

Goodhue County SWCD District Regular Board Meeting
Monday – August 24th, 2026
7:30 AM

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

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

Meeting ID: 290 770 133 419 55

Passcode: es6Sd2c9

MINUTES

I. Call to Order and Pledge Allegiance *Meeting was called to order at 7:33 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>
Christopher Hinck – Chair	Beau Kennedy - District Manager	John Benjamin (NRCS)
Ed McNamara – Vice Chair	Delane Krier – Administrative Assistant	Chris Schmidt (NRCS)
Don Schliep - Secretary	Coty Hyllengren – District Technician	
John Beck – Reporter		
<i>Not in attendance:</i>		
Mark Comstock - Treasurer		

II. Approval of the Agenda

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

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

III. Consent Agenda

IV. Secretary's Report

- a. Approve July 26th, 2026 District Board Meeting Minutes

Motioned by McNamara, seconded by Beck to approve the July 26th, 2026 District Board Meeting Minutes.

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

V. Public Comment (10 Minute limit)

VI. Action Items

- a. Action on Wetland Conservation Act Resolution #4 with the City of Wanamingo

Motioned by McNamara, seconded by Beck to approve the Wetland Conservation Act Resolution #4 with the City of Wanamingo.

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

- b. Action on Flat-Rate Cost-Share for Contract #2023DWSMA-26 with Arnold Breuer for planting 40 acres of Cover Crops @ \$50/ac in Section 27 of Goodhue TWP for 1 year totaling \$2,000 using Goodhue DWSMA Funding

Motioned by McNamara, seconded by Beck to approve the Flat-Rate Cost-Share for Contract #2023DWSMA-26 with Arnold Breuer for planting 40 acres of Cover Crops @ \$50/ac in Section 27 of Goodhue TWP for 1 year totaling \$2,000 using Goodhue DWSMA Funding.

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

- c. Action on Percent Based Cost Share Contract #26WAGZ-GC-11 with Aric Bang for decommissioning 1 well in Section 15 of Cherry Grove TWP at 75% cost share totaling \$1,230.00 using Zumbro WAGZ funding



Motioned by McNamara, seconded by Beck to approve the Percent Based Cost Share Contract #26WAGZ-GC-11 with Aric Bang for decommissioning 1 well in Section 15 of Cherry Grove TWP at 75% cost share totaling \$1,230.00 using Zumbro WAGZ funding.

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

- d. Action on Flat-Rate Cost-Share for Contract #26WAGZ-GC-12 with Trent Stemmann for planting 20 acres of Cover Crops @ \$45/ac in Section 3 of Belvidere TWP for 1 years totaling \$2,700.00 using C26 WAGZ funding

Motioned by McNamara, seconded by Beck to approve the Flat-Rate Cost-Share for Contract #26WAGZ-GC-12 with Trent Stemmann for planting 20 acres of Cover Crops @ \$45/ac in Section 3 of Belvidere TWP for 1 years totaling \$2,700.00 using C26 WAGZ funding.

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

- e. Action on RCPP Soil Health Application Batching for August 2026 Ranking

Contract#	Practice	Ranking Score
25-5-3	Cover Crop	30

Motioned by McNamara, seconded by Beck to approve the RCPP Soil Health Application Batching for August 2026 Ranking.

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

- f. Action on Percent Based Cost Share for Contract #26SWCD-03 with Daniel Bauer for a pond cleanout in Section 9 of Welch TWP @ 50% cost-share not to exceed \$2,500.00 using SWCD Aid Funding

Motioned by McNamara, seconded by Beck to approve the a. Percent Based Cost Share for Contract #26SWCD-03 with Daniel Bauer for a pond cleanout in Section 9 of Welch TWP @ 50% cost-share not to exceed \$2,500.00 using SWCD Aid Funding.

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

- g. Action on Percent Based Cost Share for Contract #26-GC-05 with William Midness for constructing a Grassed Waterway in Section 25 of Cannon Falls TWP 85% cost-share not to exceed \$5,610.00 using Cannon Watershed funding

Motioned by McNamara, seconded by Beck to approve the Percent Based Cost Share for Contract #26-GC-05 with William Midness for constructing a Grassed Waterway in Section 25 of Cannon Falls TWP 85% cost-share not to exceed \$5,610.00 using Cannon Watershed funding.

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

Don Schliep joined the meeting at 7:48 am.

- h. Action on Percent Based Cost Share for Contract #26-GC-04 with Doug Kleese for constructing 6 Grassed Waterways in Section 22 of Holden TWP 85% cost-share not to exceed \$15,448.75 using Cannon Watershed funding

Motioned by McNamara, seconded by Schliep to approve the Percent Based Cost Share for Contract #26-GC-04 with Doug Kleese for constructing 6 Grassed Waterways in Section 22 of Holden TWP 85% cost-share not to exceed \$15,448.75 using Cannon Watershed funding.

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

- i. Action on Percent Based Cost Share Contract #26WAGZ-GC-13 with Doug Kleese for constructing 2 Water and Sediment Control Basins in Section 26 of Holden TWP at 90% cost share totaling \$15,270.30 using Zumbro WAGZ funding

Motioned by McNamara, seconded by Beck to approve the Percent Based Cost Share Contract #26WAGZ-GC-13 with Doug Kleese for constructing 2 Water and Sediment Control Basins in Section 26 of Holden TWP at 85% cost share totaling \$15,270.30 using Zumbro WAGZ funding.

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



- j. Action on Percent Based Cost Share Contract #26WAGZ-GC-14 with Doug Kleese for constructing a Grassed Waterway in Section 26 of Holden TWP at 90% cost share totaling \$5,163.75 using Zumbro WAGZ funding

Motioned by McNamara, seconded by Schliep to approve the Percent Based Cost Share Contract #26WAGZ-GC-14 with Doug Kleese for constructing a Grassed Waterway in Section 26 of Holden TWP at 90% cost share totaling \$5,163.75 using Zumbro WAGZ funding.

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

VII. Reports

- a. NRCS Report

J. Benjamin: (see attached)

C. Schmidt: NRCS Update – Critical vacancies / Positions / Programs / Phone Systems / Round Table

- b. Staff Reports

B. Kennedy: Office Phones / AutoCAD Seat / Wells Creek Picnic / Storage / County Fair / TSA7 Executive Meeting / Drafting Table / Groundwater Protection LCCMR Funds / Area Meeting

D. Krier: AgBMP Loan Program

- c. Supervisor's Activity Report

Beck: CRWJPO Meeting / County Fair Commissioners Meeting / Web Soil Training with SWCD Staff Soil Training

Hinck: TSA7 Executive Meeting / County Fair Commissioners Meeting

McNamara: WAGZ Meeting

Schliep: County Fair Commissioners Meeting

- d. Other

VIII. Treasurer's Report / Payables

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

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

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

- b. Approve August 2026 Accounts Payable

Motioned by McNamara, seconded by Schliep to approve the August 2026 Accounts Payable.

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

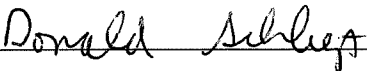
IX. Adjournment

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

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

Meeting adjourned 8:42 am

Respectfully submitted



Don Schliep

Upcoming Events

Inter-seeding Field Day – September 16th - Owatonna

Fall SWCD Supervisors Meeting – September 23rd Steele County

MASWCD Convention - November 30th to Dec 2nd 2026 - Bloomington, MN

Goodhue SWCD Board Meeting – September 28th 7:30 am

General



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.

NRCS Goodhue Field Office Report

08/24/26

John Benjamin

- John has been working on CRP & EQIP planning & contract Mgt. Attended CEMA 216 training last week.
- Emily has been working on CRP checks & construction in surrounding counties.
- NRCS will be switching to no longer having physical phones or a phone line Aug. 28th.

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)

- 25 Active EQIP contracts worth roughly 1,09,500K cost share remaining to be paid out
- 35 EQIP apps in Pending, Eligible or Deferred status
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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

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

CRP (Conservation Reserve Program)

Sign up

Continuous Feb. 12th– March 20th for first batching period

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

Continuous second batching period open until May 1st.

- 7 apps submitted
- 7apps approved
- 7 new

General March 9th – April 17th

- 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



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