Est Cost \$16770.00 Cost Share Amount \$ 8,385.00
 - c. LS-24-43-03-SE - Septic – Est Cost \$20,997.00 Cost Share Amount \$10,000.00
 - d. LS-24-47-01-SE - Septic – Est Cost \$30,931.00 Cost Share Amount \$10,000.00Wayne Cords made a motion to approve all 4 cost share contracts and Matt Sommers seconded. All-Yes
3. 2025 Budget Approval-Wayne Cords made a motion to approve a budget with a \$76801.00 amount request for County Appropriation and adding an expense line item of \$5,000.00 for Capital Reserve only if Budget is needed to be sent to County before June 11, 2024-if not sent by June 11, 2024 more discussion will be held at the June 11 SWCD Board Meeting. Matt Sommers seconded. All-Yes
4. Soil Health Delivery Grant \$60,000-Gregg Rosenthal made a motion to approve and Matt Sommers seconded. All-Yes.
5. 2023 Cost Share CS2023-02 Well Sealing Voucher \$925.00-Wayne Cords made a motion to approve and Keith Morgan seconded. All-Yes
6. Area VI Meeting Thursday June 27, McLeod County Fair Grounds, Hutchinson \$17/person-2 staff will be attending \$34.00 total-Wayne Cords made a motion to approve, Matt Sommers seconded. All-Yes.
7. Purchase of Shredder-cross cut-min run time 10 minutes-security level p-4-jam proof-1 hp Powershred LX190—reason is that the extension shredder will be going to the Extension Offices-Wayne Cords made a motion to approve and Matt Sommers seconded. All-Yes.
8. Purchase of office items for new employee-Wayne Cords made a motion to approve up to \$500 for new office items for new employee. Keith Morgan seconded the motion. All-Yes.
9. Purchase of items for fair display that will be able to be used for other presentations or displays. Ex: Literature holders, large magnets for Banner. Wayne Cords made a motion to approve up to \$200 for display items, Keith Morgan seconded the motion. All-Yes
10. Fair Schedule for Supervisors-noted
11. Other

Supervisor Reports:

1. None

Agency Reports:

1. Doug Christopherson, Waseca County Commissioner reported that at the last Cannon Watershed Meeting, there was a discussion on reducing dues. A final decision will be made at next CRJPB meeting. Also, the County has accepted Crover Crops as part of program. Doug spoke about the Weed Harvest on Clear Lake and that the 3 year experimental project is coming to a close.
2. Jessica Beske, NRCS Team Leader, reported on EQIP & CSP-7 CSP Applications with 5 being Funded. She stated that this is due to more funding coming for all projects. Jessica mentioned that there is not a current posting for the Waseca District Conservationist position. She is spending more time here in Waseca to keep programs going. The Pheasants Forever Technician-Taylor and two interns are now in the Waseca NRCS Offices.

Staff Reports:

1. Joe Edel talked about Buffer Law compliance and CRP and RIM inspections he will be working on.
2. Cheri Brummund reported on the RIM/CREP inspection files and letters she has done and putting together information for the fair booth.
3. Mark Schaetzke Manager's report is attached.

Adjourn –A motion to adjourn was made by Wayne Cords and seconded by Matt Sommers.

Meeting was adjourned by Larry Muff, Chairman at 8:00 pm

Next Board Meeting Thursday, July 11, 2024 at 6:30 pm.

Upcoming Meetings/Events:

- June 18 Getting Paid for Low Carbon Farming Workshop 9:00 – 2:00, Jackpot Junction, Morton, MN
- June 24 SCTSA Meeting 10:00 at Mankato USDA Offices
- June 27 Area VI Meeting, McLeod County Fair Grounds, Hutchinson
- July 10-14 Waseca County Fair
- July 12 GBERBA Policy & Tech Meeting 9:30 @ TBD

June Bills:

Keen Bank	Joe-Mark H S A (\$300.00 ea)		\$ 600.00
Bock's	Truck Gas		\$ 103.79
MACDE	Registration Fee	Admin Conference	\$ 35.00
Tree Pro	Inv#TP5696	2nd order	\$ 116.25
Ramsey County	Inv#COR-003701	Wildflowers	\$ 559.00
The Land	Acct#184122	Employment Ad	\$ 155.00
Waseca Pioneer		Employment Ad	\$ 50.00
Waseca Cty News		Employment Ad	\$ 520.00
			\$ 2,139.04

Manager’s Report – June 2024

5-23-24 - Upper Cannon River Watershed Study Bi-monthly status meeting

Meeting #2 of the group. Most of the time was spent discussing modeling and calibration of rainfall events. Bolton and Menk staff led the discussion. Le Sueur County has updated LiDAR and that will be incorporated.

Reeds Lake Ravine

An eroding ravine with threats to road, well, power, septic, and structures. It is more than TSA staff are comfortable with so we are looking for estimates from private consultants. More info is needed to see if LS WBIF grant could fund this or if a separate grant application would be suggested.

LS CRP grant – recommendation by LIT to apply for entire \$100,000 amount. I will complete the request form on behalf of LS partners.

2024 Legislative update

SWCD Aid – request for additional SWCD aid for CY 2025 and beyond was not included.

RIM wetland rehabilitation – part of the investment/borrowing bill that was not passed.

SWCD’s have authority to take out loans, effective August 1, 2024.

WCA – changes on wetland classification system and exemptions – training needed this year to learn about these changes. A major change includes allowing USDA authorized activities to be an exemption for WCA.

WCA

Reviewed wetland delineation on Lake Lily.

Reviewing application to tile wetlands by New Richland

Wetland delineation application pending additional information.

Reviewing property by New Richland for potential exemptions in coordination with County Ditch Redetermination.

13 hours of effort in May