

Goodhue County SWCD District Regular Board Meeting

Monday – November 27, 2023 @ 5:30 PM

Goodhue County SWCD Conference Room

104 East 3rd Avenue, Goodhue MN 55027

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Call In: 872-240-8960 ID#: 559 303 69#

I. Call to Order and Pledge Allegiance Meeting called to order at 5:30 pm by Vice Chair Chris Hinck. Due to attendance in person and by virtual setting, all votes were be taken by roll call at this meeting.

SWCD Supervisors Present	SWCD Staff Present	Others Present
<i>In Person:</i>	<i>In Person:</i>	<i>In Person:</i>
Chris Hinck – Vice Chair	Beau Kennedy - District Manager	Dave Copeland (BWSR)
Don Schliep - Secretary		Alan Kraus
Ed McNamara - Treasurer		
John Beck – Reporter - Virtual		
Not in Attendance:		<i>Call In:</i>
Mark Comstock - Chair		Brian DeVetter (NRCS)

II. Approval of the Agenda

Motioned by McNamara, seconded by Schliep to approve the Agenda as presented. Roll Call Affirmative: Hinck, Schliep McNamara, Beck. Opposed: None. Motion carried.

III. Consent Agenda

- a. Approve Cost-Share Voucher for Contract #2023DWSMA-06 for the Goodhue Area Historical Society for planting 4.91 acres of single-species cover crop @ \$50/ac for \$245.50
- b. Approve Cost-Share Voucher for Contract #2023WAGZ-GC-03 for Dan Quam for installing a 2,500 ln/ft grassed waterway in Sec.10 of Cherry Grove TWP for \$6,634.00 using WAGZ WBIF funding.
- c. Approve Cost-Share Voucher for Contract #2023DWSMA-02 for Stehr Farms for planting 214.6 acres of single-species cover crop @ \$50/ac for \$10,730.00.
- d. Approve Cost-Share Voucher for Contract #LCF2023-03 for Marty Kehren for planting 40 acres of single-species cover crop @ \$40/ac for \$1,600.00
- e. Approve 2023 Quarter #3 WAGZ Watershed Based Implementation Funding Invoice #WAGZ-Q3-23 to Dodge SWCD for \$70,647.76.
- f. Approve Cost-Share Voucher for Contract #LCF2021-05 for Keith Allen for planting 17 acres of single-species cover crop @ \$25/ac for \$425.00
- g. Approve Cost-Share Voucher for Contract #LCF2023-02 for Arnold Breuer for planting 36 acres of cover crops @ \$40/ac for \$1,440.00
- h. Approve Cost-Share Voucher for Contract #LCF2023-02 for Mitchell Breuer for planting 36 acres of cover crops @ \$40/ac for \$1,440.00
- i. Approve Cost-Share Voucher for Contract #23-GC-08 for Chris Hokanson for planting 135 acres of cover crops @ \$40/ac for \$3,333.00 using Cannon River WBIF funds.
- j. Approve Cost-Share Voucher for Contract #23-GC-12 for Lyle Dicke for planting 96 acres of cover crops @ \$35/ac for \$3,360.00 using Cannon River WBIF funds.
- k. Approve Cost-Share Voucher for Contract #LCF2023-11 for Jay Dicke for planting 40 acres of cover crops @ \$40/ac for \$1,600.00
- l. Approve Cost-Share Voucher for Contract #LCF2023-01 for Charlie Dicke for planting 40 acres of cover crops @ \$40/ac for \$1,600.00
- m. Approve Cost-Share Voucher for Contract #LCF2023-08 for Tanya Huneke for planting 14.25 acres of cover crops @ \$40/ac for \$590.00

- n. Approve Cost-Share Voucher for Contract #2023WAGZ-GC-08 for Greg Goplen for planting 100 acres of single species cover crop for \$4,000.00 using WAGZ WBIF funding.
- o. Approve Cost-Share Voucher for Contract #2023DWSMA-05 for Larry Lexvold planting 110 acres of single-species cover crop @ \$50/ac for \$5,500.00.
- p. Approve Cost-Share Voucher for Contract #21-GC-06 for Steven Lindstrom planting 142 acres of cover crops @ \$40/ac for \$5,680.00 using Cannon River WBIF funds.
- q. Approve Cost-Share Voucher for Contract #LCF2021-03 for Steven Lindstrom for planting 40 acres of single-species cover crop @ \$25/ac for \$1,000.00
- r. Approve Cost-Share Voucher for Contract #LCF2021-02 for Steve Nelson for planting 40 acres of multi-species cover crop @ \$35/ac for \$1,400.00
- s. Approve Cost-Share Voucher for Contract #LCF2021-01 for Roger Overby for planting 40 acres of multi-species cover crop @ \$35/ac for \$1,400.00 in 2022 and in \$1,400.00 in 2023.
- t. Approve Cost-Share Voucher for Contract #LCF2023-06 for Jeremy Thomforde for planting 33 acres of cover crop @ \$40/ac for \$1,320.00
- u. Approve Cost-Share Voucher for Contract #LCF2023-10 for Andy Huneke for planting 40 acres of cover crop @ \$40/ac for \$1,600.00
- v. Approve Cost-Share Voucher for Contract #LCF2023-09 for David Huneke for planting 40 acres of cover crop @ \$40/ac for \$1,600.00

Motioned by Schliep, seconded by McNamara to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Roll Call Affirmative: Hinck, Schliep, McNamara, Beck. Opposed: None. Motion carried.

IV. Secretary's Report

- a. Approve October 2023 District Regular Board Meeting Minutes

Motioned by Schliep, seconded by McNamara to approve the October Secretary's Report as presented. Roll Call Affirmative: Hinck, Schliep, McNamara, Beck. Opposed: None. Motion carried.

V. Public Comment (10 Minute limit)

Al Krause and newly hired employee Maggie Staley were present to introduce themselves to the Board and to discuss current projects that the Clean River Partners are working on. Maggie is a newly hired Conservation Program Assistant for the CRP and will be focused on promoting and helping promote the 3 core focus areas of the CRP: Ag Practices, Habitat improvement and perennial and novel Crops. CRP has been a good partner for the SWCD in promoting soil health in the Cannon River Watershed through field days, as well as a great local source of information on local water quality studies underway.

VI. Action Items

- a. Action on SWCD Aid Local Budget

Motioned by Schliep, seconded by McNamara to approve the SWCD Aid Local Budget as presented in the Board packet, focusing funds loosely on a third's basis; 1/3 Staffing, 1/3 Equipment/outreach/building fund, 1/3 Cost-Share for SWCD Aid. Roll Call Affirmative: Hinck, Schliep, McNamara, Beck. Opposed: None. Motion carried.

- b. Action on Flat Rate Cost-Share Contract #23SoilHealth-01 with Dan and Chelsea Lubahn for installing a Shelterbelt in Section 17 of Goodhue TWP not to exceed \$874.00

Motioned by McNamara, seconded by Schliep to approve the Flat Rate Cost-Share Contract #23SoilHealth-01 with Dan and Chelsea Lubahn for installing a Shelterbelt not to exceed \$874.00. Roll Call Affirmative: Hinck, Schliep, McNamara, Beck. Opposed: None. Motion carried.

- c. Action on Supervisor Attendance to NACD Conference in San Diego in February of 2024.

Motioned by Schliep, seconded by Hinck to approve the attendance of 1 Goodhue SWCD Supervisor at the NACD National Conference in San Diego and to adjust the Draft 2024 Supervisor Expenses Budget to reflect the Supervisor's attendance. Roll Call Affirmative: Hinck, Schliep, Beck. Opposed: None. Abstained: McNamara. Motion carried.

VII. Reports

- a. NRCS Report – presented by Brian DeVetter via phone call. Discussed new Admin Assist. Out of the Rochester Office / Obligation period for CSP contracts Dec 8th / EQIP planning deadline of Jan 10th for landowners who applied this fall / completed CRP cooperative agreement with Goodhue SWCD / Discussed Practice Code 372 and how certain machinery could possibly be cost-shared via EQIP.
- b. District Manager’s Report

Kennedy: MASWCD Convention / Nitrate in Karst Area / Cannon River 1W1P / Greater Zumbro 1W1P Work plan for 24/25 completed for next round of funding of \$1.8 million / Townsquare Media promotion and focused campaign efforts / TSA7 Cooperative Agreement

- c. Supervisor’s Activity Report
 - a. Schliep – N/A
 - b. Hinck – N/A
 - c. Beck – Cannon River Watershed JPB Mtg on Nov. 3rd
 - d. McNamara – N/A attendance. Discussed No-till efforts in local publications and media. Will be attending Soil Management Summit on Dec 7th in Alexandria-SWCD to cover expenses.
- d. Other
 - a. Dave Copeland – BWSR – update on Soil Health funding. BWSR and NRCS have a RCPP with \$25 million from the Feds matching \$25 million from the state for getting more soil health practices on the ground. The financial assistance dollars for cost-share will be federal, but ran through the SWCDs....not EQIP process will need to be followed. Also discussed was the Soil Health Position RFP currently out for applications. Goodhue SWCD will be pursuing this 4-year funding source for a 0.5FTE that could help us move forward on more soil health practices.

VIII. Treasurer’s Report / Payables

- a. Approve the October 2023 Financial Report (Balance Sheet, Profit & Loss Budget vs Actual)

Motioned by McNamara, seconded by Schliep to approve the October 2023 Financial Reports. Roll Call Affirmative: Hinck, Schliep, McNamara, Beck. Opposed: None. Motion carried.

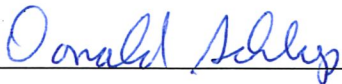
- b. Approve November 2023 Accounts Payable

Motioned by McNamara, seconded by Schliep to approve the November 2023 Accounts Payable. Roll Call Affirmative: Hinck, Schliep, McNamara, Beck. Opposed: None. Motion carried.

IX. Adjournment

Motioned by McNamara, Seconded by Schliep to adjourn the meeting @ 7:08pm. Roll Call Affirmative: Hinck, Schliep, McNamara, Beck. Opposed: None. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted



Don Schliep

Upcoming Events

- TSA7 Personnel Committee – Dec 7th
- MASWCD State Convention – Dec 12th-14th
- Goodhue SWCD Personnel Committee – Dec 20th @ 9am
- Goodhue SWCD Board Meeting Dec 20th @ 3:00PM
- December 25th – Christmas Holiday – Office Closed
- January 1st – New Year Holiday – Office Closed