

Goodhue County SWCD District Regular Board Meeting

Monday – March 24th 2025

2:30 PM

Goodhue County SWCD Conference Room

104 East 3rd Avenue, Goodhue MN 55027

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Minutes

I. Call to Order and Pledge Allegiance

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	Maura Curry (Pheasants Forever)
Don Schliep - Secretary	Chris Fritz – District Technician	John Jaeger
John Beck – Reporter	Ben Dvorak – Natural Resource Specialist	Call In:
Mark Comstock - Treasurer		

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

IV. Secretary's Report

- a. Approve February 24th 2025 District Regular Board Meeting Minutes

Motioned by McNamara, seconded by Schliep to approve the February 24th, 2025 District Regular Board Meeting Minutes.

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

V. Public Comment (10 Minute limit)

John Jaeger, former Goodhue SWCD board member, was in attendance and addressed the Board on various topics and wanted to check in. Also, in attendance was Maura Curry from Pheasants Forever. She introduced herself to the Board and explained what her role is locally; assisting NRCS with CRP related plans and programs.

VI. Action Items

- a. Action on 2024 Goodhue SWCD Cost-Share Policy (tabled from January Board Meeting)

Motioned by Schliep, seconded by Comstock to take from the table the 2024 Goodhue SWCD Cost-Share Policy (tabled from January Board Meeting).

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

Motioned by Beck, seconded by Schliep to approve the 2024 Goodhue SWCD Cost-Share Policy (see attached)

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

- b. Action on Percent Based Cost Share Contract #25SoilHealth-01 with Kelby O'Reilly a

Shelterbelt/Windbreak in Sec. 26 of Vasa TWP for \$830.00 @81% cost-share not to exceed \$3,500 using 2025 Soil Health Grant funding

Motioned by McNamara, seconded by Schliep to approve the Percent Based Cost Share Contract #25SoilHealth-01 with Kelby O'Reilly a Shelterbelt/Windbreak in Sec. 26 of Vasa TWP for \$830.00 @81% cost-share not to exceed \$3,500 using 2025 Soil Health Grant funding.

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

- c. Action on Percent Based Cost Share Contract #25WAGZ-GC-04 with Scott Cordes for a Grassed Waterway in Sec. 1 of Cherry Grove TWP @ 90% cost-share not to exceed \$22,047.90 using Zumbro WBIF

Motioned by Comstock, seconded by McNamara to approve the Percent Based Cost Share Contract #25WAGZ-GC-04 with Scott Cordes for a Grassed Waterway in Sec. 1 of Cherry Grove TWP @ 90% cost-share not to exceed \$22,047.90 using Zumbro WBIF.

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

- d. Action on Percent Based Cost Share Contract #2025-01 with David Froyum for a Grassed Waterway in Sec. 1/12 of Cherry Grove TWP @ 90% cost-share not to exceed \$27,809.70 using Local Capacity and Conservation Contracts funding

Motioned by Schliep, seconded by McNamara to approve the Percent Based Cost Share Contract #2025-01 with David Froyum for a Grassed Waterway in Sec. 1/12 of Cherry Grove TWP @ 90% cost-share not to exceed \$27,809.70 using Local Capacity and Conservation Contracts funding.

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

- e. Action on 2024 SWCD Audit Quotes

Motioned by McNamara, seconded by Comstock to approve the 2024 SWCD Audit Quotes. Katie M Jacobson, CPA as the audit company for SWCD Year End 2024.

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

VII. Reports

- a. NRCS Report

Presented by John Benjamin (see attached)

- b. SWCD Staff Reports

Ben Dvorak / Chris Fritz – 2024 Yearly program update

- c. District Manager's Report

Zumbro 1W1P, Cannon 1W1P, Outreach, Nitrate Work Group, Soil Health, TSA7

- d. Supervisor's Activity Report

Beck – N/A

Comstock – N/A

Hinck – DWSMA meeting

McNamara – Day at the Capitol, DWSMA meeting

Schliep – DWSMA meeting

- e. Other

Motioned by McNamara, seconded by Comstock to approve the meeting start time of 7:30 am for the April 2025 board meeting.

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

VIII. Treasurer's Report / Payables

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

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

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

- b. Approve March 2025 Accounts Payable & Supervisors Quarterly Expenses

Motioned by McNamara, seconded by Comstock to approve the March 2025 Accounts Payable & Supervisors Quarterly Expenses.

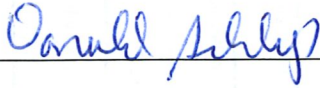
Affirmative: Beck, Comstock, Hinck, McNamara, Schliep. Opposed: None. Motion carried.

IX. Adjournment

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

Affirmative: Beck, Comstock, Hinck, McNamara, Schliep. Opposed: None. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned 4:25 pm

Respectfully submitted



Don Schliep

Upcoming Events

Spring SE SWCD Employees Meeting-Harmony March 26th

State SWCD Managers Meeting St. Cloud 27-28th

April 24th-25th - Tentative Tree Handout Days

April 28th- Goodhue SWCD Board Meeting – Time

NRCS Goodhue Field Office Report
03/24/2025
John Benjamin

Teddy Moreno-Santos will be acting Team Lead starting Dec 29th through April 15.

CSP (Conservation Stewardship Program)

- 19 Active contracts worth roughly **567K** cost share remaining to be paid out
- FY25 CSP Classic signup deadline Nov.15th
- 12 FY25 CSP Classic applications
- FY25 CSP Classic ranking deadline Mach 21.
- FY25 CSP Classic Approval Deadline March 28th
- FY26 CSP Renewal application deadline June 6th.
- 4 FY26 CSP Renewal application submitted

EQIP (Environmental Quality Incentive Program)

- 22 Active EQIP contracts worth roughly **308K** cost share remaining to be paid out
- 34 EQIP25 applications submitted
- 3 EQIP25 2nd sign up submitted
- FY25 EQIP ranking deadline January 10th.
- 12 FY25 Applications Preapproved

RCPP18 (Regional Conservation Partnership Program)

- I have been told all RCPP is on hold status where it is at.
- 2129 MDA MAWQCP no longer offered
- IFHWR: Goodhue is not applicable
- 2365 MDA IPPGW: Goodhue is not applicable
- 2881 TU-DA_HFTWAR: Good hue is applicable. Only on designated trout streams.
- 0 Active contracts
- 1 Applications submitted
- FY25 Sign up deadline Dec15th
- 3053 Soil Health AFA (Alternative Funding Agreement)
 1. 25 million granted
 2. 180k first round
 3. SWCD volunteer to be included
 4. Soil health practices
 5. Producers need to be FSA eligible
 6. **RCPP funds are on hold**

CRP (Conservation Reserve Program)

- 9 plans needing planned
- 42 FY26 expiring Review checks needed

578	Stream Crossing	Number	Percent Based	10 yr.	SWCD Aid	Goodhue SWCD Local Policy: 50% up to \$500 per crossing following MN DNR Low-Ford Rock Crossing Guidelines
580	Streambank and Shoreline Protection	Feet	Percent Based	20 yr.	State Cost-Share, WBIF, Local Capacity, SWCD Aid	Goodhue SWCD Local Policy: 75% Max C/S using State Funds alone. Up to 90% when leveraging non-state dollars.
600	Terrace	Feet	Percent Based	10 yr.	State Cost-Share, WBIF, Local Capacity, SWCD Aid	Goodhue SWCD Local Policy: 75% Max C/S using State Funds alone. Up to 90% when leveraging non-state dollars.
612	Tree/Shrub Establishment	Acre	Percent Based	15 yr.	State Cost-Share, WBIF, Local Capacity, SWCD Aid, BWSR Soil Health Grant	Goodhue SWCD Local Policy: 50% Tree Purchase - \$1.00 per Tree Install - \$1.00 per tube or mat. Max Contract \$2,500.00. Must follow Forest Stewardship plan developed by SWCD/NRCS/DNR Staff.
645	Upland Wildlife Habitat Management	Acre	Flat Rate	1 yr.	State Cost-Share, WBIF, Local Capacity, SWCD Aid, BWSR Soil Health Grant	Goodhue SWCD Local Policy: \$50/ac Clipping, \$100/ac burning, \$40/ac interseeding, \$10/ac Prescribed Grazing/Bailing. Max contract \$1,500.00
635	Vegetated Treatment Area	Acre	Percent Based	10 yr.	State Cost-Share, WBIF, Local Capacity, SWCD Aid	Goodhue SWCD Local Policy: 75% Max C/S using State Funds alone. Up to 90% when leveraging non-state dollars.
313	Waste Storage Facility	Number	Percent Based	15 yr.	State Cost-Share, WBIF, Local Capacity, SWCD Aid	Goodhue SWCD Local Policy: 75% Max C/S using State Funds alone. Up to 90% when leveraging non-state dollars.
638	Water and Sediment Control Basin	Number	Percent Based	10 yr.	State Cost-Share, WBIF, Local Capacity, SWCD Aid	Goodhue SWCD Local Policy: 75% Max C/S using State Funds alone. Up to 90% when leveraging non-state dollars.
351	Well Decommissioning	Number	Flat Rate	N/A	State Cost-Share, WBIF, Local Capacity, SWCD Aid, RSDW	Goodhue SWCD Local Policy: 75% C/S up to \$3,000 per well. WBIF Funding Policies vary
380	Windbreak/Shelterbelt Establishment	#/Trees	Percent Based	15 yr.	State Cost-Share, WBIF, Local Capacity, SWCD Aid	Goodhue SWCD Local Policy: 50% Tree Purchase - \$1.00 per Tree Installed - \$1.00 per tube or mat. Max Contract \$3,500.00. Must follow Shelterbelt Plan developed by SWCD/NRCS Staff. Includes 490 Site Prep Standard @ \$200/acre.
N/A	Pond Cleanout	Number	Percent Based	N/A	SWCD Aid	50% C/S up to \$2,500. Technical Sign off by Goodhue SWCD Staff required.
N/A	Rain Gardens	Number	Percent Based	10 yr.	SWCD Aid, State Cost-Share	50% C/S up to \$2,000 per Rain Garden per MN Stormwater Manual Standards
N/A	Goodhue Native Planting Program	Acre	Percent Based	10 yr.	SWCD Aid	50% Seed Expense/Free Drill or Seeder Usage. Max of 10 Acres, Max Contract \$500.00
N/A	New Well Construction	Number	Percent Based	N/A	RSDW Grant	50% up to \$7,200.00

The Goodhue SWCD Board allows **District Administrator** to approve cost-share contracts prior to regular SWCD Board meeting for the following practices.

- 340 Cover Crops
- 351 Well Decommissioning
- 329 No-Till/Reduce Till
- 512 Forage/Biomass Planting
- 314/315 Herbaceous Weed Treatment/Brush Management
- 380 Windbreak/Shelterbelt

All contract disbursements will be approved by the Goodhue SWCD Board

Goodhue SWCD Cost-Share Policy 2025 (approved March 24th 2025)

This Cost-Share Policy was developed to identify and manage various funding sources that are utilized to assist landowners with conservation practices in Goodhue County. Goodhue SWCD administers the BWSR Erosion Conservation Contracts Program, WBIF Dollars as well as Local Funding. Existing State-Level program policies will be followed along with the Goodhue SWCD local policy being listed below. Funding sources change from year to year, this policy will be updated as needed and will remain in place until a newer version is adopted.

NRCS Code	Practice Name	Units	Payment Type	Practice Life	Funding Source(s)	Comments
340	Cover Crop	Acre	Flat Rate	1 to 3 yrs	State Cost-Share, WBIF, Local Capacity, SWCD Aid, BWSR Soil Health Grant	Goodhue SWCD Local Policy: 40 acre max contract acres, \$40/acre, 3yr contracts are encouraged, but 1, 2 or 3 year contracts available to accommodate cropping rotations. \$5/ac can also be added to the contract for Planting Green or Low Dist. Manure applications. WBIF or other C/S contracts may have other requirements defined in their Fund Policies.
342	Critical Area Planting	Acre	Percent Based	10 yr.	State Cost-Share, WBIF, Local Capacity, SWCD Aid, BWSR Soil Health Grant	SWCD Local Policy: 75% Max C/S using State Funds alone. Up to 90% when leveraging nonstate dollars. Stabilize areas where vegetation is difficult to establish. This is used on structural practices after construction.
362	Diversion	Feet	Percent Based	10 yr.	State Cost-Share, WBIF, Local Capacity, SWCD Aid	Goodhue SWCD Local Policy: 75% Max C/S using State Funds alone. Up to 90% when leveraging non-state dollars.
382	Fence	Feet	Percent Based	20 yr.	State Cost-Share, WBIF, Local Capacity, SWCD Aid, BWSR Soil Health Grant	Goodhue SWCD Local Policy: Fencing Must be part of a Larger Conservation Plan (Grazing Plan, Feedlot Fix, etc.) 75% Max C/S using State Funds alone. Up to 90% when leveraging non-state dollars.
393	Filter Strip	Acre	Percent Based	10 yr.	State Cost-Share, WBIF, Local Capacity, SWCD Aid	Goodhue SWCD Local Policy: 75% Max C/S using State Funds alone. Up to 90% when leveraging non-state dollars.
512	Forage & Biomass Planting	Acre	Flat Rate	5 yr.	State Cost-Share, WBIF, Local Capacity, SWCD Aid, BWSR Soil Health Grant	Goodhue SWCD Local Policy: \$50/acre per year in areas where GW Protection is Priority or on HEL Fields. Intended for pasture renovation or converting cropland to less intensive rotation using perennials where the years of hay or pasture in the rotation increase. Used for both cool and warm season grasses.
666	Forest Stand Improvement	Acre	Flat Rate	10 yr.	State Cost-Share, WBIF, Local Capacity, SWCD Aid, BWSR Soil Health Grant	Goodhue SWCD Local Policy: \$100/ac for Mechanical or Biological Treatments, \$500 max per contract. Contract approved by the SWCD/NRCS/DNR Staff.
410	Grade Stabilization Structure	Number	Percent Based	15 yr.	State Cost-Share, WBIF, Local Capacity, SWCD Aid	Goodhue SWCD Local Policy: 75% Max C/S using State Funds alone. Up to 90% when leveraging non-state dollars.
412	Grassed Waterway	Acre	Percent Based	10 yr.	State Cost-Share, WBIF, Local Capacity, SWCD Aid	Goodhue SWCD Local Policy: 75% Max C/S using State Funds alone. Up to 90% when leveraging non-state dollars.
561	Heavy Use Area Protection	Acre	Percent Based	10 yr.	State Cost-Share, WBIF, Local Capacity, SWCD Aid	Goodhue SWCD Local Policy: 75% Max C/S using State Funds alone. Up to 90% when leveraging non-state dollars.
314/315	Brush Management / Herbaceous Weed Treatment	Acre	Percent Based	1 yr.	CWMA/SWCD Aid	-Chemical and Mechanical Treatments Allowed. 50% C/S with a Maximum \$2,000 Contract
528	Prescribed Grazing	Acre	Percent Based	1 yr.	State Cost-Share, WBIF, Local Capacity, SWCD Aid, BWSR Soil Health Grant	Goodhue SWCD Local Policy: 75% Max C/S using State Funds alone. Up to 90% when leveraging non-state dollars.
329	Residue and Tillage Management, No-till	Acre	Flat Rate	1-3 yr.	State Cost-Share, WBIF, Local Capacity, SWCD Aid, BWSR Soil Health Grant	Goodhue SWCD Local Policy: \$15/ac/yr with max contract \$3,000.00