

Goodhue County SWCD District Regular Board Meeting

Monday – November 24th, 2025

7:30 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 7:30 am by Chair Hinck

SWCD Supervisors Present	SWCD Staff Present	Others Present
<i>In Person:</i>		
Christopher Hinck - Chair	Beau Kennedy - District Manager	John Benjamin - NRCS
Ed McNamara – Vice Chair	Delane Krier – Administrative Assistant	Call In:
Mark Comstock - Treasurer		Katie Jacobson, CPA
Don Schliep - Secretary		
John Beck – Reporter		

II. Approval of the Agenda

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

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

III. Consent Agenda

- a. Approve Percent Based Cost Share Voucher #2025-NKE-01 with Eric Ryan for constructing a Manure Storage Facility in Sec. 24 of Goodhue TWP for \$40,000.00 using Wells Creek Watershed 319 Funding.
- b. Approve Percent Based Cost Share Voucher #GC-FWQ-03 with Eric Ryan for constructing a Manure Storage Facility in Sec. 24 of Goodhue TWP for \$100,000.00 using TSA7/BWSR Feedlot Funding.
- c. Approve Percent Based Cost Share Voucher #2025WAGZ-GC-09 with Eric Ryan for constructing a Manure Storage Facility in Sec. 24 of Goodhue TWP for \$200,000.00 using Zumbro Watershed Based Funding.
- d. Approve Percent Based Cost Share Voucher #25SWCD-02 with Jerry Walker for installing a native grass planting in Sec. 29 of Kenyon TWP for \$213.64 using SWCD Aid Funding.
- e. Approve Percent Based Cost Share Voucher #2025GMDH-01 with Steve Dankers for drilling a new well in Sec. 21 of Goodhue TWP for \$6,000.00 using MDH TapIN funding through Olmsted SWCD.
- f. Approve Percent Based Cost Share Voucher #2025-03 with Steve Dankers for well decommissioning in Sec. 21 of Goodhue TWP for \$1,721.25 using 2025 Conservation Contracts Funding.
- g. Approve Percent Based Cost Share Final Voucher #24WAGZ-GC-07 with Guy Heins for constructing 2 Grade Stabilization Structures in Sec. 4 of Florence TWP for \$11,538.00 using Zumbro Watershed Based Funding.
- h. Approve Percent Based Cost Share Voucher #25-GC-06 with Nicholas Brown for constructing a grade stabilization structure in Sec. 22 of Welch TWP for \$19,712.81 using Cannon River Watershed Funding.
- i. Approve Flat Rate Cost Share Voucher for Contract #2023DWSMA-02 to Stehr Farms Inc, for planting 195.6 acres of Cover crops, 76 Acres of perennial crop and 38 acres of low disturbance manure for \$14,340.00 using Goodhue DWSMA Funding.
- j. Approve Flat Rate Cost Share Voucher for Contract #2023DWSMA-05 to Larry Lexvold for planting 110 acres of cover crops, 72 acres of Split-N and 72 acres of N- inhibitors for \$6,292.00 using Goodhue DWSMA Funding.
- k. Approve Flat Rate Cost Share Voucher for Contract #25-GC-22 to Robby Peine for planting 59.5 acres of cover crops for \$2,380.00 using Cannon River Watershed Funding.
- l. Approve Flat Rate Cost Share Voucher for Contract #24SWCD-12 to Troy Hokanson for planting 40 acres of cover crops for \$1,600.00 using Goodhue SWCD Aid.

- m. Approve Flat Rate Cost Share Voucher for Contract #24SWCD-11 to Gavin Hokanson for planting 40 acres of cover crops for \$1,600.00 using Goodhue SWCD Aid.
- n. Approve Flat Rate Cost Share Voucher for Contract #24WAGZ-GC-10 to Eric Ryan for planting 100 acres of cover crops for \$4,500.00 using Zumbro Watershed Funding.
- o. Approve Flat Rate Cost Share Voucher for Contract #2023DWSMA-17 to Carlson Properties of Goodhue, for planting 56 acres of cover crops for \$2,800.00 using Goodhue DWSMA Funding.
- p. Approve Flat Rate Cost Share Voucher for Contract #23-GC-12 to Lyle Dicke for planting 96 acres of cover crops for \$3,360.00 using Cannon River Watershed Funding.
- q. Approve Flat Rate Cost Share Voucher for Contract #LCF2023-11 to Jay Dicke for planting 40 acres of cover crops for \$1,600.00 using Local Capacity Funding.
- r. Approve Flat Rate Cost Share Voucher for Contract #24WAGZ-GC-17 to Matt Mangan for planting 75 acres of cover crops for \$3,750.00 using Zumbro Watershed Funding.
- s. Approve Flat Rate Cost Share Voucher for Contract #24SWCD-14 to Jason Lohman for planting 40 acres of cover crops for \$1,600.00 using Goodhue SWCD Aid.
- t. Approve Flat Rate Cost Share Voucher for Contract #24WAGZ-GC-11 to Jason Lohman for planting 100 acres of cover crops for \$5,000.00 using Zumbro Watershed Funding.
- u. Approve Flat Rate Cost Share Voucher for Contract #24WAGZ-GC-08 to Ken Lohman for planting 27 acres of cover crops for \$1,350.00 using Zumbro Watershed Funding.
- v. Approve Flat Rate Cost Share Voucher for Contract #2023DWSMA-18 to Stehr Farms Inc, for planting 83 acres of cover crops for \$4,150.00 using Goodhue DWSMA Funding.
- w. Approve Flat Rate Cost Share Voucher for Contract #LCF2023-10 to Andy Huneke for planting 40 acres of cover crops for \$1,600.00 using Local Capacity Funding.
- x. Approve Flat Rate Cost Share Voucher for Contract #24SWCD-16 to Kevin O'Connor for planting 16 acres of cover crops for \$640.00 using Goodhue SWCD Aid.
- y. Approve Flat Rate Cost Share Voucher for Contract #25-GC-15 to Ben O'Connor for planting 40 acres of cover crops for \$1,800.00 using Cannon River Watershed Funding.
- z. Approve Flat Rate Cost Share Voucher for Contract #LCF2023-03 to Marty Kehren for planting 40 acres of cover crops for \$1,600.00 using Local Capacity Funding.
- aa. Approve Flat Rate Cost Share Voucher for Contract #24WAGZ-GC-12 to Jon Krusmark for planting 71 acres of cover crops for \$3,550.00 using Zumbro Watershed Funding.
- bb. Approve Flat Rate Cost Share Voucher for Contract #24SWCD-10 to Gary Gadient for planting 40 acres of cover crops for \$1,600.00 using Goodhue SWCD Aid.
- cc. Approve Flat Rate Cost Share Voucher for Contract #24WAGZ-GC-15 to Randy Veith for planting 32 acres of cover crops for \$1,600.00 using Zumbro Watershed Funding.
- dd. Approve Flat Rate Cost Share Voucher for Contract #25-GC-20 to Steve Nelson for planting 43 acres of cover crops for \$1,935.00 using Cannon River Watershed Funding.
- ee. Approve Flat Rate Cost Share Voucher for Contract #24WAGZ-GC-13 to Wayne Gadient for planting 12 acres of cover crops for \$540.00 using Zumbro Watershed Funding.
- ff. Approve Flat Rate Cost Share Voucher for Contract #23-GC-19 to Luke Dubbels for planting 78 acres of cover crops for \$3,510.00 using Cannon River Watershed Funding.
- gg. Approve Flat Rate Cost Share Voucher for Contract #LCF2023-12 to Fitschen Bros Farm for planting 40 acres of cover crops for \$1,600.00 using Local Capacity Funding
- hh. Approve Flat Rate Cost Share Voucher for Contract #LCF2023-08 to Tanya Huneke for planting 14.75 acres of cover crops for \$590.00 using Local Capacity Funding.
- ii. Approve Flat Rate Cost Share Voucher for Contract #24WAGZ-GC-18 to Jay Burdick for planting 16 acres of cover crops for \$640.00 using Zumbro Watershed Funding.
- jj. Approve Flat Rate Cost Share Voucher for Contract #2023DWSMA-12 to Steve Dankers, for planting 157.5 acres of cover crops and 88 acres of low disturbance manure for \$9,635.00 using Goodhue DWSMA Funding.
- kk. Approve Flat Rate Cost Share Voucher for Contract #2023DWSMA-19 to Arnold Breuer, for planting 40 acres of cover crops for \$2,000.00 using Goodhue DWSMA Funding.
- ll. Approve Flat Rate Cost Share Voucher for Contract #LCF2023-02 to Arnold Breuer for planting 36 acres of cover crops for \$1,440.00 using Local Capacity Funding.

- mm. Approve Flat Rate Cost Share Voucher for Contract #LCF2023-04 to Mitchell Breuer for planting 36 acres of cover crops for \$1,440.00 using Local Capacity Funding.
- nn. Approve Flat Rate Cost Share Voucher for Contract #25SoilHealth-05 to Jacob Baack for planting 40 acres of cover crops for \$1,600.00 using Soil Health Funding.
- oo. Approve Flat Rate Cost Share Voucher for Contract #24SWCD-06 to Brian Hoeft for planting 40 acres of cover crops for \$1,600.00 using Goodhue SWCD Aid.
- pp. Approve Flat Rate Cost Share Voucher for Contract #24SWCD-07 to Hoeft Farms Inc. for planting 40 acres of cover crops for \$1,600.00 using Goodhue SWCD Aid.
- qq. Approve Flat Rate Cost Share Voucher for Contract #24WAGZ-GC-20 to Ed McNamara for planting 50 acres of cover crops for \$2,250.00 using Zumbro Watershed Funding.
- rr. Approve Flat Rate Cost Share Voucher for Contract #24SWCD-09 to Voth Dairy for planting 32 acres of cover crops for \$1,280.00 using Goodhue SWCD Aid.
- ss. Approve Flat Rate Cost Share Voucher for Contract #2023DWSMA-09 to Brady Voth, for planting 20 acres of cover crops and 20 acres of low disturbance Manure for \$1,400.00 using Goodhue DWSMA Funding.
- tt. Approve Flat Rate Cost Share Voucher for Contract #2023DWSMA-08 to Brady Voth, for planting 54 acres of cover crops and 54 acres of low disturbance Manure for \$3,780.00 using Goodhue DWSMA Funding.
- uu. Approve Flat Rate Cost Share Voucher for Contract #25-GC-13 to Sam Androli for planting 49 acres of cover crops for \$2,205.00 using Cannon River Watershed Funding.
- vv. Approve Flat Rate Cost Share Voucher for Contract #25-GC-14 to Ted Androli for planting 49 acres of cover crops for \$2,205.00 using Cannon River Watershed Funding.
- ww. Approve Flat Rate Cost Share Voucher for Contract #LCF2023-06 to Jeremy Thomforde for planting 33 acres of cover crops for \$1,320.00 using Local Capacity Funding.
- xx. Approve Flat Rate Cost Share Voucher for Contract #LCF2023-01 to Charlie Dicke for planting 40 acres of cover crops for \$1,600.00 using Local Capacity Funding.
- yy. Approve Flat Rate Cost Share Voucher for Contract #24WAGZ-GC-21 to Nate Jaeger for planting 100 acres of cover crops for \$4,000.00 using Zumbro Watershed Funding.
- zz. Approve Flat Rate Cost Share Voucher for Contract #2023DWSMA-04 to Townsedge Pork LLC, for planting 135 acres of cover crops for \$6,750.00 using Goodhue DWSMA Funding.
- aaa. Approve Percent Based Cost Share Voucher #25-GC-05 with Eric Nesseth for constructing a grade stabilization structure in Sec. 9 of Holden TWP for \$39,575.89 using Cannon River Watershed Funding.
- bbb. Approve Percent Based Cost Share Voucher #25-GC-09 with Joseph McNamara for constructing 2 grade stabilization structures a water and sediment control basin and a grassed waterway in Sec. 3 of Warsaw TWP for \$38,037.93 using Cannon River Watershed Funding.
- ccc. Approve Flat Rate Cost Share Voucher for Contract #23-GC-16 to Brett Zimmermann for planting 30 acres of cover crops for \$1,350.00 using Cannon River Watershed Funding
- ddd. Approve Flat Rate Cost Share Voucher for Contract #25SoilHealth-06 to Kevin Hadler for planting 16 acres of cover crops for \$640.00 using Soil Health Funding.
- eee. Approve Percent Based Cost Share Voucher #25-GC-08 with Ben O'Connor for a Feedlot Runoff Project in Sec. 9 of Belle Creek for \$66,061.84 using Cannon River Watershed Funding.
- fff. Approve Percent Based Cost Share Voucher #GC-FWQ-02 with Ben O'Connor for a Feedlot Runoff Project in Sec. 9 of Belle Creek for \$26,747.71 using TSA7/BWSR Feedlot Funding.

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 October 27th 2025 District Regular Board Meeting Minutes

Motioned by Schliep, seconded by Comstock to approve the October 27th 2025 District Regular Board Meeting Minutes as presented.

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

V. Public Comment (10 Minute limit)

VI. Action Items

- a. Action on 2024 Goodhue SWCD Financial Audit with Katie Jacobson, CPA.

Motioned by Schliep, seconded by Comstock to approve the 2024 Goodhue SWCD Financial Audit with Katie Jacobson, CPA.

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

- b. Action on Percent Based Cost Share Contract #25SWCD-09 with KC Flueger for planting 6 acres of native grasses in Sec. 2 of Hay Creek TWP@ 50% cost-share not to exceed \$500.00 using SWCD Aid funding.
(signed by District Manager on 10/29/25)

Motioned by Comstock, seconded by McNamara to approve the Percent Based Cost Share Contract #25SWCD-09 with KC Flueger for planting 6 acres of native grasses in Sec. 2 of Hay Creek TWP@ 50% cost-share not to exceed \$500.00 using SWCD Aid funding. (signed by District Manager on 10/29/25).

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

- c. Action on Percent Based Cost Share Contract #25-GC-24 with Johnathan Hinsch for constructing a water and sediment control basin in Sec. 27 of Welch TWP @ 75% cost-share not to exceed \$6,997.69 using Cannon River Watershed Based Funding.

Motioned by McNamara, seconded by Comstock to approve the Percent Based Cost Share Contract #25-GC-24 with Johnathan Hinsch for constructing a water and sediment control basin in Sec. 27 of Welch TWP @ 75% cost-share not to exceed \$6,997.69 using Cannon River Watershed Based Funding.

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

- d. Action on Flat-Rate Cost Share Contract #2023DWSMA-18 Amendment #1 with Stehr Farms Inc. adding Field L for Cover Crop implementation. *(District Manager signed 9/3/25 per policy)*

Motioned by Comstock, seconded by McNamara to approve the Flat-Rate Cost Share Contract #2023DWSMA-18 Amendment #1 with Stehr Farms Inc. adding Field L for Cover Crop implementation. (District Manager signed 9/3/25 per policy).

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

- e. Action on Flat-Rate Cost Share Contract #2023DWSMA-21 with Burfiend Dairy Farm, LLC for planting 35 acres of cover crops @ \$50.00 acre not to exceed \$1,750.00 using Goodhue DWSMA Funding.

Motioned by McNamara, seconded by Comstock to approve the Flat-Rate Cost Share Contract #2023DWSMA-21 with Burfiend Dairy Farm, LLC for planting 35 acres of cover crops @ \$50.00 acre not to exceed \$1,750.00 using Goodhue DWSMA Funding.

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

- f. Action on Incentive Conservation Activity Reimbursement Contract #2025WAGZ_GC_CRP-01 for Tom Rathmann; Contract and Incentive Payment of \$500.00 for New CRP Sign-Up using P24-0022 funds.
- g. Action on Incentive Conservation Activity Reimbursement Contract #2025WAGZ_GC_CRP-02 for Jerry Berg; Contract and Incentive Payment of \$500.00 for New CRP Sign-Up using P24-0022 funds.
- h. Action on Incentive Conservation Activity Reimbursement Contract #2025WAGZ_GC_CRP-03 for John Allers; Contract and Incentive Payment of \$250.00 for Re-Enrolled CRP Sign-Up using P24-0022 funds.
- i. Action on Incentive Conservation Activity Reimbursement Contract #2025WAGZ_GC_CRP-04 for Keith Matthees; Contract and Incentive Payment of \$250.00 for Re-Enrolled CRP Sign-Up using P24-0022 funds.
- j. Action on Incentive Conservation Activity Reimbursement Contract #2025WAGZ_GC_CRP-05 for KC Flueger; Contract and Incentive Payment of \$500.00 for New CRP Sign-Up using P24-0022 funds.
- k. Action on Incentive Conservation Activity Reimbursement Contract #2025WAGZ_GC_CRP-06 for Louanne Brooks; Contract and Incentive Payment of \$250.00 for Re-Enrolled CRP Sign-Up using P24-0022 funds.

Chair Hinck requested a motion to approve the items, f. thru k. together due to their similarities in nature.

Motioned by McNamara, seconded by Comstock to approve items (f) Incentive Conservation Activity Reimbursement Contract #2025WAGZ_GC_CRP-01 for Tom Rathmann; Contract and Incentive Payment of \$500.00 for New CRP Sign-Up using P24-0022 funds, (g) Incentive Conservation Activity Reimbursement Contract #2025WAGZ_GC_CRP-02 for Jerry Berg; Contract and Incentive Payment of \$500.00 for New CRP Sign-Up using P24-0022 funds, (h) Incentive Conservation Activity Reimbursement Contract #2025WAGZ_GC_CRP-03 for John Allers; Contract and Incentive Payment of \$250.00 for Re-Enrolled CRP Sign-Up using P24-0022 funds, (i) Incentive Conservation Activity Reimbursement Contract #2025WAGZ_GC_CRP-04 for Keith Matthees; Contract and Incentive Payment of \$250.00 for Re-Enrolled CRP Sign-Up using P24-0022 funds, (j) Incentive Conservation Activity Reimbursement Contract #2025WAGZ_GC_CRP-05 for KC Flueger; Contract and Incentive Payment of \$500.00 for New CRP Sign-Up using P24-0022 funds, (k) Incentive Conservation Activity Reimbursement Contract #2025WAGZ_GC_CRP-06 for Louanne Brooks; Contract and Incentive Payment of \$250.00 for Re-Enrolled CRP Sign-Up using P24-0022 funds.

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

I. Action on RCPP Application Batching for November 2025.

Contract#	Practice	Ranking Score
25-3-1	Cover Crop + No-Till	35
25-2-2	acres No-Till	25

Motioned by Comstock, seconded by Schliep to approve the RCPP Application Batching for December 2025, contingent on securing the grant.

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

VII. Reports

a. NRCS Report

Presented by J. Benjamin (see attached)

b. SWCD Staff – Dist. Admin Report

B. Kennedy: Zumbro 1W1P / Cannon 1W1P / MASWCD Convention / RCPP Soil Health / CivicPlus / AIS Meeting / Paid Family Medical Leave / Bank Info / TSA7

D. Krier: AgBMP Loan

c. Supervisor's Activity Report

J. Beck: Cannon 1W1P / E. McNamara: Zumbro 1W1P

D. Schliep, C. Hinck, M. Comstock: N/A

d. Other

VIII. Treasurer's Report / Payables

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

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

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

b. Approve November 2025 Accounts Payable

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

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

IX. Set December 22nd Goodhue SWCD Meeting Time

Motioned by McNamara, seconded by Schliep to approve the Goodhue SWCD Board Meetings to be the 4th Monday of the month at 8:30 a.m.

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

X. Adjournment

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

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

Meeting adjourned 9:24 a.m.

Respectfully submitted



Don Schliep

Upcoming Events

Thursday November 27th – Thanksgiving Holiday

Friday November 28th – Goodhue SWCD Office Closed

Tuesday-Wednesday December 2-3rd MASWCD Convention

Tuesday December 16th – Personnel Committee w/Staff -??? (December 18th @ 8:30 a.m.)

Monday December 22nd – Goodhue SWCD Board Meeting @ 8:30 a.m.

Wednesday Dec 24th – Christmas Eve – ½ Day Holiday

Thursday Dec 25th – Christmas Holiday

NRCS Goodhue Field Office Report

11/24/2025

John Benjamin

General

- USDA furlough is over.
- John has been working on reviewing CSP & EQIP practice certification & payments and 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
- 32 FY26 CSP Classic applications in pending status
- FY26 Classic signup deadline Oct. 31
- Assessment & ranking deadline March 27th
- 1 FY26 CSP Renewal applications pending
- Assessment & ranking deadline Oct. 31

EQIP (Environmental Quality Incentive Program)

- 25 Active EQIP contracts worth roughly **433K** cost share remaining to be paid out
- 33 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

- 74 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