

Goodhue County SWCD District Regular Board Meeting

Monday – August 25th 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 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	
Mark Comstock - Treasurer	Savannah Domnie – Conservation Technician	
John Beck – Reporter	Ben Dvorak – Natural Resource Specialist	
<i>Not in attendance</i>	Coty Hyllengren – District Technician	<i>Call In</i>
Don Schliep – Secretary		

II. Approval of the Agenda

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

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

III. Consent Agenda

IV. Secretary's Report

- a. Approve July 21st 2025 District Regular Board Meeting Minutes

Motioned by McNamara, seconded by Comstock to approve the July 21st, 2025 District Regular Board Meeting Minutes as presented.

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

V. Public Comment (10 Minute limit)

VI. Action Items

- a. Action on Sub-agreement Between the Goodhue SWCD and the SE TSA7 allocating \$100,000 to a Feedlot Improvement project in Goodhue County.

Motioned by McNamara, seconded by Comstock to approve the Sub-agreement Between the Goodhue SWCD and the SE TSA7 allocating \$100,000 to a Feedlot Improvement project in Goodhue County.

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

- b. Action on Percent Based Cost-Share Contract #GC-FWQ-03 with Eric Ryan for constructing a Feedlot Fix in Sec. 24 of Goodhue TWP @ 75% cost-share not to exceed \$100,000 using BWSR Feedlot Water Quality funding through the SE TSA7.

Motioned by McNamara, seconded by Comstock to approve the Percent Based Cost-Share Contract #GC-FWQ-03 with Eric Ryan for constructing a Feedlot Fix in Sec. 24 of Goodhue TWP @ 75% cost-share not to exceed \$100,000 using BWSR Feedlot Water Quality funding through the SE TSA7.

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

- c. Action on Percent Based Cost-Share Contract #25WAGZ-GC-09 with Eric Ryan for constructing a Feedlot Fix in Sec. 24 of Goodhue TWP @ 75% cost-share not to exceed \$200,000 using Zumbro Watershed Based Implementation Funding.

Motioned by Comstock, seconded by McNamara to approve the Percent Based Cost-Share Contract #25WAGZ-GC-09 with Eric Ryan for constructing a Feedlot Fix in Sec. 24 of Goodhue TWP @ 75% cost-share not to exceed \$200,000 using Zumbro Watershed Based Implementation Funding.

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

- d. Action on Percent Based Cost-Share Contract #2025-NKE-01 with Eric Ryan for constructing a Feedlot Fix in Sec. 24 of Goodhue TWP @ 75% cost-share not to exceed \$40,000 Wells Creek Watershed EPA 319 Funding.

Motioned by Comstock, seconded by McNamara to approve the Percent Based Cost-Share Contract #2025-NKE-01 with Eric Ryan for constructing a Feedlot Fix in Sec. 24 of Goodhue TWP @ 75% cost-share not to exceed \$40,000 Wells Creek Watershed EPA 319 Funding.

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

- e. Action on Percent Based Cost-Share Contract #2025WAGZ-GC-10 with Calvin Steberg for constructing a Grassed Waterway in Sec. 29 of Minneola TWP @ 75% cost-share not to exceed \$9,770.63 using Zumbro Watershed Based Implementation Funding.

Motioned by McNamara, seconded by Comstock to approve the Percent Based Cost-Share Contract #2025WAGZ-GC-10 with Calvin Steberg for constructing a Grassed Waterway in Sec. 29 of Minneola TWP @ 75% cost-share not to exceed \$9,770.63 using Zumbro Watershed Based Implementation Funding.

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

- f. Action on Percent Based Cost-Share Contract #25-GC-10 with James Sviggum for constructing 4 Water and Sediment Control Basins in Sec. 14 of Holden TWP @ 85% cost-share not to exceed \$21,182.00 using Cannon Watershed Based Implementation Funding.

Motioned by Comstock, seconded by McNamara to approve the Percent Based Cost-Share Contract #25-GC-10 with James Sviggum for constructing 4 Water and Sediment Control Basins in Sec. 14 of Holden TWP @ 85% cost-share not to exceed \$21,182.00 using Cannon Watershed Based Implementation Funding.

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

- g. Action on Percent Based Cost-Share Contract #25-GC-11 with Gary Hovel for constructing 2 Water and Sediment Control Basins in Sec. 34/35 of Cannon Falls TWP @ 75% cost-share not to exceed \$15,019.69 using Cannon Watershed Based Implementation Funding.

Motioned by McNamara, seconded by Comstock to approve the Percent Based Cost-Share Contract #25-GC-11 with Gary Hovel for constructing 2 Water and Sediment Control Basins in Sec. 34/35 of Cannon Falls TWP @ 75% cost-share not to exceed \$15,019.69 using Cannon Watershed Based Implementation Funding.

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

- h. Action on Flat-rate Cost-Share Contract #25-GC-12 with Tom Bryan for planting 125 acres of cover crops in Sec.20/28/29/30/31 in Red Wing for 3 year @ \$40/ac. Totalling \$15,000 using Cannon WBIF funding. (Approved by District Manager on 8/18/25)

Motioned by McNamara, seconded by Comstock to approve the Flat-rate Cost-Share Contract #25-GC-12 with Tom Bryan for planting 125 acres of cover crops in Sec.20/28/29/30/31 in Red Wing for 3 year @ \$40/ac. Totalling \$15,000 using Cannon WBIF funding.

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

- i. Action on Flat-rate Cost-Share Contract #25-GC-13 with Samuel Androli for planting 49 acres of cover crops in Sec.27/28 in Warsaw for 3 year @ \$45/ac. Totalling \$6,615.00 using Cannon WBIF funding. (Approved by District Manager on 8/14/25)

Motioned by Comstock, seconded by McNamara to approve the Flat-rate Cost-Share Contract #25-GC-13 with Samuel Androli for planting 49 acres of cover crops in Sec.27/28 in Warsaw for 3 year @ \$45/ac. Totalling \$6,615.00 using Cannon WBIF funding.

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

- j. Action on Flat-rate Cost-Share Contract #25-GC-14 with Ted Androli for planting 49 acres of cover crops in Sec.27/28 in Warsaw for 3 year @ \$45/ac. Totalling \$6,615.00 using Cannon WBIF funding. (Approved by District Manager on 8/18/25)

Motioned by Comstock, seconded by McNamara to approve the Action on Flat-rate Cost-Share Contract #25-GC-14 with Ted Androli for planting 49 acres of cover crops in Sec.27/28 in Warsaw for 3 year @ \$45/ac. Totalling \$6,615.00 using Cannon WBIF funding.

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

- k. Action on Cost Share Contract Amendment #1 for Contract #2023DWSMA-16 with Peter Burfeind; to change conservation practice from Cover Crops to Perennial Cover on Field B. *(Approved by District Manager on 8/20/25)*

Motioned by McNamara, seconded by Comstock to approve the Cost Share Contract Amendment #1 for Contract #2023DWSMA-16 with Peter Burfeind; to change conservation practice from Cover Crops to Perennial Cover on Field B. Affirmative: Beck, Comstock, Hinck, McNamara. Opposed: None. Motion carried.

- l. Action on Flat-rate Cost-Share Contract #2023DWSMA-17 with Carlson Properties of Goodhue for planting 310 acres of cover crops, using N-Inhibitors, and Low Disturbance Manure application in Sec.21/29 in Goodhue TWP for 1 year totalling \$18,345.00 using Goodhue DWSMA Funding. *(Approved by District Manager on 4/22/25)*

Motioned by McNamara, seconded by Comstock to approve the Flat-rate Cost-Share Contract #2023DWSMA-17 with Carlson Properties of Goodhue for planting 310 acres of cover crops, using N-Inhibitors, and Low Disturbance Manure application in Sec.21/29 in Goodhue TWP for 1 year totalling \$18,345.00 using Goodhue DWSMA Funding.

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

- m. Action on Flat-rate Cost-Share Contract #2023DWSMA-18 with Stehr Farms, Inc for planting 138 acres of cover crops in Sec. 28 in Goodhue TWP for 1 year totalling \$6,900.00 using Goodhue DWSMA Funding.

Motioned by McNamara, seconded by Comstock to approve the Flat-rate Cost-Share Contract #2023DWSMA-18 with Stehr Farms, Inc for planting 138 acres of cover crops in Sec. 28 in Goodhue TWP for 1 year totalling \$6,900.00 using Goodhue DWSMA Funding.

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

- n. Action on Percent Based Cost-Share Contract #25SWCD-06 with Ben Ostertag for conducting Brush Management Practice on 7 acres in Sec. 35 of Holden TWP @ 50% cost-share not to exceed \$2,000.00 using SWCD Aid Funding.

Motioned by McNamara, seconded by Comstock to approve the Percent Based Cost-Share Contract #25SWCD-06 with Ben Ostertag for conducting Brush Management Practice on 7 acres in Sec. 35 of Holden TWP @ 50% cost-share not to exceed \$2,000.00 using SWCD Aid Funding.

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

- o. Action on Percent Based Cost-Share Contract #2025-03 with Steve Dankers for Well Decommissioning in Sec. 21 of Goodhue TWP @ 75% cost-share not to exceed \$2,227.50 using Goodhue SWCD Conservation Contract Funding.

Motioned by Comstock, seconded by McNamara to approve the Percent Based Cost-Share Contract #2025-03 with Steve Dankers for Well Decommissioning in Sec. 21 of Goodhue TWP @ 75% cost-share not to exceed \$2,227.50 using Goodhue SWCD Conservation Contract Funding.

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

- p. Action on Percent Based Cost-Share Contract #2025GMDH-01 with Steve Dankers for Well Construction in Sec. 21 of Goodhue TWP @ 50% cost-share not to exceed \$6,000.00 using Regional Safe Drinking Water Grant.

Motioned by Comstock, seconded by McNamara to approve the Percent Based Cost-Share Contract #2025GMDH-01 with Steve Dankers for Well Construction in Sec. 21 of Goodhue TWP @ 50% cost-share not to exceed \$6,000.00 using Regional Safe Drinking Water Grant.

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

- q. Action on Flat-Rate RCPP Cost-Share Contract #25-1-1 for planting 448 acres of Cover Crops @ \$50/ac in Belvidere, Lake and Gillford TWPs for 3 years totalling \$67,200.00 using RCPP Soil Health Funding.

Motioned by McNamara, seconded by Comstock to approve the Flat-Rate RCPP Cost-Share Contract #25-1-1 for planting 448 acres of Cover Crops @ \$50/ac in Belvidere, Lake and Gillford TWPs for 3 years totalling \$67,200.00 using RCPP Soil Health Funding.

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

- r. Action on Flat-Rate RCPP Cost-Share Contract #25-1-2 for planting 287 acres of Cover Crops @ \$50/ac in Welch/Vasa TWPs for 3 years totalling \$43,050.00 using RCPP Soil Health Funding.

Motioned by McNamara, seconded by Comstock to approve the Flat-Rate RCPP Cost-Share Contract #25-1-2 for planting 287 acres of Cover Crops @ \$50/ac in Welch/Vasa TWPs for 3 years totalling \$43,050.00 using RCPP Soil Health Funding.

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

VII. Reports

a. NRCS Report

Presented by J. Benjamin (see attached)

b. SWCD Staff

B. Kennedy: County Fair / Zumbro 1W1P / Cannon 1W1P / Lake Pepin Alliance / Goodhue DWSMA / RCPP Soil Health / Building update / TSA7 / MCIT vehicle claim / Manger was directed by Supervisors to add 2026 NACD National Conference (\$3,000) to the draft agenda for review and approval of final budget in December.

D. Krier – AgBMP loan update

c. Supervisor's Activity Report

J. Beck: Cannon 1W1P / Goodhue County Commissioners Meeting @ Fair / DWSMA Picnic

C. Hinck: Goodhue County Commissioners Meeting @ Fair

E. McNamara: Goodhue County Commissioners Meeting @ Fair / Zumbro Bus Tour / DWSMA Picnic / Farm Resilience Field Day

d. Other

VIII. Treasurer's Report / Payables

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

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

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

b. Approve August 2025 Accounts Payable

Motioned by McNamara, seconded by Comstock to approve the August 2025 Accounts Payable.

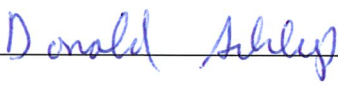
Affirmative: Beck, Comstock, Hinck, McNamara. Opposed: None. Motion carried.

IX. Adjournment

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

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

Respectfully submitted



Don Schliep

Upcoming Events

Monday August 25th @ 7PM Bear Valley Watershed District Meeting

Monday September 1st – Labor Day Holiday

Wednesday September 10th - BALMM Meeting – Virtual

Monday September 22nd – Goodhue SWCD Board Meeting Time: *Motioned by McNamara, seconded by Comstock to approve the September 22nd, 2025 Goodhue SWCD Board Meeting @7:30 am.*

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

NRCS Goodhue Field Office Report

08/25/25

John Benjamin

General

- John has been working on reviewing CRP planning, CSP practice certifications, & EQIP planning, payments, contract maintenance
- Emily has been working on Site visits for EQIP planning, surveying, & construction. Emily recently graduated from MASWCD Leadership Program.

CSP (Conservation Stewardship Program)

- 24 Active contracts worth roughly **755K** cost share remaining to be paid out
- 24 CSP Classic applications in pending status
- FY26 Classic signup deadline Oct. 31
- Assessment & ranking deadline March 27th
- 2 FY26 CSP Renewal applications pending
- Assessment & ranking deadline Oct. 31

EQIP (Environmental Quality Incentive Program)

- 27 Active EQIP contracts worth roughly **526K** cost share remaining to be paid out
- 46 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

- 70 Wetland request waiting for Certified Wetland determinations to be completed and returned from the compliance team
- 50 HEL determination requests waiting to be completed and returned from the compliance team

CRP (Conservation Reserve Program)

- Continuous SU63 batching period 1
- SU63 batching period two ended July 7/18/2025
- Grassland CRP signup running July 14th – Aug. 8th
- 27 FY27 expiring contract reviews needed
- 21 FY28 expiring contract reviews needed
- 26 PIP payment reviews needed