

**Goodhue County SWCD District Regular Board Meeting**

Monday – April 27th 2026

**7:30 AM**

Goodhue County SWCD Conference Room  
104 East 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue, Goodhue MN 55027

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Meeting ID: 279 264 870 127 577

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**Minutes**

**I. Call to Order and Pledge Allegiance** *Meeting was called to order at 7:30 a.m. by Chair Christopher Hinck*

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>Coty Hyllengren – District Technician</i>	<i>Michael (?)</i>
<i>John Beck – Reporter</i>		

**II. Approval of the Agenda**

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

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

**III. Consent Agenda**

- a. Approve 2026 Quarter#1 WAGZ Watershed Based Implementation Funding Invoice #2018278 from Rice SWCD for \$380.00 using Zumbro C24-0109 Funds
- b. Approve 2026 Quarter #1 WAGZ Watershed Based Implementation Funding Invoice #2026-14 to the Goodhue SWCD for \$24,527.32 using Zumbro C24-0109 and C26-0146 Funds
- c. Approve 2026 Quarter #1 WAGZ WBIF Invoice #2026-24 from Wabasha SWCD for \$13,928.04 using Zumbro C24-0109 and C26-0146 Funds
- d. Approve 2026 Quarter #1 WAGZ WBIF Invoice #2026-22563 from the Olmsted SWCD for \$25,140.59 to using Zumbro C24-0109 and C26-0146 Funds
- e. Approve 2026 Quarter #1 Well Inventory Invoice #2001 to Goodhue County HHS for \$5,712.27 and \$1,125.00 to the Goodhue County Env. Health Dept using MDH Well Inventory Funding
- f. Approve Percent Based Cost Share Voucher for Contract #26SWCD-01 with Scott Morgan for a Well Decommissioning at 75% cost share totalling \$2,119.00 using SWCD Aid funding
- g. Approve Percent Based Cost Share Voucher for Contract #2026WAGZ-GC-01 with Steven Wilde for a Well Decommissioning at 75% cost share totalling \$2,475.00 using C24 Zumbro Watershed funding
- h. Approve Flat Rate Cost Share Voucher for Contract #2023DWSMA-11 with Bucks Unlimited for planting 50 acres of cover crops for \$3,500 using Goodhue DWSMA funding
- i. Approve 2026 Quarter #1 WAGZ WBIF Invoice #2026-17 from the TSA7 for \$3,276.00 to the Goodhue SWCD using Zumbro C26-0146 Funds
- j. Approve Percent Based Cost Share Voucher for Contract #25-GC-24 with Johnathon Hinsch for a water and sediment control basin at 75% cost share totalling \$5,705.15 using Cannon River Watershed Funding and \$1,289.54 from 2025 Conservation Contracts Funding
- k. Approve Percent Based Cost Share Voucher for Contract # 2025-01 with David Froyum for a grassed waterway at 75% cost share totalling \$15,805.44 using 2025 Conservation Contract Funding



- I. Approve Percent Based Cost Share Voucher for Contract # 25WAGZ-GC-04 with Scott Cordes for a grassed waterway at 90% cost share totalling \$8,835.39 using C24 Zumbro Watershed Funding

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

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

#### **IV. Secretary's Report**

- a. Approve March 23rd 2026 District Board Meeting Minutes

*Motioned by McNamara, seconded by Schliep to approve the March 23rd 2026 District Board Meeting Minutes.*

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

#### **V. Public Comment (10 Minute limit)**

#### **VI. Action Items**

- a. Action on Percent Based Cost Share for Contract # 26-GC-01 with Don Moyer for sealing 2 wells in Section 24 of Leon TWP @ 100% cost-share not to exceed \$4,030.00 using Cannon River Watershed funding

*Motioned by McNamara, seconded by Schliep to approve the Percent Based Cost Share for Contract # 26-GC-01 with Don Moyer for sealing 2 wells in Section 24 of Leon TWP @ 100% cost-share not to exceed \$4,030.00 using Cannon River Watershed funding.*

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

- b. Action on Incentive Conservation Activity Reimbursement Contract #2025-WAGZ-GC-CRP-16 with J.M. Parker Trust - Contract and Incentive Payment of \$250.00 for CRP re-enrolment of 4.73 acres using Zumbro River CRP Incentive Funds

*Motioned by Comstock, seconded by McNamara to approve Incentive Conservation Activity Reimbursement Contract #2025-WAGZ-GC-CRP-16 with J.M. Parker Trust - Contract and Incentive Payment of \$250.00 for CRP re-enrolment of 4.73 acres using Zumbro River CRP Incentive Funds.*

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

- c. Action on Subrecipient Agreement with the Frontenac Sportsman Club

*Motioned by McNamara, seconded by Schliep to approve the Subrecipient Agreement with the Frontenac Sportsman Club.*

*Motion was amended by McNamara, seconded by Schliep to approve the Subrecipient Agreement with the Frontenac Sportsman Club to allow District Manger to sign on behalf of the board with Board Chair approval.*

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

- d. Action on MASWCD Resolutions from the Goodhue SWCD
  - i. Technical Service Area Funding Resolution
  - ii. Others

*Motioned by McNamara, seconded by Schliep to approve the MASWCD Resolutions from the Goodhue SWCD.*

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

- e. Action on Approving the Cancellation of Short-Term Disability Coverage with Humana and the Updated 2026 Goodhue SWCD Personnel Policy language reflecting this change

*Motioned by McNamara, seconded by Comstock to approve the Cancellation of Short-Term Disability Coverage with Humana and the Updated 2026 Goodhue SWCD Personnel Policy language reflecting this change.*

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

- f. Action on Lease Agreement – Amendment #7 between the Goodhue SWCD and Dan Agenten

*Motioned by McNamara, seconded by Comstock to approve the Lease Agreement – Amendment #7 between the Goodhue SWCD and Dan Agenten.*

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

- g. Action on Flat-Rate Cost-Share for Contract #2023DWSMA-22 with Townsedge Pork LLC for planting 135 acres of Cover Crops, No-Till and Low Disturbance Manure application @ \$90/ac in Section 21 of Goodhue TWP for 1 year totalling \$12,150 using Goodhue DWSMA funding



Motioned by Comstock, seconded by McNamara to approve the Flat-Rate Cost-Share for Contract #2023DWSMA-22 with Townsedge Pork LLC for planting 135 acres of Cover Crops, No-Till and Low Disturbance Manure application @ \$90/ac in Section 21 of Goodhue TWP for 1 year totalling \$12,150 using Goodhue DWSMA funding.

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

- h. Action on Flat-Rate Cost-Share for Contract #2023DWSMA-24 with Bucks Unlimited for planting 87 acres of Cover Crops and Low Disturbance Manure application @ \$70/ac in Section 19 of Goodhue TWP for 1 year totalling \$6,090 using Goodhue DWSMA funding

Motioned by Schliep, seconded by McNamara to approve the Flat-Rate Cost-Share for Contract #2023DWSMA-24 with Bucks Unlimited for planting 87 acres of Cover Crops and Low Disturbance Manure application @ \$70/ac in Section 19 of Goodhue TWP for 1 year totalling \$6,090 using Goodhue DWSMA funding.

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

- i. Action on Flat-Rate Cost-Share for Contract #25-4-2 for planting 220.31 acres of Cover Crop @ \$50/ac in Section 18/19 of Holden TWP for 3 years totalling \$33,046.50 using RCPP Soil Health funding. (contract was previously signed by District Manager on 3/25/26)

Motioned by McNamara, seconded by Comstock to approve the Flat-Rate Cost-Share for Contract #25-4-2 for planting 220.31 acres of Cover Crop @ \$50/ac in Section 18/19 of Holden TWP for 3 years totalling \$33,046.50 using RCPP Soil Health funding. (contract was previously signed by District Manager on 3/25/26.

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

- j. Action on Flat-Rate Cost-Share for Contract #25-4-3 for planting 227.4 acres of Cover Crop @ \$50/ac in Section 15/20 of Holden TWP for 3 years totalling \$34,110 using RCPP Soil Health funding. (contract was previously signed by District Manager on 3/25/26)

Motioned by Comstock, seconded by McNamara to approve the Action on Flat-Rate Cost-Share for Contract #25-4-3 for planting 227.4 acres of Cover Crop @ \$50/ac in Section 15/20 of Holden TWP for 3 years totalling \$34,110 using RCPP Soil Health funding. (contract was previously signed by District Manager on 3/25.

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

- k. Action on Percent Based Cost Share for Contract # 2026 -01 with Jonathon Hinsch for constructing a water and sediment control basin in Section 27 of Welch TWP @ 75% cost-share not to exceed \$15,425.25 using State Cost-Share and Cannon River funding

Motioned by McNamara, seconded by Comstock to approve the Percent Based Cost Share for Contract # 2026 -01 with Jonathon Hinsch for constructing a water and sediment control basin in Section 27 of Welch TWP @ 75% cost-share not to exceed \$15,425.25 using State Cost-Share and Cannon River funding.

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

- l. Action on RCPP Soil Health Application Batching for April 2026 Ranking

Contract#	Practice	Ranking Score
25-5-1	No-Till	35
25-5-2	Cover Crop	30

Motioned by McNamara, seconded by Schliep to approve the RCPP Application Batching for April 2026.

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

- m. Action on Accepting Resignation of District Technician – Chris Fritz

Motioned by Schliep, seconded by McNamara to approve the Resignation of District Technician – Chris Fritz.

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

- n. Authorize District Manager to update District Technician Position Description and Proceed with Hiring Process for a District Technician

Motioned by Comstock, seconded by McNamara to approve the District Manager to update District Technician Position Description and Proceed with Hiring Process for a District Technician.

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

## VII. Reports

- a. NRCS Report

J. Benjamin: (see attached)



b. Staff Reports – Storage Update

*B. Kennedy: Program updates to County Board / Zumbro 1W1P / Cannon 1W1P / Trees / Goodhue DWSMA / 2027 Budget / TSA7 / Storage Update*

*D. Krier: AgBMP Loan Funding*

c. Supervisor’s Activity Report

N/A

d. Other

**VIII. Treasurer’s Report / Payables**

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

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

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

b. Approve April 2026 Accounts Payable

*Motioned by Schliep, seconded by Comstock to approve the April 2026 Accounts Payable.*

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

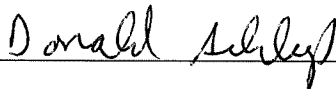
**IX. Adjournment**

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

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

*Meeting adjourned 9:05 a.m.*

*Respectfully submitted*



*Don Schliep*

**Upcoming Events**

**6<sup>th</sup> Grade Field Day – May 19<sup>th</sup> Cannon Valley Ranch**

**SWCD Supervisor Candidates Filing – May 19<sup>th</sup> to June 2<sup>nd</sup>**

**Memorial Day - Monday May 25<sup>th</sup>**

**Goodhue SWCD Board Meeting - May \_\_\_\_\_?**

*Motioned by McNamara, seconded by Schliep to approve the May meeting on Tuesday May 26<sup>th</sup>, 2026 @ 7:30 a.m. due to the Holiday.*

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



NRCS Goodhue Field Office Report  
4/27/26  
John Benjamin

**General**

- John has been working on CSP planning
- Emily has been working on CRP checks, construction, & waterway design

**CSP (Conservation Stewardship Program)**

- 16 Active contracts worth roughly 535K cost share remaining to be paid out
- 23 FY26 CSP applications in pending status
- 6 in eligible status
- Deadlines
  - Ranking April 24<sup>th</sup>
  - Preapprovals May 1<sup>st</sup>

**CSP RPP (Regenerative Agriculture Pilot Program)**

- Deadlines
  - Sign up Dec. 11<sup>th</sup> -Jan 15<sup>th</sup>
  - Ranking Deadline May 8<sup>th</sup>
  - Preapproval May 15<sup>th</sup>
  - Obligation July 17<sup>th</sup>

**EQIP (Environmental Quality Incentive Program)**

- 21 Active EQIP contracts worth roughly 225K cost share remaining to be paid out
- 3 EQIP apps in Pending status
- 28 EQIP25 applications in eligible status
- Deadlines
  - Sign up Jan. 15<sup>th</sup>
  - Ranking March 20<sup>th</sup>
  - Preapproval March 27<sup>th</sup>
  - Obligation July 17<sup>th</sup>

**RPP EQIP (Regenerative Agriculture Pilot Program)**

- Deadlines
  - Sign up Dec. 11<sup>th</sup>-Jan. 15<sup>th</sup>
  - Ranking April 10<sup>th</sup>
  - Preapprovals April 17
  - Obligation July 17<sup>th</sup>

**RCPP18 (Regional Conservation Partnership Program)**

- 2881 TU-DA\_HFTWAR: Goodhue is applicable. Only on designated trout streams
- 0 Active contracts
- 0 Applications submitted
- FY26 Deadlines
  - Sign up April 30<sup>th</sup>
  - Ranking June 15<sup>th</sup>
  - Preapproval June 30<sup>th</sup>
  - Obligation Aug 31<sup>st</sup>.

**Wetland/HEL**

- 25 Wetland determination request waiting on a returned determination
- 0 HEL determination requests waiting to be returned

**CRP (Conservation Reserve Program)**

**Sign up**

Continuous Feb. 12<sup>th</sup> – March 20<sup>th</sup> for first batching period

- 43 applications in



- 43 apps accepted

Continuous second batching period open until May 1<sup>st</sup>.

- 4 apps in

General March 9<sup>th</sup> – April 17<sup>th</sup>

- 2 apps submitted so far

- 43 FY26 expiring contract reviews needed
- 27 FY27 expiring contract reviews are done
- 22 FY28 expiring contract reviews needed
- 26 PIP payment reviews needed



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*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.*