



Waseca Soil and Water Conservation District

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Approved minutes of the Waseca SWCD Board of Supervisors Meeting November 14, 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 November 14, 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

Staff Present

Mark Schaetzke, District Manager
Joe Edel, District Technician
Cammi Nordmeyer, Soil Health Resource Tech
Cheri Brummund, Admin Asst

Others Present

Doug Christopherson, Waseca County Commissioner
Chris Howard, Waseca County Land & Water Resources Director
Dan Roemhildt, Landowner

Review of the October Agenda

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

Guest Speaker: *Shawn Pomeroy-iWealth Vice President/Professional Plan Consultant*
Topic: Savings plan descriptions: CD's, Money Markets, Bonds

Consent Agenda

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

Larry Muff requested the Treasurer's Report be pulled from the Consent Agenda for clarification of some amounts different from last year to this year. Wayne Cords made a motion to approve the consent agenda without the Treasurer's report and Matt Sommers seconded. All-Yes.

Treasurer's Report: Cheri Brummund explained that the CRP Incentive Grant was not under the Deferred Rev, but she had emailed accountant with request to change. She also explained the differences between last year and this year being that the grants are paid out at different times each year. We receive them in one month one year and then maybe another month the next year. Some grants are not available from one year to the next and sometimes new grants are added. Also, After discussion, Wayne Cords made a motion to approve the Treasurer's report and Matt Sommers seconded. All-Yes.

Old Business:

1. Budget Meeting Discussion-Policy for # of months of reserve funds. This item has been tabled until next month.

2. FYI on CD-7 month CD at 4.5% comes due in May 2025.
3. Purchase of New Pickup-trade in 2011 truck-tables—Mark is to get trade in value and bring to the next meeting.
4. Any supervisors interested in going to annual MASWD Convention.—None- Check will be sent for Mark to attend the Convention and also attend the Awards Luncheon.
5. Newsletter final draft-Wayne Cords made the suggestion of adding a statement that states how much could be received per acre for CCRP contracts. After that addition—Newsletter ok to print.
6. Other

New Business:

1. Le Sueur Projects-Amendment
 - a. LS-24-81-03 WASC0B increase Total from \$7,536.65 to \$9,000.20 Cost share amount from \$6,782.99 to \$8,100.18 Wayne Cords made a motion to approve and Matt Sommers seconded the motion. All-Yes.
2. Le Sueur Projects-vouchers for payment:
 - a. LS-24-81-03 WASC0B total cost \$9,000.20 Cost share amount \$8,100.18 Wayne Cords made a motion to approve and Gregg Rosenthal seconded the motion. All-Yes.
 - b. LS-24-81-02 Well Sealing Total \$2,462.50 Cost share amount \$1,231.25 Wayne Cords made a motion to approve and Gregg Rosenthal seconded the motion. All-Yes.
3. Le Sueur No-Till Payments and Dates Policy-noted-combine with #4
4. Le Sueur No-Till Amendment for date changes from 12/1/2024 to 7/1/2025 Matt Sommers made a motion to leave contracts 4a-4d as they are—do not amend, Gregg Rosenthal seconded. All-Yes
 - a. LS-24-43-06- Strip till -3yr contract 346 acres @ \$35/ac/yr- encumber \$36,330.00
 - b. LS-24-43-07- Strip till-3yr contract 184 acres @ \$35/ac/yr-encumber \$19,320.00
 - c. LS-24-43-10- Strip till-3yr contract 193 acres @ \$35/ac/yr- encumber \$20,265.00
 - d. LS-24-43-12- Strip till/No till-3yr contract 148 ac @ \$35/ac/yr- encumber \$15,540.00
5. Cannon CRP Incentive Contracts/Vouchers (Cannon JPB will reimburse):
 - a. 24Cannon-WC-CRP-01 Re-enroll CCRP Contract/Voucher \$250.00 Wayne Cords made a motion to approve payment, Matt Sommers seconded. All-Yes.
 - b. 24Cannon-WC-CRP-02 Re-enroll CCRP Contract/Voucher \$250.00 Wayne Cords made a motion to approve payment, Gregg Rosenthal seconded. All-Yes.
 - c. 24Cannon-WC-CRP-03 Re-enroll CCRP Contract/Voucher \$500.00 Matt Sommers made a motion to approve payment, Gregg Rosenthal seconded. All-Yes.
6. RIM Work order 81-24-WO \$6,350 Wayne Cords made a motion to approve, Matt Sommers seconded. All-Yes.
7. MOA between Waseca County and Waseca Soil and Water Conservation District-Tabled
8. CS-2023-01 Well Sealing Total \$1,495.00 Cost Share Voucher Amount \$747.50 Wayne Cords made a motion to approve payment, Matt Sommers seconded. All-Yes.
9. CC-2024-01 Grassed Waterway Contract Total \$11,165.00 Cost share \$8,373.75 Wayne Cords made a motion to approve contract, Gregg Rosenthal seconded. All-Yes.
10. 2022 Buffer Extension-Matt Sommers made a motion to approve, and Wayne Cords seconded. All-Yes.
11. Updates to By-Laws or Supervisor Manual or New Policy Manual written. Wayne Cords made a motion to add the new policies to the current Employee Policy Handbook, to have one complete policy book, Matt Sommers seconded the motion. All-Yes.
12. Area VI Meeting, Nov 21, South Central Service Cooperation, North Mankato \$17 per person
13. Premier Soil Health Event - Mayo Center, Mankato, December 3 & 4 – Cammi Nordmeyer to attend + Gregg Rosenthal to attend Registration \$150 for 2 (Cammi + Gregg) + mileage— Cammi will do a voucher for registration and mileage.
14. 4-H Achievement Celebration, Friday November 15, 6:30 at The Mill-\$8.00 per person-Cheri Brummund to attend.
15. Membership requests:-all noted

- a. National Association of Conservation Districts Membership (NACD)
 - b. Pheasants Forever Membership-2 requests
16. FYI-Waseca Pioneer and New Richland Star owner/editor Eli Lutgens will print a weekly/monthly article for us—an outreach to get info out about programs and projects and monies available. - noted
17. Other

Supervisor Reports: None

Agency Reports:

1. Commissioner Doug Christopherson explained the progress of the New Richland Flood Study. Discussion was held on the levels of progress that have been made. Chris Howard, WC Land & Water Resources Director, also added information to the discussion. Chairman Larry Muff commented on the progress.

Staff Reports:

1. Cammi Nordmeyer reported on attending BWSR Academy, Rusle Training, SROC soil labs, and also doing RIM inspections, and Cover Crop Vouchers.
2. Cheri Brummund mentioned that she has completed the newsletter, worked on web pages, sent out RIM inspection letters and Deed change paperwork for RIM-noted a number of changes this year. She also has been checking on investment possibilities.
3. Joe Edel reported that he has been working on RIM inspections, Planning projects, and attended BWSR Academy-which included a Drill Class.
4. Mark Schaetzke-see attached

Adjourn: Meeting adjourned at 9:05 pm

Next Board Meeting Thursday, December 12, 2024 at 6:30 pm.

Upcoming Meetings:

- November 15 – GBERBA Joint Policy/Tech, Mankato Armory, Mankato 9:30 am
- November 21 – Area VI Meeting-South Central Service Coop, North Mankato
- December 3-4 - 2024 Premier Soil Health Event, Mayo Clinic Health Sys Event Center
- December 3-4 - MASWCD Annual Convention, Doubletree Hotel, Bloomington
- January 17, 2025- Save the Date-Private Lands Partnership Meeting, Wilmar Convention Center, Wilmar 9:00-3:00 – Registration fee and Agenda TBD

November Bills:

Keen Bank	Cammi-Joe-Mark H S A	\$300 each	\$ 900.00
Bock's	Truck Gas	Statement	\$ 239.59
Janesville Service	Trailer Tire	Inv#2024-0528	\$ 108.93
Cammi Nordmeyer	Voucher #CN2	Academy	\$ 40.54
Joe Edel	Voucher #JE4	Academy	\$ 44.32
Mark Schaetzke	Voucher #MS4	Academy	\$ 701.41
Bock's	Truck Battery	Inv#28857	\$ 217.98
			\$ 2,252.77

November 2024 Manager's Report

BWSR Academy - October 29th – 31st

Attended 8 training sessions for District Manager related tasks such as HR, 1W1P, policies, and partnerships. Also attended MN association of Conservation District employees meeting and informal session on SWCD drill programs. Very good training and opportunity to interact with staff from around the state.

Cannon 1W1P

Working on CRP policy – looks like it will be like LS policy. Some minor policy adjustments for WBIF #3 and workplan. Group is hosting monthly webinars and intends to host a shoreline workshop in Faribault this winter. A letter and supporting information was received to amend the plan to include Lake Francis as a priority lake for the plan. This was recommended to be tabled due to the complexity of a plan amendment and until more conclusive monitoring showing the lake to be nearly or barely impaired. Steele soil health staff suggested funding for a nitrogen trial study.

LS 1W1P

Working on some clarifications of policy and potential revisions to encourage more wetlands. Blue Earth County has produced a good working version of tracking projects that work toward our plan goals but not funded through this grant. Potential wetland restoration/water storage project in Faribault County.

RIM

Three landowners have expressed interest in RIM applications this fall. One RIM Riparian, one RIM Wetlands, and one CREP or RIM Wetlands depending on what the landowner wants to offer.

WCA

One continuing delineation and no-loss application for a solar project in Janesville Twp.

Pre-application meeting for lake access project on Lake Elysian.

Review former decision for current related project.

4 applications for road culvert replacement.

8 hours of effort in October