

**Goodhue County SWCD District Regular Board Meeting**  
**Thursday – July 23rd, 2026**  
**7:30 AM**

Goodhue County SWCD Conference Room  
104 East 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue, Goodhue MN 55027

*TEAMs Meeting Link: [Join the meeting now](#)*

Meeting ID: 215 618 818 834 676

Passcode: vn73Rs7e

**MINUTES**

**I. Call to Order and Pledge Allegiance** *Meeting was called to order at 7:30 a.m. by Christopher 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>John Benjamin (NRCS)</i> |
| <i>Ed McNamara – Vice Chair</i>  | <i>Delane Krier – Administrative Assistant</i> |                             |
| <i>Mark Comstock - Treasurer</i> | <i>Coty Hyllengren – District Technician</i>   |                             |
| <i>Don Schliep - Secretary</i>   | <i>Drew Wilwert – District Technician</i>      |                             |
| <i>John Beck – Reporter</i>      |                                                |                             |

**II. Approval of the Agenda**

*Motioned by McNamara, seconded by Comstock to approve the Agenda as presented.*

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

**III. Consent Agenda**

- a. Approve 2026 Quarter#2 WAGZ Watershed Based Implementation Funding Invoice #2578 from the Olmsted SWCD for \$39,362.32 using Zumbro C24-0109 and C26-0146 Funds
- b. Approve 2026 Quarter #2 WAGZ Watershed Based Implementation Funding Invoice #2026-50 from the Wabasha SWCD for \$8,619.02 using Zumbro C24-0109 and C26-0146 Funds
- c. Approve 2026 Quarter #2 WAGZ WBIF Invoice #WAGZ-26-Q2 from Dodge SWCD for \$43,448.36 using Zumbro C24-0109 and C26-0146 Funds
- d. Approve 2026 Quarter #2 WAGZ WBIF Invoice #WAGZQ2-2026 from the Goodhue SWCD for \$103,106.09 to using Zumbro C24-0109 and C26-0146 Funds
- e. Approve Flat Rate Cost Share Voucher for Contract #25SoilHealth-02 with Circle K Family Farms for planting 40 acres of cover crops for \$1,600 using 2025 Soil Health Delivery Grant P25-0504 funding
- f. Approve Flat Rate Cost Share Voucher for Contract #24SWCD-15 with Brad Anderson for planting 40 acres of cover crops for \$1,600 using SWCD Aid funding
- g. Approve 2026 Quarter #2 WAGZ WBIF Invoice #2026-22 from the TSA7 for \$15,479.62 using Zumbro C26-0146 Funds

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

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

**IV. Secretary's Report**

- a. Approve June 22nd 2026 District Board Meeting Minutes

*Motioned by McNamara, seconded by Comstock to approve the June 22nd, 2026 District Board Meeting Minutes.*

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

**V. Public Comment (10 Minute limit)**



The mission of the Goodhue Soil & Water Conservation District is to provide technical, financial, and educational assistance for land and water management that supports a strong economy while sustaining and enhancing natural resources.

## VI. Action Items

- a. Action on Percent Based Cost Share for Contract #26WAGZ-GC-10 with Ed McNarama for constructing a Grassed Waterway in Section 14 of Belle Creek TWP @ 75% cost-share not to exceed \$4,830.00 using Zumbro Watershed funding

*Motioned by Comstock, seconded by Schliep to approve the Percent Based Cost Share for Contract #26WAGZ-GC-10 with Ed McNarama for constructing a Grassed Waterway in Section 14 of Belle Creek TWP @ 75% cost-share not to exceed \$4,830.00 using Zumbro Watershed funding.*

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

- b. Action on Percent Based Cost Share for Contract #26-GC-03 with Ed McNarama for constructing a Grassed Waterway in Section 22 of Belle Creek TWP @ 85% cost-share not to exceed \$6,022.25 using Cannon Watershed funding

*Motioned by Comstock, seconded by Schliep to approve the Percent Based Cost Share for Contract #26-GC-03 with Ed McNarama for constructing a Grassed Waterway in Section 22 of Belle Creek TWP @ 85% cost-share not to exceed \$6,022.25 using Cannon Watershed funding.*

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

- c. Action on Flat-Rate Cost-Share for Contract #26SWCD-02 with Dicke Farms for planting 40 acres of Cover Crops @ \$40/ac in Section 35 of Vasa TWP for 3 years totalling \$4,800 using SWCD Aid funding

*Motioned by McNamara, seconded by Schliep to approve the Flat-Rate Cost-Share for Contract #26SWCD-02 with Dicke Farms for planting 40 acres of Cover Crops @ \$40/ac in Section 35 of Vasa TWP for 3 years totalling \$4,800 using C26 WAGZ funding.*

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

- d. Action on Flat-Rate Cost-Share for Contract #26WAGZ-GC-09 with Josh Betcher for planting 100 acres of Cover Crops @ \$50/ac in Section 1,12,14 of Zumbrota TWP for 3 years totalling \$15,000.00 using C26 WAGZ funding

*Motioned by Schliep, seconded by McNamara to approve the Flat-Rate Cost-Share for Contract #26WAGZ-GC-09 with Josh Betcher for planting 100 acres of Cover Crops @ \$50/ac in Section 1,12,14 of Zumbrota TWP for 3 years totalling \$15,000.00 using C26 WAGZ funding.*

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

- e. Action on Wetland Conservation Act Resolution with the City of Cannon Falls

*Motioned by Schliep, seconded by McNamara to approve the Wetland Conservation Act Resolution with the City of Cannon Falls.*

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

- f. Action on Wetland Conservation Act Resolution Dedicating Decision Authority to Goodhue SWCD Technical Staff

*Motioned by Comstock, seconded by McNamara to approve the Wetland Conservation Act Resolution Dedicating Decision Authority to Goodhue SWCD Technical Staff.*

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

- g. Action on Percent Based Cost Share Contract Amendment #1 for Contract # 26WAGZ-GC-03 with Gappa Farms LLC for constructing 5 Grassed Waterways in Section 15 of Minneola TWP, increasing the total authorized amount from \$20,331.00 to \$24,390.75 using WAGZ funding

*Motioned by McNamara, seconded by Comstock to approve the Percent Based Cost Share Contract Amendment #1 for Contract # 26WAGZ-GC-03 with Gappa Farms LLC for constructing 5 Grassed Waterways in Section 15 of Minneola TWP, increasing the total authorized amount from \$20,331.00 to \$24,390.75 using WAGZ funding.*

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



- h. Approve Percent Based Cost Share Voucher for Contract #26WAGZ-GC-03 with Gappa Farms LLC for Constructing 5 Grassed Waterways at 75% cost share totalling \$24,390.75 using 2024 Zumbro WAGZ funding

*Motioned by McNamara, seconded by Comstock to approve the Percent Based Cost Share Voucher for Contract #26WAGZ-GC-03 with Gappa Farms LLC for Constructing 5 Grassed Waterways at 75% cost share totalling \$24,390.75 using 2024 Zumbro WAGZ funding.*

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

## **VII. Reports**

- a. NRCS Report

*J. Benjamin: (see attached)*

- b. Staff Reports

*B. Kennedy: District Technician Update / Wells Inventory / Storage / Wells Creek / TSA Board Meeting*

*D. Krier: AgBMP Loan Program / Area Administrative Meeting*

- c. Supervisor's Activity Report

*Beck: N/A*

*Comstock: N/A*

*Hinck: TSA7*

*McNamara: Oats Mafia*

*Schliep: N/A*

- d. Other

## **VIII. Treasurer's Report / Payables**

- a. Approve June 2026 Financial Reports (Balance Sheet, Profit & Loss Budget vs Actual)

*Motioned by Schliep, seconded by Comstock to approve the June 2026 Financial Reports (Balance Sheet, Profit & Loss Budget vs Actual).*

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

- b. Approve July 2026 Accounts Payable

*Motioned by Comstock, seconded by McNamara to approve the July 2026 Accounts Payable.*

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

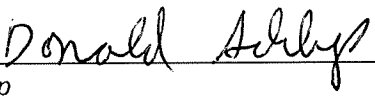
## **IX. Adjournment**

*Motioned by McNamara, seconded by Schliep to adjourn the meeting.*

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

*Meeting adjourned 8:32 am*

*Respectfully submitted*

  
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Don Schliep

## **Upcoming Events**

**Wells Creek Watershed Picnic – July 23<sup>rd</sup> @ 6pm – Mark Diercks**

**Cannon River Watershed Bus Tour – August 5<sup>th</sup>**

**Goodhue Commissioner Meeting/Cons. Farmer Presentation – Co. Fair August 13<sup>th</sup> @ 10am**

**Zumbro Watershed Meeting – August 20<sup>th</sup> 2026**

**Goodhue SWCD Board Meeting – August 24<sup>th</sup> 730am**

**Goodhue DWSMA BBQ August 25<sup>th</sup> 11am**



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**NRCS Goodhue Field Office Report**  
**07/23/2026**  
**John Benjamin**

**General**

- John has been working on CSP, CRP & EQIP planning & contract Mgt.
- Emily has been working on waterway designs & conservation plan writing.

**CSP (Conservation Stewardship Program)**

- 22 Active contracts worth roughly 750K cost share remaining to be paid out
- 25 FY26 CSP applications in pending status

**CSP RPP (Regenerative Agriculture Pilot Program)**

- No Applications submitted

**EQIP (Environmental Quality Incentive Program)**

- 26 Active EQIP contracts worth roughly 1,106,500K cost share remaining to be paid out
- 34 EQIP apps in Pending, Eligible or Deferred status

**RPP EQIP (Regenerative Agriculture Pilot Program)**

- Deadlines
  - No Apps submitted

**RCPP18 (Regional Conservation Partnership Program)**

- 2881 TU-DA\_HFTWAR: Goodhue is applicable. Only on designated trout streams
- No sign up currently
- 0 Active contracts
- 0 Applications submitted

**Wetland/HEL**

- 37 Wetland determination request waiting on a returned determination
- 0 HEL determination requests waiting to be returned

**CRP (Conservation Reserve Program)**

**Sign up**

Continuous Feb. 12<sup>th</sup> – March 20<sup>th</sup> for first batching period

- 46 applications submitted
- 46 apps accepted
- 28 reenroll
- 18 New

Continuous second batching period open until May 1<sup>st</sup>.

- 7 apps submitted
- 7apps approved
- 7 new

General March 9<sup>th</sup> – April 17<sup>th</sup>

- 4 apps submitted
- 4 apps approved
- 3 renewals
- 1 new

- 43 FY26 expiring contract reviews done
- 27 FY27 expiring contract reviews are done
- 22 FY28 expiring contract reviews needed
- 26 PIP payment reviews needed

