

Goodhue County SWCD District Regular Board Meeting

Monday – March 23rd 2026

8:30 AM

Goodhue County SWCD Conference Room
104 East 3rd Avenue, Goodhue MN 55027

TEAMS Meeting Link: <https://teams.microsoft.com/meet/27069860404657?p=RQZk3HvfpVj9CITxTD>

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MINUTES

I. Call to Order and Pledge Allegiance Meeting was called to order at 8:34am 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)
Mark Comstock - Treasurer	Delane Krier – Administrative Assistant	
Don Schliep - Secretary	Kelsey Petit – Feedlot Compliance Coordinator	
John Beck – Reporter	Chris Fritz – District Technician	
<i>Via TEAMS:</i>	Coty Hyllengren – District Technician	
Ed McNamara – Vice Chair		

II. Approval of the Agenda

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

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

III. Consent Agenda

- a. Approve Flat Rate Cost Share Voucher for Contract #25SoilHealth-07 with Chris Dahlke for planting 40 acres of cover crops for \$40/acre totalling \$1,600.00 using 2025 Soil Health Delivery funding
- b. Approve Flat Rate Cost Share Voucher for Contract #25SoilHealth-04 with Dennis Buck for planting 40 acres of cover crops for \$40/acre totalling \$1,600.00 using 2025 Soil Health Delivery funding
- c. Approve Flat Rate Cost Share Voucher for Contract #24SWCD-13 with Daniel Ryan for planting 40 acres of cover crops for \$40/acre totalling \$1,600.00 using SWCD Aid funding
- d. Approve Percent Based Cost Share Voucher for Contract #2025GMDH-2 with Trish Amundson for a well decontamination practice at 50% cost share totalling \$150.00 using SE TAP-IN/Well Nitrate funding

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

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

IV. Secretary's Report

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

Motioned by Comstock, seconded by Schliep to approve the February 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 #26WAGZ-GC-02 with Fall Ridge Properties for constructing a Grade Stabilization Structure in Section 4 of Florence TWP @ 75% cost-share not to exceed \$25,929.75 using Zumbro Watershed funding



Motioned by Schliep, seconded by Comstock to approve the Percent Based Cost Share for Contract #26WAGZ-GC-02 with Fall Ridge Properties for constructing a Grade Stabilization Structure in Section 4 of Florence TWP @ 75% cost-share not to exceed \$25,929.75 using Zumbro Watershed funding.

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

- b. Action on Percent Based Cost Share for Contract #26WAGZ-GC-03 with Gappa Farms LLC for constructing 5 Grassed Waterways in Section 15 of Minneola TWP @ 75% cost-share not to exceed \$20,331.00 using Zumbro Watershed funding

Motioned by Comstock, seconded by Schliep to approve the Percent Based Cost Share for Contract #26WAGZ-GC-03 with Gappa Farms LLC for constructing 5 Grassed Waterways in Section 15 of Minneola TWP @ 75% cost-share not to exceed \$20,331.00 using Zumbro Watershed funding.

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

- c. Action on Incentive Conservation Activity Reimbursement Contract #2025-Cannon-GC-CRP-24 with Carl Schwagmeyer Contract and Incentive Payment of \$500.00 for 1.37 acres of new CRP using Cannon River CRP Incentive Funds
- d. Action on Incentive Conservation Activity Reimbursement Contract #2025-Cannon-GC-CRP-25 with David Koester Contract and Incentive Payment of \$250.00 for re-enrolling 4.05 acres CRP using Cannon River CRP Incentive Funds
- e. Action on Incentive Conservation Activity Reimbursement Contract #2025-WAGZ-GC-CRP-15 with John Sheets Contract and Incentive Payment of \$500.00 for new CRP enrolment of 32.9 acres using Zumbro River CRP Incentive Funds

Christopher Hinck requested a motion to approve items c. through e. together due to the similarities in nature.

Motioned by Schliep, seconded by Comstock to approve items (c) Incentive Conservation Activity Reimbursement Contract #2025-Cannon-GC-CRP-24 with Carl Schwagmeyer Contract and Incentive Payment of \$500.00 for 1.37 acres of new CRP using Cannon River CRP Incentive Funds (d) Incentive Conservation Activity Reimbursement Contract #2025-Cannon-GC-CRP-25 with David Koester Contract and Incentive Payment of \$250.00 for re-enrolling 4.05 acres CRP using Cannon River CRP Incentive Funds (e) Incentive Conservation Activity Reimbursement Contract #2025-WAGZ-GC-CRP-15 with John Sheets Contract and Incentive Payment of \$500.00 for new CRP enrolment of 32.9 acres using Zumbro River CRP Incentive Funds.

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

- f. Action on Percent Based Cost Share for Contract #26WAGZ-GC-04 with Scott Cordes for constructing a Grassed Waterway in Section 7 of Roscoe TWP @ 90% cost-share not to exceed \$23,987.70 using Zumbro Watershed funding

Motioned by Comstock, seconded by Schliep to approve the Percent Based Cost Share for Contract #26WAGZ-GC-04 with Scott Cordes for constructing a Grassed Waterway in Section 7 of Roscoe TWP @ 90% cost-share not to exceed \$23,987.70 using Zumbro Watershed funding.

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

- g. Action on Flat-Rate Cost-Share for Contract #26WAGZ-GC-05 with Brian Roles for planting 100 acres of Cover Crops @ \$50/ac in Section 36,30 of Hay Creek/Florence TWP for 3 years totalling \$15,000 using Zumbro Watershed funding

Motioned by Schliep, seconded by Comstock to approve the Flat-Rate Cost-Share for Contract #26WAGZ-GC-05 with Brian Roles for planting 100 acres of Cover Crops @ \$50/ac in Section 36,30 of Hay Creek/Florence TWP for 3 years totalling \$15,000 using Zumbro Watershed funding.

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

- h. Action on Flat-Rate Cost-Share for Contract #C25-0305-03 with Jeremy Hanson for planting 220.31 acres of Cover Crops @ \$25/ac in Section 18/19 of Holden TWP for 3 years totalling \$11,015.50 using Clean River Partners Funding

Motioned by Comstock, seconded by Schliep to approve the Flat-Rate Cost-Share for Contract #C25-0305-03 with Jeremy Hanson for planting 220.31 acres of Cover Crops @ \$25/ac in Section 18/19 of Holden TWP for 3 years totalling \$11,015.50 using Clean River Partners Funding.

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



- i. Action on Flat-Rate Cost-Share for Contract #C25-0305-04 with Randy Hanson for planting 227.4 acres of Cover Crops @ \$25/ac in Section 15/20 of Holden TWP for 3 years totalling \$11,370.00 using Clean River Partners Funding

Motioned by Comstock, seconded by Schliep to approve the Flat-Rate Cost-Share for Contract #C25-0305-04 with Randy Hanson for planting 227.4 acres of Cover Crops @ \$25/ac in Section 15/20 of Holden TWP for 3 years totalling \$11,370.00 using Clean River Partners Funding.

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

- j. Action on RCPP Soil Health Application Batching for March 2026

Contract#	Practice	Ranking Score
25-4-2	Cover Crop	35
25-4-3	Cover Crop	30

Motioned by Schliep, seconded by Comstock to approve the RCPP Application Batching for March 2026.

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

VII. Reports

- a. NRCS Report

J. Benjamin: (see attached)

- b. Staff Reports – Conservation Farmer Discussion -Kelsey Petit 2025 Feedlot Report

K. Pettit: Feedlot Compliance Update 2025 / CFO Annual Report & Financial Report 2025

B. Kennedy: Legislative Day at the Capital / Zumbro 1W1P / Cannon 1W1P / Trees / 2027 Budget / SE SWCD Spring Employees Meeting / TSA7

- c. Supervisor’s Activity Report

J. Beck, M. Comstock: N/A

C. Hinck: DWSMA

E. McNamara: NACD / Nutrient Management / Legislative Day at the Capital

D. Schliep: DWSMA

- d. Other

VIII. Treasurer’s Report / Payables

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

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

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

- b. Approve March 2026 Accounts Payable & Supervisor’s Quarterly Expenses

Motioned by Schliep, seconded by Comstock to approve the March 2026 Accounts Payable & Supervisor’s Quarterly Expenses.

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

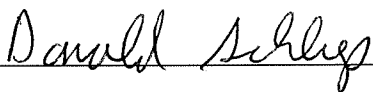
IX. Adjournment

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

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

Meeting adjourned 9:47 a.m.

Respectfully submitted



Don Schliep



Upcoming Events

Tree Handout Day ___??!

April 27th, 2026 – Goodhue SWCD Board Meeting @ 7:30am



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.

NRCS Goodhue Field Office Report – 03/23/2026 – John Benjamin

General

- John has been working on EQIP application Planning
- Emily has been working on EQIP planning

CSP (Conservation Stewardship Program)

- 16 Active contracts worth roughly 535K cost share remaining to be paid out
- 36 FY26 CSP applications in pending status
- Deadlines
 - Ranking April 24th
 - Preapprovals May 1st

CSP RPP (Regenerative Agriculture Pilot Program)

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

EQIP (Environmental Quality Incentive Program)

- 19 Active EQIP contracts worth roughly 245K cost share remaining to be paid out
- 32 EQIP25 applications in eligible status
- Deadlines
 - Sign up Jan. 15th
 - Ranking March 20th
 - Preapproval March 27th
 - Obligation July 17th

RPP EQIP (Regenerative Agriculture Pilot Program)

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

RCPP18 (Regional Conservation Partnership Program)

- Soil Health AFA
- 2881 TU-DA_HFTWAR: Goodhue is applicable. Only on designated trout streams
- 0 Active contracts
- 0 Applications submitted
- FY26 Deadlines
 - Sign up April 30th
 - Ranking June 15th
 - Preapproval June 30th
 - Obligation Aug 31st.

Wetland/HEL

- 32 Wetland determination request waiting on a returned determination
- 22 HEL determination requests waiting to be returned

CRP (Conservation Reserve Program)

Sign up

Continuous Feb. 12th – March 20th for first batching period

- 34 applications in General March 9th – April 17th
- 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

