

Goodhue County SWCD District Regular Board Meeting

Tuesday – May 27th 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 7:33 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>
<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>Don Schliep - Secretary</i>	<i>Ben Dvorak – Natural Resource Specialist</i>	
<i>John Beck – Reporter</i>		Call In
<i>Mark Comstock - Treasurer</i>		<i>Dave Copeland</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

- a. Approve Percent Based Cost Share Voucher #25SoilHealth-01 with Kelby O’Reilly a Shelterbelt/Windbreak in Sec. 26 of Vasa TWP for \$830.00 using 2025 Soil Health Grant funding
- b. Approve Percent Based Cost Share Voucher #25-GC-04 with Kerry Olson for constructing a Grassed Waterway in Sec. 26 of Leon TWP for \$9,300.18 using Cannon River WBIF

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

- a. Approve April 28th 2025 District Regular Board Meeting Minutes

Motioned by McNamara, seconded by Schliep to approve the April 28th, 2025 District Board Meeting minutes as presented.

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

V. Public Comment (10 Minute limit)

Colleen Pawlentry – Goodhue County FSA: Updates on CRP/Acreage Reporting/Ecap/Budget

VI. Action Items

- a. Action on Percent Based Cost Share Contract #2025-02 with Ed McNamara for constructing a Grassed Waterway in Sec. 14 of Belle Creek TWP @ 75% cost-share not to exceed \$5,643.75 using 2025 Conservation Contract Funding

Motioned by Schliep, seconded by Comstock to approve the Percent Based Cost Share Contract #2025-02 with Ed McNamara for constructing a Grassed Waterway in Sec. 14 of Belle Creek TWP @ 75% cost-share not to exceed \$5,643.75 using 2025 Conservation Contract Funding.

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

- b. Action on Percent Based Cost Share Contract #25SWCD-05 with John Benjamin for implementing a Brush Management Contract to control invasive species in Sec. 23 of Hay Creek TWP @ 50% cost-share not to exceed \$2,000 using 2025 SWCD Aid Funding

Motioned by Comstock, seconded by McNamara to approve the Percent Based Cost Share Contract #25SWCD-05 with John Benjamin for implementing a Brush Management Contract to control invasive species in Sec. 23 of Hay Creek TWP @ 50% cost-share not to exceed \$2,000 using 2025 SWCD Aid Funding.

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

c. Action on 2026 DRAFT Goodhue SWCD Budget Request to Goodhue County Board of Commissioners
Motioned by Comstock, seconded by Schliep to approve the 2026 DRAFT Goodhue SWCD Budget Request to Goodhue County Board of Commissioners.

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

d. Action on 2025 Conservation Farmer of the Year Award – Ed McNamara Area
Motioned by McNamara, seconded by Comstock to award the 2025 Conservation Farmer of the Year Award to Cannon Valley Ranch (Bruce Waugh & Family).

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

VII. Reports

a. NRCS Report: *Presented by J. Benjamin (see attached)*

b. SWCD Staff

B.Kennedy: Zumbro 1W1P/ Cannon 1W1P / Nitrate Work Group / Shed Lease / Drills / Goodhue DWSMA / MDH Well Inventory Project / RCPP Soil Health Update / Tour Route w/Commissioners

D. Krier: AgBMP Loan Program

c. Supervisor's Activity Report

J. Beck: Cannon River Watershed JPB

M. Comstock: WAGZ

C. Hinck: N/A

E. McNamara: Planting Green Interview

D.Schliep: N/A

d. Other

VIII. Treasurer's Report / Payables

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

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

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

b. Approve May 2025 Accounts Payable

Motioned by Comstock, seconded by Schliep to approve the May 2025 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 8:48 am.

Respectfully submitted



Don Schliep

Upcoming Events

May 29th – Planting Green Event – 9am – Ed McNamara Farm

June 3rd – Tour with the Commissioners

June 10th – County Budget Meeting - 9am – Courthouse

June 23rd – SE Area SWCD Supervisor's Meeting – Stewartville

June 23rd – 4:00pm NRCS - Local Work Group Meeting – Goodhue SWCD Office

June 23rd **5:00pm** Goodhue SWCD Board Meeting – Goodhue SWCD Office

June 26th 2:30-4:30 MPCA Feedlot Rule Making Meeting – Zumbrota <https://www.pca.state.mn.us/events-and-meetings?combine=feedlots#events>

July 9th 10:30-Noon – SE Nitrate Committee Open House – Lanesboro Sylvan Park

NRCS Goodhue Field Office Report

5/27/25

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 Preapproval Deadline March 28th
- FY25 CSP Classic Approval Deadline May 2nd
- 9 CSP Classic applications in pending status
- FY26 CSP Renewal application deadline June 6th .
- 5 FY26 CSP Renewal application submitted

EQIP (Environmental Quality Incentive Program)

- 27 Active EQIP contracts worth roughly **570K** cost share remaining to be paid out
- 22 EQIP25 applications in pending status

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

CRP (Conservation Reserve Program)

- FY26 expiring reviews are completed.
- SU63 is running now. Sign up deadline June 6th
- 27 FY27 expiring contract reviews needed
- 21 FY28 expiring contract reviews needed
- 26 PIP payment reviews needed