

Goodhue County SWCD District Regular Board Meeting – MINUTES

Monday – October 27th 2025

7:00 AM

Goodhue County SWCD Conference Room
104 East 3rd Avenue, Goodhue MN 55027

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Minutes

I. Call to Order and Pledge Allegiance *Meeting was called to order at 7:00 am by Chair Hinck*

SWCD Supervisors Present	SWCD Staff Present	Others Present
<i>In Person:</i>	<i>In Person:</i>	<i>In Person:</i>
<i>Christopher Hinck - Chair</i>	<i>Beau Kennedy - District Manager</i>	
<i>Ed McNamara – Vice Chair</i>		<i>Call In:</i>
<i>Mark Comstock - Treasurer</i>		<i>Dave Copeland</i>
<i>Don Schliep - Secretary</i>		
<i>John Beck – Reporter</i>		

II. Approval of the Agenda

Motioned by McNamara, seconded by Comstock to approve the Agenda with the addition of Action Item (t) NACD National Conference Attendance.

Affirmative: Comstock, McNamara, Schliep, Hinck, Beck. Opposed: None. Motion carried.

III. Consent Agenda

- Approve 2025 Quarter #3 WAGZ Watershed Based Implementation Funding Invoice #2521 to Olmsted County SWCD for \$25,209.35
- Approve 2025 Quarter #3 WAGZ Watershed Based Implementation Funding Invoice #2018210 to the Rice SWCD for \$320.00 from C24 WAGZ Funding
- Approve 2025 Quarter #3 WAGZ Watershed Based Implementation Funding Invoice #2025-87 to the Goodhue SWCD for \$50,984.95 from C24 WAGZ Funding
- Approve 2025 Quarter #3 WAGZ Watershed Based Implementation Funding Invoice #2025-63 to the Wabasha SWCD for \$4,811.60
- Approve 2025 Quarter #3 WAGZ Watershed Based Implementation Funding Invoice #WAGZ-25-Q3 to the Dodge SWCD for \$70,633.69

Motioned by Schliep, seconded by McNamara to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

Affirmative: Comstock, McNamara, Schliep, Hinck, Beck. Opposed: None. Motion carried.

IV. Secretary's Report

- Approve September 22nd 2025 District Regular Board Meeting Minutes

Motioned by McNamara, seconded by Comstock to approve the September 22nd 2025 District Regular Board Meeting Minutes.

Affirmative: Comstock, McNamara, Schliep, Hinck, Beck. Opposed: None. Motion carried.

V. Public Comment (10 Minute limit)

VI. Action Items

- Action on Sub-agreement with the Goodhue County Health and Human Services Department assisting with the MDH Well Inventory Project.

Motioned by Comstock, seconded by McNamara to approve the Sub-agreement with the Goodhue County Health and Human Services Department assisting with the MDH Well Inventory Project. See attached. Affirmative: Comstock, McNamara, Schliep, Hinck, Beck. Opposed: None. Motion carried.

- b. Action on Cost-Share Contract #2023DWSMA-13 Amendment #1 for Richard Lodermeier for adding 81.3 acres of Low Disturbance Manure application to contract, increasing total contract amount to \$16,503.90

Motioned by McNamara, seconded by Schliep to approve the Cost-Share Contract #2023DWSMA-13 Amendment #1 for Richard Lodermeier for adding 81.3 acres of Low Disturbance Manure application to contract, increasing total contract amount to \$16,503.90. Affirmative: Comstock, McNamara, Schliep, Hinck, Beck. Opposed: None. Motion carried

- c. Action on Flat-Rate RCPP Cost-Share Contract #25-2-1 for planting 741 acres of Cover Crops @ \$50/ac in Stanton/Warsaw/Leon/Minneola/Roscoe/Holden TWP for 3 years totalling \$111,150.00 using RCPP Soil Health Funding. (Batched in September, Signed by District Manager on 10/8/25)

Motioned by Schliep, seconded by McNamara to approve the Flat-Rate RCPP Cost-Share Contract #25-2-1 for planting 741 acres of Cover Crops @ \$50/ac in Stanton/Warsaw/Leon/Minneola/Roscoe/Holden TWP for 3 years totalling \$111,150.00 using RCPP Soil Health Funding. (Batched in September, Signed by District Manager on 10/8/25) Affirmative: Comstock, McNamara, Schliep, Hinck, Beck. Opposed: None. Motion carried

- d. Action on Flat-Rate Cost-Share Contract #25SoilHealth-05 with Jacob Baack for planting 40 acres of Cover Crops @ \$40/ac in Minneola TWP for 3 years totalling \$4,800.00 using 2025 Soil Health Funding. (Signed by District Manager on 9/25/25)

Motioned by Comstock, seconded by McNamara to approve the flat-Rate Cost-Share Contract #25SoilHealth-05 with Jacob Baack for planting 40 acres of Cover Crops @ \$40/ac in Minneola TWP for 3 years totalling \$4,800.00 using 2025 Soil Health Funding. (Signed by District Manager on 9/25/25) Affirmative: Comstock, McNamara, Schliep, Hinck, Beck. Opposed: None. Motion carried

- e. Action on Flat-Rate Cost-Share Contract #C25-0305-02 with Hader Farms Partnership for planting 111.12 acres of Cover Crops @ \$25/ac in Wanamingo TWP for 3 years totalling \$8,334.00 using Little Cannon River Watershed Project Funding (Signed by District Manager on 9/25/25)

Motioned by McNamara, seconded by Schliep to approve the Flat-Rate Cost-Share Contract #C25-0305-02 with Hader Farms Partnership for planting 111.12 acres of Cover Crops @ \$25/ac in Wanamingo TWP for 3 years totalling \$8,334.00 using Little Cannon River Watershed Project Funding (Signed by District Manager on 9/25/25) Affirmative: Comstock, McNamara, Schliep, Hinck, Beck. Opposed: None. Motion carried

- f. Action on Flat-Rate Cost-Share Contract #25-GC-18 with Hader Farms Partnership for planting 111.12 acres of Cover Crops @ \$45/ac in Wanamingo TWP for 3 years totalling \$15,000.00 using Cannon River Watershed Based Funding (Signed by District Manager on 9/25/25)

Motioned by Comstock, seconded by McNamara to approve the Flat-Rate Cost-Share Contract #25-GC-18 with Hader Farms Partnership for planting 111.12 acres of Cover Crops @ \$45/ac in Wanamingo TWP for 3 years totalling \$15,000.00 using Cannon River Watershed Based Funding (Signed by District Manager on 9/25/25)

- g. Action on Flat-Rate Cost-Share Contract #25SoilHealth-06 with Kevin Hadler for planting 16 acres of Cover Crops @ \$40/ac in Belvidere TWP for 3 years totalling \$1,920.00 using 2025 Soil Health Funding. (Signed by District Manager on 9/25/25).

Motioned by McNamara, seconded by Schliep to approve the Flat-Rate Contract #25SoilHealth-06 with Kevin Hadler for planting 16 acres of Cover Crops @ \$40/ac in Belvidere TWP for 3 years totalling \$1,920.00 using 2025 Soil Health Funding. (Signed by District Manager on 9/25/25). Affirmative: Comstock, McNamara, Schliep, Hinck, Beck. Opposed: None. Motion carried

- h. Action on Flat-Rate Cost-Share Contract #25SoilHealth-07 with Chris Dahlke for planting 40 acres of Cover Crops @ \$40/ac in Section 19 of Zumbrota TWP for 3 years totalling \$4,800.00 using 2025 Soil Health Funding. (Signed by District Manager on 10/1/25)

Motioned by McNamara, seconded by Comstock to approve the Flat-Rate Contract #25SoilHealth-07 with Chris Dahlke for planting 40 acres of Cover Crops @ \$40/ac in Section 19 of Zumbrota TWP for 3 years totalling \$4,800.00 using 2025

Soil Health Funding. (Signed by District Manager on 10/1/25) Affirmative: Comstock, McNamara, Schliep, Hinck, Beck.
Opposed: None. Motion carried

- i. Action on Flat-Rate Cost-Share Contract #25-GC-19 with Luke Dubbels for planting 78 acres of Cover Crops @ \$50/ac in Section 2,3 of Warsaw TWP for 3 years totalling \$11,700.00 using Cannon River Watershed Based Funding. (Signed by District Manager on 9/19/25)

Motioned by McNamara, seconded by Schliep to approve the Flat-Rate Cost-Share Contract #25-GC-19 with Luke Dubbels for planting 78 acres of Cover Crops @ \$50/ac in Section 2,3 of Warsaw TWP for 3 years totalling \$11,700.00 using Cannon River Watershed Based Funding. (Signed by District Manager on 9/19/25) Affirmative: Comstock, McNamara, Schliep, Hinck, Beck. Opposed: None. Motion carried

- j. Action on Flat-Rate Cost-Share Contract #25-GC-20 with Steve Nelson for planting 43 acres of Cover Crops @ \$45/ac in Section 36 of Stanton TWP for 3 years totalling \$5,805.00 using Cannon River Watershed Based Funding. (Signed by District Manager on 9/23/25)

Motioned by Comstock, seconded by McNamara to approve the Flat-Rate Cost-Share Contract #25-GC-20 with Steve Nelson for planting 43 acres of Cover Crops @ \$45/ac in Section 36 of Stanton TWP for 3 years totalling \$5,805.00 using Cannon River Watershed Based Funding. (Signed by District Manager on 9/23/25) Affirmative: Comstock, McNamara, Schliep, Hinck, Beck. Opposed: None. Motion carried

- k. Action on Flat-Rate Cost-Share Contract #25-GC-21 with Callstrom Farms LLC for planting 30 acres of Cover Crops @ \$50/ac in Section 34 of Belle Creek TWP for 3 years totalling \$4,500.00 using Cannon River Watershed Based Funding. (Signed by District Manager on 9/23/25)

Motioned by McNamara, seconded by Schliep to approve the Flat-Rate Cost-Share Contract #25-GC-20 with Callstrom Farms LLC, as amended, for planting 30 acres of Cover Crops @ \$50/ac in Section 34 of VASA TWP for 3 years totalling \$4,500.00 using Cannon River Watershed Based Funding. (Signed by District Manager on 9/23/25) Affirmative: Comstock, McNamara, Schliep, Hinck, Beck. Opposed: None. Motion carried

- l. Action on Flat-Rate Cost-Share Contract #25SoilHealth-08 with Huneke Dairy Inc. for planting 40 acres of Cover Crops @ \$40/ac in Section 32 of Belvidere TWP for 3 years totalling \$4,800.00 using Goodhue SWCD 2025 Soil Health Funding. (Signed by District Manager on 9/29/25)

Motioned by Comstock, seconded by McNamara to approve the Flat-Rate Cost-Share Contract #25SoilHealth-08 with Huneke Dairy Inc. for planting 40 acres of Cover Crops @ \$40/ac in Section 32 of Belvidere TWP for 3 years totalling \$4,800.00 using Goodhue SWCD 2025 Soil Health Funding. (Signed by District Manager on 9/29/25) Affirmative: Comstock, McNamara, Schliep, Hinck, Beck. Opposed: None. Motion carried

- m. Action on Flat-Rate Cost-Share Contract #25-GC-22 with Robby Peine for planting 59.5 acres of Cover Crops @ \$40/ac in Sec. 3 of Cannon Falls TWP for 3 years totalling \$7,140.00 using Cannon River Watershed Based Funding (Signed by District Manager on 10/2/25)

Motioned by McNamara, seconded by Comstock to approve Flat-Rate Cost-Share Contract #25-GC-22 with Robby Peine for planting 59.5 acres of Cover Crops @ \$40/ac in Sec. 3 of Cannon Falls TWP for 3 years totalling \$7,140.00 using Cannon River Watershed Based Funding (Signed by District Manager on 10/2/25) Affirmative: Comstock, McNamara, Schliep, Hinck, Beck. Opposed: None. Motion carried

- n. Action on 2026 Goodhue SWCD Health Care Coverage

Motioned by McNamara, seconded by Comstock to approve the 2026 Goodhue SWCD Health Care Coverage as presented. See attached Spreadsheet. Affirmative: Comstock, McNamara, Schliep, Hinck, Beck. Opposed: None. Motion carried

- o. Action on Paid Family Medical Leave Employer Premium Contributions

Motioned by Comstock, seconded by Schliep to approve the Paid Family Medical Leave Premium Coverage @ 100% for all SWCD Employees. The Board also directs admin staff to seek the more affordable coverage options between the state plan and private plans. Affirmative: Comstock, McNamara, Schliep, Hinck, Beck. Opposed: None. Motion carried

- p. Action on Cost-Share Contract #25-GC-23 with Gary Hovel for constructing Water and Sediment Control Basin in Sec. 28 of Cannon Falls TWP @ 75% Cost-share not to exceed \$6,826.88 using Cannon River Watershed Based Funding

Motioned by McNamara, seconded by Schliep to approve Cost-Share Contract #25-GC-23 with Gary Hovel for constructing Water and Sediment Control Basin in Sec. 28 of Cannon Falls TWP @ 75% Cost-share not to exceed \$6,826.88 using Cannon River Watershed Based Funding Affirmative: Comstock, McNamara, Schliep, Hinck, Beck. Opposed: None. Motion carried

- q. Action on Cost-Share Contract #25SWCD-08 with Scott Morgan for sealing a well in Sec. 16 of Roscoe TWP @ 75% Cost-share not to exceed \$2,700.00 using Goodhue SWCD Aid Funding

Motioned by Schliep, seconded by McNamara to approve Cost-Share Contract #25SWCD-08 with Scott Morgan for sealing a well in Sec. 16 of Roscoe TWP @ 75% Cost-share not to exceed \$2,700.00 using Goodhue SWCD Aid Funding Affirmative: Comstock, McNamara, Schliep, Hinck, Beck. Opposed: None. Motion carried

- r. Action on Goodhue SWCD Vehicle Sale and Purchase

Motioned by McNamara, seconded by Schliep to approve sale and purchase of the Feedlot Officer/Meeting Vehicle as presented in the packet. Affirmative: Comstock, McNamara, Schliep, Hinck, Beck. Opposed: None. Motion carried

- s. Action on MASWCD 2026 Resolution Ballot

District Manager received feedback on each resolution and submitted votes in MASWCD's online form. Motioned by Hinck, seconded by Schliep to approve the ballot submittal to the MASWCD for this year's resolutions. Affirmative: Comstock, McNamara, Schliep, Hinck, Beck. Opposed: None. Motion carried

- t. Action on Goodhue SWCD Board Supervisor Attendance @ the NACD National Convention – Feb 2026 in San Antonio, TX.

Motioned by Comstock, seconded by Schliep to approve Goodhue SWCD Board Supervisor Attendance @ the NACD National Convention – Feb 2026 in San Antonio, TX including travel, lodging, per diem and meal expenses. Affirmative: Comstock, Schliep. Opposed: None. Abstained: McNamara. Motion carried.

VII. Reports

- a. NRCS Report

None due to Federal Gov't Shutdown

- b. SWCD Staff

B. Kennedy: Dist. Admin Report – Building Update – MASWCD Convention (Dec.1-3)

- c. Supervisor's Activity Report

J. Beck – Assisting w/Cannon Falls High School on Soils – Anna Cates Project in Rice Co. – CRWJPB mtg upcoming Nov. 5th

E. McNamara – Area Meeting on Oct. 2nd – Wisconsin Water & Soil Health Summit in December

D. Schliep – SWCD Building Meeting w/ County on Sept 29th

M. Comstock – Area Meeting on Oct. 2nd

C. Hinck – TSA7 Budget Meeting on October 20th

- d. Other N/A

VIII. Treasurer's Report / Payables

- a. Approve the September 2025 Financial Report (Balance Sheet, Profit & Loss Budget vs Actual)

Motioned by McNamara, seconded by Comstock to approve the September 2025 Financial Report (Balance Sheet, Profit & Loss Budget vs Actual).

Affirmative: Comstock, McNamara, Schliep, Hinck, Beck. Opposed: None. Motion carried

- b. Approve October 2025 Accounts Payables

Motioned by Comstock, seconded by Schliep to approve the October 2025 Accounts Payable

Affirmative: Comstock, McNamara, Schliep, Hinck, Beck. Opposed: None. Motion carried

IX. Goodhue County SWCD Board Meeting Date and Time

Motioned by McNamara, seconded by Comstock to approve the Goodhue SWCD Board Meeting on Monday November 24th to begin at 7:30 am.

Affirmative: Comstock, McNamara, Schliep, Hinck, Beck. Opposed: None. Motion carried

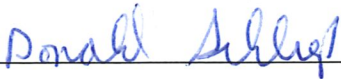
X. Adjournment

Motioned by Schliep, seconded by Comstock to adjourn the meeting.

Affirmative: Comstock, McNamara, Schliep, Hinck, Beck. Opposed: None. Motion carried

Meeting adjourned 8:56am

Respectfully submitted



Don Schliep

Upcoming Events

Tuesday November 11th – Veteran's Day Holiday

Monday November 24th – Goodhue SWCD Board Meeting Time: 7:30AM

Thursday November 27th – Thanksgiving Holiday

Friday November 28th – Goodhue SWCD Office Closed

Tuesday-Wednesday December 2-3rd MASWCD Convention

NRCS Goodhue Field Office Report
9/22/25
John Benjamin

General

- John has been working on reviewing CRP planning, CSP practice certifications, & EQIP planning, payments, contract maintenance
- Emily has been working on Site visits for EQIP planning, surveying, & construction.

CSP (Conservation Stewardship Program)

- 24 Active contracts worth roughly **755K** cost share remaining to be paid out
- 25 CSP Classic applications in pending status
 - FY26 Classic signup deadline Oct. 31
 - Assessment & ranking deadline March 27th
- 2 FY26 CSP Renewal applications pending
 - Assessment & ranking deadline Oct. 31

EQIP (Environmental Quality Incentive Program)

- 25 Active EQIP contracts worth roughly **458K** cost share remaining to be paid out
- 35 EQIP25 applications in pending status
- FY26 signup deadline was Aug. 1st
- Assessment & ranking deadline Jan. 9th

RCPP18 (Regional Conservation Partnership Program)

- I have been told all RCPP is on hold status except the 3053 Soil Health AFA
- 2881 TU-DA_HFTWAR: Good hue is applicable. Only on designated trout streams
- 0 Active contracts
- 0 Applications submitted
- No FY26 deadlines established
- 3053 Soil Health AFA (Alternative Funding Agreement)

Wetland/HEL

- 70 Wetland determination request waiting on a returned determination
- 45 HEL determination requests waiting to be returned

CRP (Conservation Reserve Program)

- Continuous SU63 batching period 1
- SU63 batching period two ended July 7/18/2025
- 27 FY27 expiring contract reviews needed
- 21 FY28 expiring contract reviews needed
- 26 PIP payment reviews needed