

Goodhue County SWCD District Regular Board Meeting

Monday – September 22nd 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 Vice Chair Ed McNamara

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	<i>Call In:</i>
Mark Comstock - Treasurer	Savannah Domnie – Conservation Technician	Dave Copeland
Don Schliep - Secretary		
<i>Not in attendance:</i>		
John Beck – Reporter		

II. Approval of the Agenda

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

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

III. Consent Agenda

- a. Approve Percent Based Cost Share Voucher #25WAGZ-GC-09 with Colleen Pawlenty for implementing a Prescribed Grazing plan in Sec. 3 of Zumbrota TWP for \$25,223.67 using Zumbro WBIF.

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

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

IV. Secretary's Report

- a. Approve August 25th 2025 District Regular Board Meeting Minutes

Motioned by Comstock, seconded by Schliep to approve the August 25th 2025 District Regular Board Meeting Minutes.

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

V. Public Comment (10 Minute limit)

VI. Action Items

- a. Action on Flat-rate Cost-Share Contract #25-GC-15 with Ben O'Connor for planting 40 acres of cover crops in Sec.5,8,9 in Belle Creek TWP for 3 year @ \$45/ac. Totalling \$5,400.00 using Cannon WBIF funding. (Approved by District Manager on 9/16/25)

Motioned by Schliep, seconded by Comstock to approve the Cost-Share Contract #25-GC-15 with Ben O'Connor for planting 40 acres of cover crops in Sec.5,8,9 in Belle Creek TWP for 3 year @ \$45/ac. Totalling \$5,400.00 using Cannon WBIF funding. (Approved by District Manager on 9/16/25).

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

- b. Action on Percent Based Cost-Share Contract #25SWCD-07 with Jim Chojnacki for conducting Brush Management Practice on 2.5 acres in Sec. 18 of Stanton TWP @ 50% cost-share not to exceed \$2,000.00 using SWCD Aid Funding.

Motioned by Comstock, seconded by Schliep to approve the Percent Based Cost-Share Contract #25SWCD-07 with Jim Chojnacki for conducting Brush Management Practice on 2.5 acres in Sec. 18 of Stanton TWP @ 50% cost-share not to exceed \$2,000.00 using SWCD Aid Funding.

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

c. Action on RCPP Application Batching for September 2025

Contract#	Practice	Ranking Score
25-1-3	Cover Crop	25
25-2-1	Cover Crop	30

Motioned by Comstock, seconded by Schliep to approve the RCPP Application Batching for September 2025, contingent on securing the grant.

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

d. Action on Flat-Rate RCPP Cost-Share Contract #25-1-3 for planting 465 acres of Cover Crops @ \$50/ac in Vasa and Featherstone TWP for 3 years totalling \$69,750.00 using RCPP Soil Health Funding.

Motioned by Schliep, seconded by Comstock to approve the Flat-Rate RCPP Cost-Share Contract #25-1-3 for planting 465 acres of Cover Crops @ \$50/ac in Vasa and Featherstone TWP for 3 years totalling \$69,750.00 using RCPP Soil Health Funding.

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

e. Action on Flat-rate Cost-Share Contract #C25-0305-01 with Gappa Farms LLC for planting 277 acres of cover crops in Sec.10/11/14/15/21 in Holden TWP for 3 year @ \$25/ac. Totalling \$20,775.00 using Little Cannon funding under Sub-Agreement with Clean River Partners.

Motioned by Comstock, seconded by Schliep to approve the Flat-rate Cost-Share Contract #C25-0305-01 with Gappa Farms LLC for planting 277 acres of cover crops in Sec.10/11/14/15/21 in Holden TWP for 3 year @ \$25/ac. Totalling \$20,775.00 using Little Cannon funding under Sub-Agreement with Clean River Partners.

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

f. Action on Flat-rate Cost-Share Contract #2023DWSMA-19 with Arnold Breuer of Goodhue for planting 40 acres of cover crops, in Sec.27 in Goodhue TWP for 1 year totalling \$2,000.00 using Goodhue DWSMA Funding. (Approved by District Manager on 9/16/25)

Motioned by Schliep, seconded by Comstock to approve the Flat-rate Cost-Share Contract #2023DWSMA-19 with Arnold Breuer of Goodhue for planting 40 acres of cover crops, in Sec.27 in Goodhue TWP for 1 year totalling \$2,000.00 using Goodhue DWSMA Funding. (Approved by District Manager on 9/16/25).

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

g. Action on Flat-rate Cost-Share Contract #25-GC-16 with Brett Zimmerman for planting 30 acres of cover crops in Sec.9 in Vasa TWP for 3 year @ \$45/ac. Totalling \$4,050.00 using Cannon WBIF funding. (Approved by District Manager on 9/16/25)

Motioned by Comstock, seconded by Schliep to approve the Flat-rate Cost-Share Contract #25-GC-16 with Brett Zimmerman for planting 30 acres of cover crops in Sec.9 in Vasa TWP for 3 year @ \$45/ac. Totalling \$4,050.00 using Cannon WBIF funding. (Approved by District Manager on 9/16/25).

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

h. Action on Amendment #1 for Cost-Share Contract #WAGZ-GC-03 with David Baker – adding \$2,726.70 to the contract due to poor soil conditions on site.

Motioned by Schliep, seconded by Comstock to approve the Amendment #1 for Cost-Share Contract #WAGZ-GC-03 with David Baker – adding \$2,726.70 to the contract due to poor soil conditions on site.

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

i. Action on Cost-Share Voucher for Contract# WAGZ-GC-03 with David Baker for installing a Grade Stabilization structure in Section 8 of Kenyon using 2024 WAGZ and 2024/2025 Conservation Contract funding.

Motioned by Comstock, seconded by Schliep to approve the Cost-Share Voucher for Contract# WAGZ-GC-03 with David Baker for installing a Grade Stabilization structure in Section 8 of Kenyon using 2024 WAGZ and 2024/2025 Conservation Contract funding.

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

j. Action on Flat-rate Cost-Share Contract #2023DWSMA-20 with Brent Lodermeier of Goodhue for planting 144 acres of cover crops, N-Inhibitor and Split Rate-N in Sec.28 in Goodhue TWP for 1 year totalling \$8,784.00 using Goodhue DWSMA Funding.

Motioned by Schliep, seconded by Comstock to approve the Flat-rate Cost-Share Contract #2023DWSMA-20 with Brent Lodermeier of Goodhue for planting 144 acres of cover crops, N-Inhibitor and Split Rate-N in Sec.28 in Goodhue TWP for 1 year totalling \$8,784.00 using Goodhue DWSMA Funding.

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

- k. Action on Flat-rate Cost-Share Contract #25SoilHealth-02 with Circle K Farms for planting 40 acres of cover crops in Sec.12 in Belvidere TWP for 3 years totalling \$4,800.00 using 2025 Soil Health Funding.
(Approved by District Manager on 9/16/25)

Motioned by Comstock, seconded by Schliep to approve the Flat-rate Cost-Share Contract #25SoilHealth-02 with Circle K Farms for planting 40 acres of cover crops in Sec.12 in Belvidere TWP for 3 years totalling \$4,800.00 using 2025 Soil Health Funding. (Approved by District Manager on 9/16/25).

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

- l. Action on Flat-rate Cost-Share Contract #25SoilHealth-03 with Brent Lexvold for planting 40 acres of cover crops in Sec.6 in Goodhue TWP for 3 years totalling \$4,800.00 using 2025 Soil Health Funding.
(Approved by District Manager on 9/19/25)

Motioned by Schliep, seconded by Comstock to approve the Flat-rate Cost-Share Contract #25SoilHealth-03 with Brent Lexvold for planting 40 acres of cover crops in Sec.6 in Goodhue TWP for 3 years totalling \$4,800.00 using 2025 Soil Health Funding. (Approved by District Manager on 9/19/25).

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

7:54 Christopher Hinck in attendance of meeting.

- m. Action on Flat-rate Cost-Share Contract #25SoilHealth-04 with Dennis Buck for planting 40 acres of cover crops in Sec.7/8 in Goodhue TWP for 3 years totalling \$4,800.00 using 2025 Soil Health Funding.
(Approved by District Manager on 9/19/25)

Motioned by Comstock, seconded by Schliep to approve the Flat-rate Cost-Share Contract #25SoilHealth-04 with Dennis Buck for planting 40 acres of cover crops in Sec.7/8 in Goodhue TWP for 3 years totalling \$4,800.00 using 2025 Soil Health Funding. (Approved by District Manager on 9/19/25).

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

- n. Action on Flat-rate Cost-Share Contract #25-GC-17 with William Callister Jr. for planting 87 acres of cover crops in Sec.4/9 in Cannon Falls TWP for 3 year @ \$40/ac. Totalling \$10,440 using Cannon WBIF funding. (Approved by District Manager on 9/18/25)

Motioned by Comstock, seconded by Schliep to approve the Cost-Share Contract #25-GC-17 with William Callister Jr. for planting 87 acres of cover crops in Sec.4/9 in Cannon Falls TWP for 3 year @ \$40/ac. Totalling \$10,440 using Cannon WBIF funding. (Approved by District Manager on 9/18/25).

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

VII. Reports

- a. NRCS Report

Presented by J. Benjamin (see attached)

- b. SWCD Staff

B. Kennedy: WAGZ Survey Exercise / Zumbro 1W1P / Cannon 1W1P / MASWCD Convention / BWSR Academy / Goodhue DWSMA / RCPP Soil Health / Building Update / Bank Info / TSA7

D. Krier: AgBMP Loan / SWCD Audit

- c. Supervisor's Activity Report

M. Comstock, C. Hinck, E. McNamara, D. Schliep: N/A

- d. Other

D. Copeland: BWSR updates

VIII. Treasurer's Report / Payables

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

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

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

- b. Approve September 2025 Accounts Payable and Supervisor Quarterly Expenses

Motioned by Hinck, seconded by Comstock to approve the September 2025 Accounts Payable and Supervisor Quarterly Expenses.

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

IX. Goodhue County SWCD Board Meeting Date and Time

Motioned by McNamara, seconded by Comstock to approve the Goodhue SWCD Board Meeting on Monday October 27th to begin at 7:00 am.

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

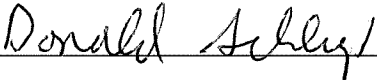
X. Adjournment

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

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

Meeting adjourned 9:23 am.

Respectfully submitted



Don Schliep

Upcoming Events

Monday September 29th – 9am meeting w/Co Staff on Storage

Thursday October 2nd – SE MASWCD Area Supervisor/Staff Meeting – Grand Meadow

Monday October 13th – Columbus Day Holiday

October 21st – 23rd - BWSR Academy in Brainerd

NRCS Goodhue Field Office Report
9/22/25
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.

CSP (Conservation Stewardship Program)

- 24 Active contracts worth roughly **755K** cost share remaining to be paid out
- 25 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)

- 25 Active EQIP contracts worth roughly **458K** cost share remaining to be paid out
- 35 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 determination request waiting on a returned determination
- 45 HEL determination requests waiting to be returned

CRP (Conservation Reserve Program)

- Continuous SU63 batching period 1
- SU63 batching period two ended July 7/18/2025
- 27 FY27 expiring contract reviews needed
- 21 FY28 expiring contract reviews needed
- 26 PIP payment reviews needed

