



Waseca Soil and Water Conservation District

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Unapproved minutes of the Waseca SWCD Board of Supervisors Meeting February 12, 2026. 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 February 12, 2026 Meeting was called to order by Vice Chairman Gregg Rosenthal at 6:32 pm.

Members Present

Larry Muff, Member
Gregg Rosenthal, Vice Chairman
Matt Sommers, Secretary

Staff Present

Cammi Phelps, Soil Health Resource Tech
Joe Edel, District Technician

Others Present

Brad Krause, Waseca County Commissioner
Taylor Rasmussen, Pheasants Forever, Farm Bill Biologist

Review February Agenda

Matt Sommers made a motion to approve the February Agenda and Larry Muff seconded. All – Yes

Consent Agenda

1. January Minutes
2. Approval of Bills
3. Treasurer's Report
4. MACDE Manager's Meeting – March 25-26 - 2 Days in St Cloud, \$20 fee + hotel +tx & meals
5. Re-issue check for Halo coloring books and stop payment on existing check (\$30 fee)
6. Staff to attend Farm and City Luncheon – Registration approximately \$20
7. Purchase one roll of stamps for LS WBIF outreach and education - \$78
8. Tree open house expenses
 - a. Hot chocolate, cider, coffee, and cookies – up to \$50
 - b. Tree drawing – 2 potted evergreens
9. RCPP contracts approved
 - a. 81-2-1 – No-till – 1 yr Contract – 750.1 acres total - @ \$20/acre - \$15,002.00 encumbered – Approved 1/27/26
 - b. 81-2-2 – No-till – 2 yr Contract – 904.2 acres total - @ \$22.50/acre - \$20,344.50 encumbered -Approved 2/3/26
 - c. 81-2-3 – No-till – 2 yr Contract – 706.2 acres total - @ \$30/acre - \$21,186.00 encumbered – Approved 2/3/26
 - d. 81-2-4 – Cover Crops – 3 yr Contract – 616.2 acres total - @ \$60/acre - \$36,972.00 encumbered – Approved 2/3/26

Matt Sommers made a motion to approve. Larry Muff seconded. All- Yes

Old Business:

- 1. 2026 Buffer Law workplan
 - a. Workplan was submitted in January for \$15,000 Equipment and \$5000 – (January 31 deadline)
 - b. Drill, LiDAR products – Discussion occurred for more information is needed to move forward on what type of drill and drill capabilities that will meet the publics interests.
- 2. Other

New Business:

- 1. Le Sueur FY24 WBIF Contracts
 - a. LS-24-81-15 – No-till – 1 yr contract – 160 acres total - @ \$25/acre – Encumber \$4,000
Larry Muff made a motion to approve Matt Sommers Seconded. All - Yes
 - b. LS-24-81-16 – WASCOB and Diversion – Total project cost \$20,410. 90% Cost share of \$18,369
Matt Sommers made a motion to approve Larry Muff Seconded. All - Yes
- 2. Le Sueur WBIF Vouchers
 - a. LS-24-81-11 – well sealing - \$1740 total cost – 50% cost share – payment of \$870
Matt Sommers made a motion to approve, Larry Muff Seconded. All - Yes
 - b. LS-24-47-03 – Well sealing - \$2325 total cost – 50% cost share – payment of \$1162.50. Larry Muff made a motion to approve, Matt Sommers Seconded. All - Yes
- 3. Le Sueur 2025 CRP incentive contracts and vouchers
 - a. LSCR-25-81-01 – 4.88 acres at \$80/acre (filtering) for 10 years. Encumber and payment of \$3904. Matt Sommers made a motion to approve, Larry Muff Seconded. All - Yes
 - b. LSCR-25-81-04 – 6.18 acres at \$80/acre (filtering) for 10 years. Encumber and payment of \$4944. Larry Muff made a motion to approve, Matt Sommers seconded. All - Yes
- 4. Cannon FY25 WBIF voucher
 - a. 25-WS-001 – Cover Crop – 3 yr contract – 110 acres - \$45/acre – Partial Payment for Year One - \$4,950.00. Matt Sommers made a motion to approve, Larry Muff Seconded. All - Yes
- 5. 2025 Soil Health Delivery Grant Contract
 - a. SH-2025-10 – Windbreak Establishment and Renovation – Total Project Cost. \$3,560.68. 75% Cost Share of \$2,670.51. Larry Muff made a motion to approve, Matt Sommers Seconded. All - Yes
- 6. 2026 Soil Health Practices (RCPP)vouchers
 - a. 81-1-1 – Cover Crop - 2 yr contract – 195 Acres - \$55/acre – Partial Payment for Year One - \$10,725.00. Matt Sommers made a motion to approve, Larry Muff seconded. All - Yes
 - b. 81-1-3 – Cover Crop – 3 yr contract - 93.2 Acres - \$60/acre – Partial Payment for Year One - \$5,592.00. Matt Sommers made a motion to approve, Larry Muff Seconded. All - Yes
- 7. Soil health practices (RCPP) Batching and Ranking
 - a. BR-3-1 – 60 pts
 - b. BR-3-2 – 65 pts
 - c. BR-3-3 – 85 pts
 - d. BR-3-4 – 45pts
 - e. BR-3-5 – 65 ptsMatt Sommers made a motion to approve, Larry Muff Seconded. All - Yes
- 8. Delegate staff to request and sign 3rd Soil Health practices grant for \$120,000 when eligible. Matt Sommers made a motion to delegate authority to staff to sign when eligible. Larry Muff Seconded. All - Yes
- 9. LeSueur 24 WBIF Quarterly/Year end Invoices:

Inv Date	Invoice #	Invoice Amount	Direct Charge	Partner
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4th qtr/year end invoices				
	WasS-04-25	\$ 6770.87	X	Waseca SWCD
	BIES-04-25	\$ 6442.98		Blue Earth SWCD
	WasC-04-25	\$ 3844.72		Waseca County
		\$		

Larry Muff made a motion to approve, Matt Sommers seconded. All - Yes

10. LS 24 WBIF workplan revision request, grant amendment, and work plan revision
 - a. Delegate staff to approve grant amendment when ready. Matt Sommers made a motion to approve, Larry Muff Seconded. All - Yes
11. MOSH event voucher – National No-till Conference - \$498 Matt Sommers made a motion to approve, Larry Muff Seconded. All - Yes
12. Peterson Engagement Letter for 2025 Audit \$5,950.00 Fee (\$5,300 reg audit + \$650 for 1W1P Grant)-Needs signatures Larry Muff made a motion to approve, Matt Sommers seconded. All - yes
13. March Legislative Briefing & Day at the Capital March 17-18—Staff and supervisors to attend
 - a. March 17-Legislative Briefing 4 pm-6 pm and Networking Reception 6 pm - 8 pm
 - b. March 18-Day at the Capital-Meet with Legislators
 - c. Registration \$130/person. Motel \$121 plus meals and tax

Larry Muff made a motion to approve registration and motel costs to staff or supervisors who want to attend, Matt Sommers Seconded. All - Yes

14. Consideration of applying for MVAC intern host for 2026. Matt Sommers made a motion to approve, Larry Muff Seconded. All - Yes
15. South Central Technical Service Area-FY26 Shared Services Grant Cash Match \$3,550.00 Matt Sommers made a motion to approve, Larry Muff Seconded. All - Yes
16. 2025 Annual Report input – Tabled
17. 2026 Plan of Work input - Tabled
18. RIM work order 81-25-W003 – Easement acquisition for 81-03-25-03 - \$2500. Matt Sommers made a motion to delegate to Mark Schaezke at his discretion, Larry Muff Seconded. All - Yes
19. ISG 2025 CWF Reeds Lake Invoices:

2025 CWF Reeds Lake Grant Invoices		
Invoice	From	Amount
127747	ISG	\$ 4,060
128979	ISG	\$ 1398.50

Larry Muff made a motion to approve, Matt Sommers seconded. All - Yes

20. Soil Health Peer Session – request up to \$500 for meals and space rental. Larry Muff made a motion to approve, Matt Sommers Seconded. All - Yes
21. CRP meeting - staff time, stamps, and out of pocket expenses – LS & Cannon WBIF. Matt Sommers made a motion to approve expenses up to \$500 dollars, Larry Muff Seconded. All - Yes
22. Pheasants Forever Banquet? - Tabled
23. Authorization for \$50 cash to be used to make change for cash customers - Tabled
24. Approval to submit CWF application for Reeds Lake project Larry Muff made a motion to approve applying to CWF, Matt Sommers Seconded. All - Yes
25. Other

Supervisor Reports: Larry Muff attended Le Sueur 1W1P LS policy meeting, informed of the next funding cycle coming shortly.

Agency Reports: Commissioner Brad Krause has been working on ditch redetermination, Gun/Rifle deer hunting zone decisions, cannabis in the county, and attended a Camelina meeting down in New Richland.

Staff Reports: Cammi Phelps has been working on a multitude of soil health contracts and gathering information from landowners who are interested in starting soil health practices. She also attended a neonicatoid meeting at the SROC campus and the winter Camelina meeting down in New Richland.

Joe Edels Report attached below*

**Adjourn: Motion made by Larry Muff to adjourn, Matt Sommers seconded. All – Yes.
 Meeting adjourned at 7:33pm.
 Next Board Meeting Thursday, March 12, 2026 at 6:30 pm.**

Upcoming Meetings:

- February 17 Hwy 14 Soil Health, Torrey’s – Owatonna
- February 17 Cannon update at County Commissioner meeting – 9:30 - Annex
- February 17 MASWCD Legislative update – 10:30 virtual
- February 20 Tree Open House, SWCD Office 7-5
- March 5 Habitat Management workshop – SROC – 3-5pm
- March 13 GBERBA Policy – virtual 1:00
- March 17-18 MASWCD legislative day – St. Paul
- March 17 Peer session – location and time TBD – invitation only
- March 19th Farm and City luncheon – 11:45 - Farmamerica

February Bills:

Keen Bank	Cammi-Joe-Mark H S A	\$300.00 ea	\$ 900.00
Bock's	Truck Gas	Inv 230593	\$ 57.41
Pemberton Law	Legal Fees	Acc 20253724.000	\$ 1098
Waseca Pioneer	2026 subscription	Inv 5745	\$ 59
Halo	Coloring books – (lost 1rst check)	8577761	\$ 267.52
Doerhoefer, Miner, Andrist, & Arndt, P.A.	Accounting	32982	\$ 210
4 Seasons Athletics	Apparel	000108	\$ 162
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Joe’s Report

February Meeting

- 2 windbreak Site Visits
- Misc Tree Sale questions and custom orders
- Tree Orders= - Total
- RIM/CREP Outreach Letters are out
- Windbreak Designs
- Updated Website with Position Opening
- Working with BWSR and NRCS to improve simplicity of working with NRCS engineering staff
- Cody Morgan – Drone Services – Demos, Info, Services
- City of Waldorf Tree resolution