

Goodhue County SWCD District Regular Board Meeting

Monday – June 22nd 2026

7:30 AM

Goodhue County SWCD Conference Room

104 East 3rd Avenue, Goodhue MN 55027

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Meeting ID: 259 498 691 614 286

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AGENDA

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>
<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>Chris Fritz – District Technician</i>	<i>Via TEAMS</i>
<i>Don Schliep - Secretary</i>	<i>Ben Dvorak – Natural Resource Specialist</i>	<i>Don Bajumpaa (BWSR)</i>
<i>John Beck – Reporter</i>		<i>Dave Copeland (BWSR)</i>

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

- Approve Percent Based Cost Share Voucher for Contract #26-GC-02 with Donna Butenschoen for sealing a well at 100% cost share totalling \$2,165 using Cannon River Watershed funding
- Approve Flat Rate Cost Share Voucher for Contract #2023DWSMA-15 with Trevor Ryan for planting 160 acres of cover crops/LDM/Planting Green/Split Rate N for \$13,036.00 using DWSMA Grant funding.
- Approve Flat Rate Cost Share Voucher for Contract #RCPP 25-5-1 for planting 269 acres of No-Till for \$6,725.00 using RCPP Soil Health funding (Grant P26-0973 - March)
- Approve Flat Rate Cost Share Voucher for Contract #RCPP 25-2-2 for planting 32.83 acres of No-Till for \$820.75 using RCPP Soil Health funding (Grant P26-0102 – Sept.)

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

- Approve May 26th 2026 District Board Meeting Minutes

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

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

V. Public Comment (10 Minute limit)

VI. Action Items

- Action on 2026 Goodhue SWCD Conservation Farmer Award Winner – Christopher Hink area

Motioned by McNamara, seconded by Schliep to award the 2026 Goodhue SWCD Conservation Farmer Award Winner to Paul, Elaine Burfeind & Family.

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



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.

- b. Action on Percent Based Cost Share Contract Amendment #1 for Contract # 2025WAGZ-GC-06 with Pamela Sviggum for constructing 5 WASCObS in Section 24 of Wanamingo TWP, increasing the total authorized amount from \$30,834.90 to \$44,348.22 using WAGZ funding

Motioned by Comstock, seconded by McNamara to approve the Percent Based Cost Share Contract Amendment #1 for Contract # 2025WAGZ-GC-06 with Pamela Sviggum for constructing 5 WASCObS in Section 24 of Wanamingo TWP, increasing the total authorized amount from \$30,834.90 to \$44,348.22 using WAGZ funding.

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

- c. Approve Percent Based Cost Share Voucher for Contract #2025WAGZ-GC-06 with Pamela Sviggum for Constructing 5 WASCObS at 90% cost share totalling \$44,348.22 using 2024 Zumbro WAGZ funding

Motioned by Schliep, seconded by McNamara to approve the Percent Based Cost Share Voucher for Contract #2025WAGZ-GC-06 with Pamela Sviggum for Constructing 5 WASCObS at 90% cost share totalling \$44,348.22 using 2024 Zumbro WAGZ funding.

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

- d. Action on Percent Based Cost Share for Contract # LCF2023-14 with Ryan Overby for constructing a Grassed Waterway in Section 20 of Cherry Grove TWP @ 75% Cost-Share not to exceed \$7,501.50 using 2023 Local Capacity funding

Motioned by Comstock, seconded by McNamara to approve the Percent Based Cost Share for Contract # LCF2023-14 with Ryan Overby for constructing a Grassed Waterway in Section 20 of Cherry Grove TWP @ 75% Cost-Share not to exceed \$7,501.50 using 2023 Local Capacity funding.

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

- e. Action on BWSR PRAP Report for Goodhue SWCD – Don Bajumpaa BWSR

Motioned by McNamara, seconded by Comstock to approve the BWSR PRAP Report for Goodhue SWCD presented by Don Bajumpaa (BWSR).

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

- f. Action on Wetland Conservation Act Resolution with the City of Pine Island

Motioned by Schliep, seconded by McNamara to approve the Wetland Conservation Act Resolution with the City of Pine Island.

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

VII. Reports

- a. NRCS Report – Local Work Group to Follow SWCD Meeting

J. Benjamin: (see attached)

- b. Staff Reports – Storage Update – Budget Meeting - July Board Meeting Date-Action Needed

B. Kennedy: Budget presentation to County / District Technician Interview / Wells Inventory / JD Drill / Storage / Supervisors Meeting / Wells Creek

D.Krier: AgBMP Loan Program / MACDE Administrative Conference

C. Fritz: Truax / Kubota / Retirement

B. Dvorak: Wetland Applications

- c. Supervisor's Activity Report

Beck: County Budget / District Technician Interviews

Comstock: N/A

Hinck: County Budget / Area 7 Resolution / District Technician Interviews

McNamara: Breakfast on the Farm / District Technician Interviews

Schliep: Area 7 Resolution / District Technician Interviews

- d. Other

VIII. Treasurer's Report / Payables

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

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

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



b. Approve June 2026 Accounts Payable including Quarter 2 Supervisor Payroll and Expenses

Motioned by Comstock, seconded by McNamara to approve the June 2026 Accounts Payable including Quarter 2 Supervisor Payroll and Expenses.

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

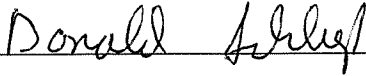
IX. Adjournment

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

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

Meeting adjourned 9:02 am.

Respectfully submitted



Don Schliep

Upcoming Events

July 3rd – Fourth of July Holiday – Office Closed

July 9th – Retirement Party for Chris Fritz - 1:30 to 3:30 - Goodhue SWCD Office/Shed

Thursday July 23rd 7:30am - July SWCD Board Meeting

Motioned by McNamara, seconded by Comstock to approve the July Board Meeting to be held on Thursday, July 23rd, 2026 at 7:30 am.

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

July 23rd - Wells Creek Watershed Partnership Picnic – @ Mark Diercks

August 5th – Cannon River Watershed Joint Powers Board Bus Tour – RSVP



NRCS Goodhue Field Office Report
06/22/26
John Benjamin

General

- John has been working on CSP & EQIP planning & obligating
- 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
- 6 contracts recently obligated
- 24 FY26 CSP applications in pending status

CSP RPP (Regenerative Agriculture Pilot Program)

- No Applications submitted

EQIP (Environmental Quality Incentive Program)

- 24 Active EQIP contracts worth roughly 800,500 cost share remaining to be paid out
- 27 EQIP apps in Pending or Eligible 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
- 0 Active contracts
- 0 Applications submitted

Wetland/HEL

- 22 Wetland determination request waiting on a returned determination
- 2 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
- 7 apps 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

