

Goodhue County SWCD District Regular Board Meeting

Monday – February 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/23601876014779?p=TJhkg7UV4FJSYlpYSv>

Meeting ID: 236 018 760 147 79

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Call in #: 1872-240-8960 ID#: 329 232 237#

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> |
| <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>Taylor Thacker (FSA)</i> |
| <i>Don Schliep - Secretary</i> | <i>Ben Dvorak – Natural Resource Specialist</i> | <i>Via TEAMs:</i> |
| <i>John Beck – Reporter</i> | <i>Savannah Domnie – Conservation Technician</i> | <i>Michael</i> |
| <i>Not in attendance</i> | | |
| <i>Mark Comstock - Treasurer</i> | | |

II. Approval of the Agenda

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

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

III. Consent Agenda

- a. Approve Flat Rate Cost Share Voucher for Contract #24WAGZ-GC-16 with Chris Hinck for planting 28 acres of cover crops for \$1,260.00 using Zumbro WBIF funding
- b. Approve Flat Rate Cost Share Voucher for Contract #2023DWSMA-07 with Todd Strusz for planting 68 acres of no-till for \$1,360.00 using Goodhue DWSMA funding
- c. Approve Flat Rate Cost Share Voucher for Contract #25-GC-17 with William Callister Jr. for planting 87.0 acres of cover crops for \$\$3,480.00 using Cannon River WBIF funding
- d. Approve Flat Rate Cost Share Voucher for Contract #25-2-1 for planting 216.76 acres of cover crops for \$10,838.00 using RCPP Soil Health funding

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

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

IV. Secretary’s Report

- a. Approve January 26th 2026 District Board Meeting Minutes

Motioned by McNamara, seconded by Schliep to approve the January 26th 2026 District Board Meeting Minutes.

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

V. Public Comment (10 Minute limit)

Taylor Thacker: FSA update

VI. Action Items

- a. Action on Percent Based Cost Share for Contract # 25SoilHealth-09 with Angie Grant for constructing a Windbreak/Shelterbelt in Section 31 of Cannon Falls TWP @ 58% cost-share not to exceed \$437.00 using 2025 Soil Health funding



Motioned by McNamara, seconded by Schliep to approve the Percent Based Cost Share for Contract # 25SoilHealth-09 with Angie Grant for constructing a Windbreak/Shelterbelt in Section 31 of Cannon Falls TWP @ 58% cost-share not to exceed \$437.00 using 2025 Soil Health funding.

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

- b. Action on Flat-Rate Cost-Share for Contract #25-4-1 for planting 973 acres of Strip-Till @ \$25.00/ac in Section 26-29,32-35 of Cherry Grove TWP for 2 years totalling \$48,650.00 using RCPP Soil Health funding

Motioned by Schliep, seconded by McNamara to approve the Flat-Rate Cost-Share for Contract #25-4-1 for planting 973 acres of Strip-Till @ \$25.00/ac in Section 26-29,32-35 of Cherry Grove TWP for 2 years totalling \$48,650.00 using RCPP Soil Health funding.

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

- c. Action on Percent Based Cost Share for Contract # 26WAGZ-GC-01 with Steven Wilde for constructing a Well Decommission in Section 32 of City of Pine Island @ 75% cost-share not to exceed \$2,475.00 using Zumbro WBIF funding

Motioned by Schliep, seconded by McNamara to approve the Percent Based Cost Share for Contract # 26WAGZ-GC-01 with Steven Wilde for constructing a Well Decommission in Section 32 of City of Pine Island @ 75% cost-share not to exceed \$2,475.00 using Zumbro WBIF funding.

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

- d. Action on Incentive Conservation Activity Reimbursement Contract #2025-WAGZ-GC-CRP-12 with Craig Nord Contract and Incentive Payment of \$500 for new CRP enrolment of 22.44 acres using Zumbro River CRP Incentive Funds
- e. Action on Incentive Conservation Activity Reimbursement Contract #2025-WAGZ-GC-CRP-13 with William Diercks Contract and Incentive Payment of \$500 for new CRP enrolment of 8.34 acres using Zumbro River CRP Incentive Funds
- f. Action on Incentive Conservation Activity Reimbursement Contract #2025-WAGZ-GC-CRP-14 with Paul Freid Contract and Incentive Payment of \$500 for CRP reenrollment of 9.0 acres using Zumbro River CRP Incentive Funds
- g. Action on Incentive Conservation Activity Reimbursement Contract #2025-Cannon-GC-CRP-18 with Todd Angelstad Contract and Incentive Payment of \$550 for new CRP reenrollment of 5.88 acres using Cannon River CRP Incentive Funds
- h. Action on Incentive Conservation Activity Reimbursement Contract #2025-Cannon-GC-CRP-19 with Darla Vieths Contract and Incentive Payment of \$250.00 for CRP reenrollment of 3.43 acres using Cannon River CRP Incentive Funds
- i. Action on Incentive Conservation Activity Reimbursement Contract #2025-Cannon-GC-CRP-20 with Eric Nesseth Contract and Incentive Payment of \$500.00 for new CRP reenrollment of 4.7 acres using Cannon River CRP Incentive Funds
- j. Action on Incentive Conservation Activity Reimbursement Contract #2025-Cannon-GC-CRP-21 with Doug Kleese Contract and Incentive Payment of \$250.00 for CRP reenrollment of 0.48 acres using Cannon River CRP Incentive Funds
- k. Action on Incentive Conservation Activity Reimbursement Contract #2025-Cannon-GC-CRP-22 with Richard Ericson Contract and Incentive Payment of \$500.00 for new CRP reenrollment of 2.82 acres using Cannon River CRP Incentive Funds
- l. Action on Incentive Conservation Activity Reimbursement Contract #2025-Cannon-GC-CRP-23 with Craig Hanson Contract and Incentive Payment of \$500.00 for CRP reenrollment of 8.77 acres using Cannon River CRP Incentive Funds

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

Motioned by McNamara, seconded by Schliep to approve items (d) Incentive Conservation Activity Reimbursement Contract #2025-WAGZ-GC-CRP-12 with Craig Nord Contract and Incentive Payment of \$500 for new CRP enrolment of 22.44 acres using Zumbro River CRP Incentive Funds (e) Incentive Conservation Activity Reimbursement Contract #2025-WAGZ-GC-CRP-13 with William Diercks Contract and Incentive Payment of \$500 for new CRP enrolment of 8.34 acres using Zumbro River CRP Incentive Funds (f) Incentive Conservation Activity Reimbursement Contract #2025-WAGZ-GC-CRP-14 with Paul Freid Contract and Incentive Payment of \$500 for CRP reenrollment of 9.0 acres using Zumbro River CRP Incentive Funds (g) Incentive Conservation Activity Reimbursement Contract #2025-Cannon-GC-CRP-18 with Todd



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

m. Action on Goodhue SWCD Office Lease Agreement Renewal

Motioned by Schliep, seconded by McNamara to approve the Goodhue SWCD Office Lease Agreement Renewal.

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

VII. Reports

a. NRCS Report

J. Benjamin: (see attached)

b. Staff Reports

B. Dvorak: 2025 Program updates (WCA / Buffers / Non-Structural Practices / Watershed Based implementation Funding / Tap-in Program

S. Domnie: 2025 Progress updates (Paired Cover Crop Monitoring / DWSMA / Cover Crops / RCPP / Wells Creek / Well Inventory

B. Kennedy: Zumbro 1W1P / Cannon 1W1P / Tree Sales / FFA Week / 2027 Budget / SE SWCD Spring Employee Meeting / TSA7

D. Krier: AgBMP Loan Funding

c. Supervisor's Activity Report

Beck: Cannon 1W1P Meeting

Hinck: TSA7 Meeting

McNamara: Zumbro 1W1P Meeting / Cow Calf Meeting / NACD National Convention

d. Other

VIII. Treasurer's Report / Payables

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

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

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

b. Approve February 2026 Accounts Payable

Motioned by Schliep, seconded by McNamara to approve the February 2026 Accounts Payable.

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

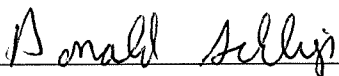
IX. Adjournment

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

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

Meeting adjourned 10:29 am

Respectfully submitted



Don Schliep



Upcoming Events

March 3rd – Zumbrota VFW – Nitrogen Meeting w/ Brad Carlson

March 11th – BALMM Meeting

March 17-18th Legislative Days at the Capital

March 18th – Goodhue DWSMA Meeting @ AgPartners in Goodhue

March 23rd – Goodhue SWCD Board Meeting 8:30am

March 24th – SE SWCD Employees Meeting – Red Wing Pottery

March 25th-26th State-wide Mangers Meeting in St. Cloud



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 - 02/23/2026 - John Benjamin

General

- John has been working on EQIP eligibility, HEL Determinations, training
- Emily has been working on plan designing & 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)

- 20 Active EQIP contracts worth roughly 260K cost share remaining to be paid out
- 32 EQIP25 applications in pending 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)

- I have been told all RCPP is on hold status except the 3053 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

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

CRP (Conservation Reserve Program)

Sign up

Continuous Feb. 12th – March 20th for first batching period
General March 9th – April 17th

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

