



Waseca Soil and Water Conservation District

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Approved minutes of the Waseca SWCD Board of Supervisors Meeting April 10, 2025. 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 April 10, 2025 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
Dan Roemhildt, Member

Staff Present

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

Others Present

De Malterer, Waseca County Commissioner
Julie Blackburn, ISG

Review of the April Agenda

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

Consent Agenda

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

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

Old Business:

1. Riparian Funds Policy-Suggestions of changes to the policy were made and Mark Schaetzke is to make the changes and bring back to the next meeting.
2. ISG Agreement for Reed's Lake ravine engineering and sub-watershed assessment-Julie Blackburn from ISG explained the use of a drone and Lidar imagery to better understand the locations of the potential problems to better correct them. The Agreement needs to be accepted before they can continue. Matt Sommers made the motion to accept and Wayne Cords seconded. All-Yes.
3. Investment-CD's-4.08% for 7 month at Keen or financial firm-Wayne Cords made a motion to invest \$100,000.00 in another CD this month and Dan Roemhildt seconded the motion. Larry Muff and Gregg Rosenthal will go to Keen Bank next week to open the new CD.
4. Other

New Business:

1. Le Sueur WBIF Contracts
 - a. LS-24-07-27 Grassed Waterway est \$25,026.10 - 90% Cost Share-encumber \$22,523.49

- b. LS-24-81-13 Well Sealing est \$1610.00 - encumber \$805.00
 - c. LS-24-43-13-SE Septic Replacement est \$23,845.00 – 50% Cost Share not to exceed \$10,000.00-encumber \$10,000.00
- Wayne Cords made a motion to approve a-c contracts, Gregg Rosenthal seconded. All-Yes.
2. Le Sueur WBIF Vouchers
 - a. LS-24-07-22 Cover Crops-3 yr contract - 286.1 acres - \$65 acre - \$55,798.50- Wayne Cords made a motion to approve, and Matt Sommers seconded. All-Yes
 - b. LS-24-07-23 Cover Crops-3 yr contract - 154.7 Acres - \$65 acre - \$30,166.50 Wayne Cords made a motion to approve, and Matt Sommers seconded. All-Yes
 - c. LS-24-07-25 Well Sealing Total \$5000.00-Cost share-50% up to \$1800.00 Wayne Cords made a motion to approve, and Matt Sommers seconded. All-Yes
 - d. LS-24-07-26 Well Sealing Total \$3525.00-Cost Share-50% - \$1762.50 Wayne Cords made a motion to approve, and Matt Sommers seconded. All-Yes
 3. Le Sueur WBIF Contract Cancellation
 - a. LS-24-07-24-Well Sealing cancel project Wayne Cords made a motion to approve, and Dan Roemhildt seconded. All-Yes
 4. Le Sueur WBIF Invoices
 - a. WasS-01-25 Waseca SWCD \$2853.90 Wayne Cords made a motion to approve, and Matt Sommers seconded. All-Yes
 5. GBERBA Contracts/Voucher
 - a. 81-6-14 MAWQCP Incentive payment \$200.00 Wayne Cords made a motion to approve, and Gregg Rosenthal seconded. All-Yes
 6. Need for a new Trailer Hitch & trailer coupler repair-replacement
 - a. Trailer Hitch estimates Wayne Cords made a motion to go with 2 ½ in adjustable & hitch pin that Joe had suggested, Matt Sommers seconded. All-Yes.
 - b. Estimates from D & M for coupler repair/replacement – est \$300 – Wayne Cords made a motion to approve repairs, and Matt Sommers seconded. All-Yes.
 7. Request consideration for staff to approve Josh Dye/Convene Trainings on Leadership, communication, profession development training- \$10 each – Wayne Cords made a motion to approve with a limit of \$200, Matt Sommers seconded. All-Yes.
 8. MOSH Planting Green Event - Request for \$500 to cover costs with Cammi to approve expenses \$275 Plot Fee and remaining to be used for other expenses pertaining to the event. - Wayne Cords made a motion to approve upcoming expenditures at Cammi's discretion, Gregg Rosenthal seconded. All-Yes.
 9. Approval to add Cammi as administrator along with Joe and Mark on the Facebook page. Gregg Rosenthal made a motion to approve and Dan Roemhildt seconded. All-Yes.
 10. Design for Cups-Cammi has some designs to consider-Wayne Cords made a motion to give permission to Cammi to choose the design and Matt Sommers seconded the motion. All-Yes.
 11. Waseca County Free Fair Partnership Program-noted
 12. 4-H Donor – past years have given \$50-Wayne Cords made a motion to approve the \$50.00 for Conservation Project Award, Matt Sommers seconded the motion. All-Yes.
 13. NACD Membership? \$1-\$\$\$-noted
 14. Possibility of having a poster contest for Arbor Day or Earth Day or Soil Stewardship Week- Wayne Cords made a motion to have a contest for each elementary school with a cap of \$50 for each elementary school winners, K-3rd graders, Gregg Rosenthal seconded. All-Yes.
 15. Other

Supervisor Reports:

1. Larry Muff stated he was unable to make the last Le Sueur Meeting.

Agency Reports:

1. Commissioners De Malterer noted that there will be LS PAC meeting will be on April 25.

Additional Reports/Comments:

1. Julie Blackburn, ISG mentioned the Southern MN Lakes Conference that ISG participated in.

Staff Reports:

1. Cheri Brummund stated that she has been working on her Position Booklet.

2. Cammi Nordmeyer spoke about the trainings she has attended and the Planting Green Demonstration she is organizing with SROC. She has also been actively getting Soil Health Signs locations set up with local landowners.
3. Joe Edel was not present but left a report—copy is listed after April Bills.
4. Mark Schaezke Manager report is also attached to end of minutes.

Adjourn: Matt Sommers made a motion to adjourn and Dan Roemhildt seconded. Meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm by Chairman, Larry Muff

Next Board Meeting Thursday, May 8, 2025 at 6:30 pm.

Upcoming Meetings:

- March 14 GBERBA – 1:00 virtual and at Cottonwood SWCD in Windom
- March 18-20 National Cover Crop Summit-Online
- March 20 SCTSA Meeting – 10:00 Blue Earth County SWCD (Mankato)
- March 22 Future Southern MN Lakes Conference – 9-4 Mayo Event Center Mankato
- March 27-28 MACDE Managers Meeting – MN Dot St Cloud Training Center
- April 8 Le Sueur SWCD Water Storage Meeting-Le Sueur Justice Center-Le Center

April Bills:

Keen Bank	Cammi-Joe-Mark H S A	\$300.00 ea	\$ 900.00
Bock's	Truck Gas		\$ 52.22
Postmaster	Stamps	2 rolls stamps	\$ 146.00
Bomgaar's	Snowbrush & pliers & flags	#81783304/81787063	\$ 47.46
Supervisors	Vouchers	1st qtr 2025	\$ 1,834.36
Waseca County Trea/Aud	Insurance Benefits	1st qtr 2025	\$ 14,351.01
Waseca County Prop/Elect	Cell Phones	1st qtr 2025	\$ 248.34
Halo	Pens Inv#8143010	\$125 + tx + ship	\$ 168.06
Halo	Ribbons SO#13620462	\$67.50 + tx + ship	
Wet Signs	Signage on Vehicles		\$ 250.00
Mark Schaezke	Voucher #2025-MS3		\$ 135.38
			\$ 18,132.83

Joe's Report

- Buffer – Coordination and Visits with Landowners
- Project Coordination with Landowners and Engineers, Hopefully begin surveying here shortly and Iron out an wrinkles for the contracted projects
- Tree deliveries set and tree day Friday April 25th

Trailer and Truck related work.

Manager's Report-April 2025

TSA meeting

Staff reported on projects and efforts since the last meeting. They approved upgrading their 2016 truck to a new one. Interviews for the soil health coordinator were to be held the week after with several promising candidates. The TSA currently has ample funds for staff through existing grants. There is some talk that

future grants would not require a match, but the TSA coordinator expects dues to stay the same.

RIM – rates went up again. CREP – extended date and extended eligible applications to CP-2 (Native Grass planting). Waiting on Farm Bill for CREP and MN Legislative session for RIM.

Water storage meeting – Le Center

Just a couple of people from Waseca County. County Commissioner gave intro and District Manager gave presentation. About 30 landowners in attendance. Meeting went well with good small group discussions occurring around maps after the meeting.

Manager's Meeting

Discussed topics concerning SWCD's and managers. Good attendance with about 40 of the state's SWCD managers in attendance.

Cannon 1W1P

FY2025 grant is available for use – similar work plan items as the first one. Algal bloom training and will begin sampling in April in coordination with Greg.

LS 1W1P

Beginning stages of FY 26 grant request and planning. BWSR review of 2024 reporting is complete.

Reconciliation is scheduled for May to expedite our next 40% request.

WCA

Application for delineation and incidental determination – will issue decision soon.

Application for multiple exemptions – will issue decision soon.

Completed one Road Bank application for landowner – marginal location as submitted.

One potential violation investigation.

11.5 hours of effort in March