

Goodhue County SWCD District Regular Board Meeting

Monday – January 26th, 2026

8:30 AM

Goodhue County SWCD Conference Room

104 East 3rd Avenue, Goodhue MN 55027

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Meeting ID: 265 423 551 271 75

Passcode: L6ZC25iV Call in: 1-872-240-8960 Phone conference ID: 573 158 419#

MINUTES

I. Call to Order and Pledge Allegiance Meeting was called to order at 8:30 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	Nicholas Schlessler (DNR)
Mark Comstock - Treasurer		Call In:
Don Schliep - Secretary		Neil Rude (DNR)
John Beck – Reporter		Michael

II. Election of Officers

- a. **Chair:** Christopher Hinck
- b. **Vice Chair:** Ed McNamara
- c. **Treasurer:** Mark Comstock
- d. **Secretary:** Don Schliep
- e. **Reporter:** John Beck

Motioned by Schliep, seconded by McNamara to have the slate of 2025 Officers remain the same for the 2026 calendar year.

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

III. 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.

IV. Consent Agenda

- a. Approve 2025 Quarter #4 WAGZ Watershed Based Implementation Funding Invoice #WAGZ-25-Q4 to Dodge County SWCD for \$6,767.34
- b. Approve 2025 Quarter #4 WAGZ WBIF and 2024 CRP Incentives Invoice #2025-84 to Wabasha SWCD for \$24,993.34
- c. Approve 2025 Quarter #4 WAGZ Watershed Based Implementation Funding Invoice #2025-109 to the Goodhue SWCD for \$299,957.80
- d. Approve 2025 Quarter #4 WAGZ Watershed Based Implementation Funding Invoice #2541 to the Olmsted SWCD for \$45,805.39
- e. Approve Flat Rate Cost Share Voucher for Contract #25-1-1 for planting 432 acres of cover crops for \$21,600 using RCPP Soil Health (P26-0017) funding
- f. Approve Flat Rate Cost Share Voucher for Contract #2024WAGZ-GC-19 with Dawn Brossard for planting 68.4 acres of cover crops for \$3,078 using 2024 WAGZ WBIF funding.
- g. Approve Flat Rate Cost Share Voucher for Contract #2023DWSMA-01 with Travis Betcher Rev. Trust for planting 24.5 acres of cover crops for \$1,225.00 using Goodhue DWSMA funding.
- h. Approve Flat Rate Cost Share Voucher for Contract #2023DWSMA-14 with Kenneth Schrimpf for planting 71 acres of cover crops for \$3,550.00 using Goodhue DWSMA funding.
- i. Approve Flat Rate Cost Share Voucher for Contract #25-GC-21 with Callstrom Farms LLC for planting 30 acres of cover crops for \$1,500.00 using Cannon River Watershed funding.

*Motioned by McNamara, seconded by Comstock to approve the Consent Agenda.
Affirmative: Beck, Comstock, Hinck, McNamara, Schliep. Opposed: None. Motion carried.*

V. Secretary's Report

- a. Approve December 22nd, 2025 District Board Meeting Minutes

*Motioned by McNamara, seconded by Schliep to approve the December 22nd, 2025 District Board Meeting Minutes.
Affirmative: Beck, Comstock, Hinck, McNamara, Schliep. Opposed: None. Motion carried.*

VI. Public Comment (10 Minute limit) - None

VII. Action Items

- a. Appointment of SWCD Committees (see attached)

Motioned by Schliep, seconded by Comstock to approve the SWCD Committees as presented with the change to Zumbro River Watershed.

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

- b. Action to set 2026 SWCD Board Meeting Time & Dates

Motioned by Schliep, seconded by Comstock to set the Goodhue County SWCD Board meeting times and dates to the 4th Monday of the month @ 8:30 am (December through March) @ 7:30 am (April through November) with the ability to change as needed.

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

- c. Designate Official County Newspaper and Website

Motioned by McNamara, seconded by Schliep to approve to set the Red Wing Republican Eagle as the Goodhue SWCD official County newspaper for 2026 and the official website as GoodhueSWCD.org.

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

- d. Action on 2026 SWCD Resolution

Motioned by Comstock, seconded by Schliep to approve the 2026 SWCD Resolution for Goodhue SWCD.

Affirmative via Roll Call: Beck-Yea, Schliep-Yea, McNamara-Yea, Comstock-Yea, Hinck-Yea. Resolution approved.

- e. Action on 2026 Goodhue SWCD Charges for Services (see attached)

Motioned by McNamara, seconded by Comstock to approve the 2026 Goodhue SWCD Charges for Services.

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

- f. Action on 2026 Goodhue SWCD Cost-Share Policy

Motioned by McNamara, seconded by Schliep to approve the 2026 Goodhue SWCD Cost-Share Policy.

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

- g. Action on Goodhue SWCD 2026 Dues: (Envirothon; \$175.00, SE SWCD Tech Support JPB; \$4,000, MASWCD; \$7,654.59, CRWJPO; \$3,750.00, NACD; \$775.00. MACDE: \$175.00)

Motioned by Comstock, seconded by McNamara to approve the Goodhue SWCD 2026 Dues: (Envirothon; \$175.00, SE SWCD Tech Support JPB; \$4,000, MASWCD; \$7,654.59, CRWJPO; \$3,750.00, NACD; \$775.00. MACDE: \$175.00).

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

- h. Action on MACFO Dues (\$150.00) and Goodhue SWCD Staff @ 2026 MACFO Conference Attendance Mar24-26th in St. Cloud (\$200.00)

Motioned by McNamara, seconded by Comstock to approve the MACFO Dues (\$150.00) and Goodhue SWCD Staff @ 2026 MACFO Conference Attendance Mar24-26th in St. Cloud (\$200.00).

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

- i. Action on 2026 SWCD Aid Funding Resolution

Error – omit action item I, no action taken.

- j. Action on Pay Equity Report

Motioned by McNamara, seconded by Schliep to approve the Pay Equity Report.

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

- k. Action on 2025-2026 Regional Safe Drinking Water for Private Well Grant sub-agreement with Olmsted SWCD

Motioned by Comstock, seconded by McNamara to approve the 2025-2026 Regional Safe Drinking Water for Private Well Grant sub-agreement with Olmsted SWCD.

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

- l. Action on Incentive Conservation Activity Reimbursement Contract #2025-Cannon-GC-CRP-07 Raymond Lopresto; Contract and Incentive Payment of \$500.00 for CRP Reenrolment using Cannon River CRP Incentive Funds
- m. Action on Incentive Conservation Activity Reimbursement Contract #2025-Cannon-GC-CRP-08 David Fluegel Contract and Incentive Payment of \$1,150.00 for CRP Reenrolment and New Enrolment using Cannon River CRP Incentive Funds
- n. Action on Incentive Conservation Activity Reimbursement Contract #2025-Cannon-GC-CRP-09 William Bodin Contract and Incentive Payment of \$1,250.00 for CRP New Enrolment using Cannon River CRP Incentive Funds
- o. Action on Incentive Conservation Activity Reimbursement Contract #2025-Cannon-GC-CRP-10 Tom Ryan Contract and Incentive Payment of \$500.00 for CRP Reenrolment using Cannon River CRP Incentive Funds
- p. Action on Incentive Conservation Activity Reimbursement Contract #2025-Cannon-GC-CRP-11 Thomas Murphy Contract and Incentive Payment of \$600.00 for CRP New Enrolment using Cannon River CRP Incentive Funds
- q. Action on Incentive Conservation Activity Reimbursement Contract #2025-Cannon-GC-CRP-12 Judith Schlekewy Contract and Incentive Payment of \$500.00 for CRP Reenrolment using Cannon River CRP Incentive Funds
- r. Action on Incentive Conservation Activity Reimbursement Contract #2025-Cannon-GC-CRP-13 Frederick Bauer Contract and Incentive Payment of \$250.00 for CRP Reenrolment using Cannon River CRP Incentive Funds
- s. Action on Incentive Conservation Activity Reimbursement Contract #2025-Cannon-GC-CRP-14 Brad Grimes Contract and Incentive Payment of \$1,250.00 for CRP New Enrolment using Cannon River CRP Incentive Funds
- t. Action on Incentive Conservation Activity Reimbursement Contract #2025-Cannon-GC-CRP-15 Marshall Sachs Contract and Incentive Payment of \$250.00 for CRP Reenrolment using Cannon River CRP Incentive Funds
- u. Action on Incentive Conservation Activity Reimbursement Contract #2025-Cannon-GC-CRP-16 Russel Haugen Contract and Incentive Payment of \$500.00 for CRP New Enrolment using Cannon River CRP Incentive Funds
- v. Action on Incentive Conservation Activity Reimbursement Contract #2025-Cannon-GC-CRP-17 Steve Ernst Contract and Incentive Payment of \$2,500.00 for CRP New Enrolment using Cannon River CRP Incentive Funds

Chair Hinck requested a motion to approve items l. through v. together due to their similarities in nature.

Motioned by McNamara, seconded by Comstock to approve items (l) Incentive Conservation Activity Reimbursement Contract #2025-Cannon-GC-CRP-07 Raymond Lopresto; Contract and Incentive Payment of \$500.00 for CRP Reenrolment using Cannon River CRP Incentive Funds (m) Incentive Conservation Activity Reimbursement Contract #2025-Cannon-GC-CRP-08 David Fluegel Contract and Incentive Payment of \$1,150.00 for CRP Reenrolment and New Enrolment using Cannon River CRP Incentive Funds (n) Incentive Conservation Activity Reimbursement Contract #2025-Cannon-GC-CRP-09 William Bodin Contract and Incentive Payment of \$1,250.00 for CRP New Enrolment using Cannon River CRP Incentive Funds (o) Incentive Conservation Activity Reimbursement Contract #2025-Cannon-GC-CRP-10 Tom Ryan Contract and Incentive Payment of \$500.00 for CRP Reenrolment using Cannon River CRP Incentive Funds (p) Incentive Conservation Activity Reimbursement Contract #2025-Cannon-GC-CRP-11 Thomas Murphy Contract and Incentive Payment of \$600.00 for CRP New Enrolment using Cannon River CRP Incentive Funds (q) Incentive Conservation Activity Reimbursement Contract #2025-Cannon-GC-CRP-12 Judith Schlekewy Contract and Incentive Payment of \$500.00 for CRP Reenrolment using Cannon River CRP Incentive Funds (r) Incentive Conservation Activity Reimbursement Contract #2025-Cannon-GC-CRP-13 Frederick Bauer Contract and Incentive Payment of \$250.00 for CRP Reenrolment using Cannon River CRP Incentive Funds (s) Incentive Conservation Activity Reimbursement Contract #2025-Cannon-GC-CRP-14 Brad Grimes Contract and Incentive Payment of \$1,250.00 for CRP New Enrolment using Cannon River CRP Incentive Funds (t) Incentive Conservation Activity Reimbursement Contract #2025-Cannon-GC-CRP-15 Marshall Sachs Contract and Incentive Payment of \$250.00 for CRP Reenrolment using Cannon River CRP Incentive Funds (u) Incentive Conservation Activity Reimbursement Contract #2025-Cannon-GC-CRP-16 Russel Haugen Contract and Incentive Payment of \$500.00 for CRP New Enrolment using Cannon River CRP Incentive Funds (v) Incentive Conservation Activity Reimbursement

Contract #2025-Cannon-GC-CRP-17 Steve Ernst Contract and Incentive Payment of \$2,500.00 for CRP New Enrolment using Cannon River CRP Incentive Funds.

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

- w. Action on Percent Based Cost Share for Contract # 26SWCD-01 with Scott Morgan for a Well Sealing in Section 16 of Roscoe TWP @ 75% cost-share not to exceed \$2,700.00 using SWCD Aid funding

Motioned by Schliep, seconded by McNamara to approve the Percent Based Cost Share for Contract # 26SWCD-01 with Scott Morgan for a Well Sealing in Section 16 of Roscoe TWP @ 75% cost-share not to exceed \$2,700.00 using SWCD Aid funding.

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

VIII. Reports

- a. NRCS Report

J. Benjamin (see attached)

- b. MN DNR Presentation – Frontenac Pond Project

Motioned by McNamara, seconded by Schliep to approve Goodhue SWCD will work with the DNR on a grant application and be the fiscal agent with Chris Hinck being the board representative.

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

- c. Staff Reports

Coty Hyllengren and Chris Fritz: Presented updates on the John Deere No-Till Drill, Truax Drill, Kubota Pendulum Spreader, 2025 work completed with state money and future work, County Ditch, DNR Well Monitoring, RIM – CREP – Farmbill, CRP Contracting

Beau Kennedy: Zumbro 1W1P, Cannon 1W1P, SE SWCD Spring Employees meeting

Delane Krier: AgBMP Loan Program, End of year reporting, Board Meeting packets

- d. Supervisor's Activity Reports

No supervisor's activity to report

- e. Other

IX. Treasurer's Report / Payables

- a. Approve December 2025 Financial Reports (Balance Sheet, Profit & Loss Budget vs Actual)

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

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

- b. Approve January 2026 Accounts Payable

Motioned by Comstock, seconded by McNamara to approve the January 2026 Accounts Payable.

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

X. Adjournment

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

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

Meeting adjourned 10:00 am.

Respectfully submitted



Don Schliep

Upcoming Events

February 1st – Reporting Due for BWSR

February 3rd – Nutrient Management Conference – Mankato

February 7th 8:30am – Goodhue County Annual Township Meeting – Zumbrota VFW

February 12th @ 4:00pm - Cow Calf Day – Rossman Farm - Oronoco

February 16th - Holiday – Presidents Day Office Closed

February 17th – Nitrogen Conference – St. Cloud

February 23rd – Goodhue SWCD Board Meeting @ _____

COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

2026 Members

COMMITTEE	MEMBER(S)
Public Relations and Legislative	Chris Hinck - Chair Ed McNamara Beau Kennedy
Goodhue County FAC	Beau Kennedy
Equipment/Building Needs	Don Schliep Ed McNamara Beau Kennedy
Personnel/Finance Committee	Chris Hinck-Chair Ed McNamara
Wetland Conservation Act	Don Schliep Beau Kennedy Ben Dvorak
Cannon River Watershed <i>Prairie Creek</i> <i>Little Cannon</i> <i>Belle Creek</i>	John Beck - Primary Ed McNamara - Alternate Don Schliep - Alternate
Zumbro River Watershed <i>Middle Fork</i> <i>North Fork</i> <i>Trout Brook</i> <i>Bear Valley</i>	Ed McNamara- Primary Mark Comstock - Alternate Don Schliep - Alternate
Mississippi River/Lake Pepin Spring Creek Bullard Wells Creek Hay Creek	Chris Hinck - Primary Ed McNamara - Alternate Mark Comstock – Alternate
RIM Screening Committee	Chris Hinck Chris Fritz Resource Agency Reps Citizens-At-Large
Feedlot Committee	Don Schliep Ed McNamara Kelsey Petit
TSA 7	Chris Hinck (Main) Ed McNamara (Alternate) Beau Kennedy
Loan Committee	Chris Hinck Don Schliep Delane Krier Beau Kennedy (Alternate) County Representatives
Nutrient Management Committee	Mark Comstock Ed McNamara Coty Hyllengren Kelsey Petit
Cost-Share Prioritization	Beau Kennedy Coty Hyllengren Ben Dvorak Chris Fritz (Alternate) Ed McNamara Don Schliep (Alternate)



2026 Fees

104 East 3rd Ave, P.O. Box 335
Goodhue, MN 55027
651-923-5286 Ext. 4

www.goodhueswcd.org

Feedlot Registration	Fee
New Registration	\$100
Re-Registration (Required every 4 Years)	\$50
Registration Late Fee	\$25
Change of Ownership	\$50

Feedlot Construction Permit	Fee	
Construction Permit fees are based on animal units that you are expanding during the project, not the total animal units of your operation	No Manure Storage	With Manure Storage
Interim Permits	\$50	\$250
0 - 99 Animal Units	\$50	\$250
100 - 299 Animal Units	\$100	\$300
300 - 499 Animal Units	\$200	\$400
500 - 999 Animal Units	\$300	\$500

Wetland Conservation Act Task	Fee	Description
Wetland Delineation, Exemption or No-Loss Application	\$200	Review Application for Completeness Notice WCA Application Notice WCA Decision
Wetland Replacement Plan Application	<1 acre	Review Application for Completeness
	>1 acre	Notice WCA Application Notice WCA Decision
Wetland Banking Plan Application	<1 acre	Review Application for Completeness
	>1 acre	Notice WCA Application Notice WCA Decision
Wetland Monitoring Report	\$75	Review Monitoring Report LGU Decision on Monitoring Report

Drone/Seed/Drill/Crimper	Fee	
Drone	\$100 (+/hourly rate as needed)	
Seed	As Required by Project	
JD No-Till Drill	First 5 Acres	\$150
	Per Acre	\$16
	Contractors and Out of County Use	Charges are Doubled
Truax Drill Rental	First 5 Acres	\$150
	Per Acre Each Additional Acre	\$16
	Contractors and Out of County Use	Charges are Doubled
Crimper	Per Day	\$50
	Contractors and Out of County Use	\$100.00
Kubota Pendulum Spreader (Mounted on 500 Ranger UTV - Goodhue SWCD Staff Operated)	First 5 Acres	\$100
	Per Acre Each Additional Acre	\$20.00

Miscellaneous Fees	Fee
Labor costs for duplicating requested projects	Per Hour \$75
Public Data Requests	Per Hour/Minimum \$60 / \$15
Digital Data Request Fee	Job \$500
Photocopies - 10 or less	Per Page \$1
Photocopies - 10 or More	Labor Fee Per Hour + Per Page \$60 / \$0.25
CPI Ratings	Per Parcel \$25
Water Test Kit	Per Kit \$60
Survey Flags	Per Bundle of 100 \$15

NRCS Goodhue Field Office Report

1/26/26

John Benjamin

General

- John has been working on Annual contract reviews planning EQIP applications
- Emily has been working on plan design & EQIP planning

CSP (Conservation Stewardship Program)

- 16 Active contracts worth roughly 535K cost share remaining to be paid out
- 36 FY26 CSP Classic applications in pending status
- The CSP Renewal option is no longer available

EQIP (Environmental Quality Incentive Program)

- 25 Active EQIP contracts worth roughly 260K cost share remaining to be paid out
- 35 EQIP25 applications in pending status
- FY26 signup deadline was Jan 15th
- Assessment & ranking deadline TBD

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

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

CRP (Conservation Reserve Program)

- 27 FY27 expiring contract reviews needed
- 21 FY28 expiring contract reviews needed
- 26 PIP payment reviews needed