

**Goodhue County SWCD District Regular Board Meeting**

Monday – March 28<sup>th</sup> 2022

**5:00 PM**

Goodhue County SWCD Conference Room

104 East 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue, Goodhue MN 55027

Join Zoom Meeting <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8599817067> Meeting ID: 859 981 7067 Call in: (312)6266799

**MINUTES**

**I. Call to Order and Pledge Allegiance** *Meeting was called to order at 5:00 by Chairman, Jeff Beckman.*

SWCD Supervisors Present	SWCD Staff Present	Others Present
<i>In Person:</i>	<i>In Person:</i>	<i>In Person:</i>
Jeff Beckman - Chair	Beau Kennedy - District Manager	Nathan Bird - NRCS
Christopher Hinck – Vice Chair	Delane Krier – Administrative Asst.	Via Zoom:
Ed McNamara - Treasurer	Chad Hildebrand – Natural Resource Specialist	Brian DeVetter - NRCS
Don Schliep - Secretary	Coty Hyllengren – District Technician	
Mark Comstock - Reporter	Kelsey Petit – Feedlot Officer	

**II. Approval of the Agenda**

*Motioned by Comstock seconded by Schliep to approve the Agenda as presented. Affirmative: Beckman, Comstock, Hinck, Schliep. Opposed: None. Motion carried.*

**III. Consent Agenda**

a. Signature on Unfunded Cooperative Agreement with the USDA-NRCS 2022

*Motioned by Comstock seconded by Schliep to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Affirmative: Beckman, Comstock, Hinck, Schliep. Opposed: None. Motion carried.*

**IV. Secretary's Report**

a. Approve February 28<sup>th</sup> 2022 District Regular Board Meeting Minutes

*Motioned by Hinck seconded by Comstock to approve the Secretary's Report as presented. Affirmative: Beckman, Comstock, Hinck, Schliep. Opposed: None. Motion carried.*

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

**VI. Action Items**

a. Approve Watershed Alliance for the Greater Zumbro Watershed (WAGZ) Sub-Agreement with Olmsted County SWCD.

*Motioned by Comstock, seconded by Schliep to approve the Watershed Alliance for the Greater Zumbro Watershed (WAGZ) Sub-Agreement with Olmsted County SWCD. Affirmative: Beckman, Comstock, Hinck, Schliep. Opposed: None. Motion carried.*

b. Approve Watershed Alliance for the Greater Zumbro Watershed (WAGZ) Sub-Agreement with Dodge County SWCD.

*Motioned by Hinck, seconded by Schliep to approve the Watershed Alliance for the Greater Zumbro Watershed (WAGZ) Sub-Agreement with Dodge County SWCD. Affirmative: Beckman, Comstock, Hinck, Schliep. Opposed: None. Motion carried.*

c. Approve Watershed Alliance for the Greater Zumbro Watershed (WAGZ) Sub-Agreement with City of Rochester, MN.

*Motioned by Schliep, seconded by Hinck to approve the Watershed Alliance for the Greater Zumbro Watershed (WAGZ) Sub-Agreement with City of Rochester, MN. Affirmative: Beckman, Comstock, Hinck, Schliep. Opposed: None. Motion carried.*

d. Action on Cannon1W1P Cost Share Contract #22-GC-002; Robert Melhouse, Grade Stabilization Structure and a Water & Sediment Control Basin (Tier 2 area) in Sec. 35 of Warsaw TWP @ 75% Cost-Share for a Maximum Payment of \$31,772.25.

*Motioned by Comstock, seconded by Hinck to approve the Cannon1W1P Cost Share Contract #22-GC-002; Robert Melhouse, Grade Stabilization Structure and a Water & Sediment Control Basin (Tier 2 area) in Sec. 35 of Warsaw*

TWP @ 75% Cost-Share for a Maximum Payment of \$31,772.25. Affirmative: Beckman, Comstock, Hinck, Schliep. Opposed: None. Motion carried.

(5:27 McNamara entered the meeting)

- e. Action on Cannon1W1P Cost Share Contract #22-GC-003; Kevin Prink, 3 Grade Stabilization Structures/Water & Sediment Control Basins (Tier 3 area) in Sec. 24 of Cannon Falls TWP. \$13,927.50 @ 50% from Cannon1W1P WBIF, and \$6,963.75 from 2021 Local Capacity Grant for a max cost-share rate of 75% and max payment of \$20,891.25.

Motioned by Hinck, seconded by Comstock to approve the Cannon1W1P Cost Share Contract #22-GC-003; Kevin Prink, 3 Grade Stabilization Structures/Water & Sediment Control Basins (Tier 3 area) in Sec. 24 of Cannon Falls TWP. \$13,927.50 @ 50% from Cannon1W1P WBIF, and \$6,963.75 from 2021 Local Capacity Grant for a max cost-share rate of 75% and max payment of \$20,891.25. Affirmative: Beckman, Comstock, Hinck, McNamara, Schliep. Opposed: None. Motion carried.

- f. Action on State Cost Share Contract 2021-01; Bradley Olson, Grassed Waterway in Sec. 29 of Welch TWP @ 75% Cost-Share for a Maximum Payment of \$2,977.50.

Motioned by McNamara, seconded by Schliep to approve the State Cost Share Contract 2021-01; Bradley Olson, Grassed Waterway in Sec. 29 of Welch TWP @ 75% Cost-Share for a Maximum Payment of \$2,977.50. Affirmative: Beckman, Comstock, Hinck, McNamara, Schliep. Opposed: None. Motion carried.

- g. Action on State Cost Share Contract 2021-02; Doug Kleese, Grassed Waterway in Sec. 23 of Holden TWP @ 75% Cost-Share for a Maximum Payment of \$3,433.50.

Motioned by Comstock, seconded by McNamara to approve the State Cost Share Contract 2021-02; Doug Kleese, Grassed Waterway in Sec. 23 of Holden TWP @ 75% Cost-Share for a Maximum Payment of \$3,433.50. Affirmative: Beckman, Comstock, Hinck, McNamara, Schliep. Opposed: None. Motion carried.

- h. Action on Zumbro1W1P Cost Share Contract #22WAGZ-GC-01; James Arndt, 1 Grade Stabilization Structures/Water & Sediment Control Basins in Sec. 27 of Featherstone TWP @ 90% Cost-Share for a Max Payment of \$9,805.50 from 2022-2023 WAGZ Watershed Based Implementation Funding.

Motioned by McNamara, seconded by Hinck to approve the Zumbro1W1P Cost Share Contract #22WAGZ-GC-01; James Arndt, 1 Grade Stabilization Structures/Water & Sediment Control Basins in Sec. 27 of Featherstone TWP @ 90% Cost-Share for a Max Payment of \$9,805.50 from 2022-2023 WAGZ Watershed Based Implementation Funding. Affirmative: Beckman, Comstock, Hinck, McNamara, Schliep. Opposed: None. Motion carried.

- i. Approve Watershed-Based Implementation Funding Disbursal Agreement between the Goodhue SWCD (WAGZ Fiscal Agent) and the Southeast Technical Support Joint Powers Board (TSA7).

Motioned by Schliep, seconded by Hinck to approve the Watershed-Based Implementation Funding Disbursal Agreement between the Goodhue SWCD (WAGZ Fiscal Agent) and the Southeast Technical Support Joint Powers Board (TSA7). Motioned amended by McNamara, seconded by Comstock to authorize Board Chair to sign agreement once TSA7 Chair signs document. Affirmative: Beckman, Comstock, Hinck, McNamara, Schliep. Opposed: None. Amendment carried. Affirmative: Beckman, Comstock, Hinck, McNamara, Schliep. Opposed: None. Motion carried.

- j. Action on State Cost Share Contract 2021-03; Goodhue Historical Society, Grassed Waterway in Sec. 21 of Goodhue TWP @ 50% Cost-Share for a Maximum Payment of \$4,597.50.

Motioned by Hinck, seconded by McNamara to approve the State Cost Share Contract 2021-03; Goodhue Historical Society, Grassed Waterway in Sec. 21 of Goodhue TWP @ 50% Cost-Share for a Maximum Payment of \$4,597.50. Affirmative: Beckman, Comstock, Hinck, McNamara, Schliep. Opposed: None. Motion carried.

## VII. Reports

- a. NRCS Report (see attached)
  - a. Report on Programs
  - b. Civil Rights Notice for Board
- b. Staff Reports
  - a. Kelsey Petit – Kelsey provided the Board an update on Feedlot Registration numbers and discussed her MPCA Annual Feedlot Report which will be reviewed/approved @ the next Commissioner's Meeting.

b. Chad Hildebrand – Chad highlighted projects in his current workload. WCA applications in 2021 were down, but buffer enforcement and bluffland reviews with P&Z were up. Been meeting with TWP officials to introduce himself and offer programs. Working on getting JAA on WW in 2022 on top of other duties.

c. District Manager's Report

a. Interest Rate Discussion/Zumbro Funding/SWCD Aid Bill/Local Work Group Mtg

Beau updated the Board on recent legislative bill standings, WBIF funds, SWCD finances and office updates. The new Truax drill is being delivered this week and we need direction on the sale of the old Truax drill. A motion was made by McNamara and seconded by Comstock to post the old Truax drill on Facebook Marketplace for \$10,000. If the drill fails to sell at that price, we'll bring the item back to the Board for further direction. Affirmative: Beckman, Comstock, Hinck, McNamara, Schliep. Opposed: None. Motion carried.

(7:14 Beckman left the meeting)

d. Supervisor's Activity Report

Hinck – Legislator Meeting / Schliep – Legislator Meeting/ McNamara – N/A /Beckman – N/A /Comstock – N/A

e. Other – Board Meeting Time Discussion

Discussion took place on the SWCD Board meeting time that was set at the January meeting. It was the consensus of the Board members present that the Board meeting time remain @ 5:30pm as approved in January.

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

a. Approve the February 2022 Financial Report (Balance Sheet, Profit & Loss Budget vs Actual)

Motioned by McNamara, seconded by Comstock to approve the February 2022 Financial Report (Balance Sheet, Profit & Loss Budget vs Actual). Affirmative: Comstock, Hinck, McNamara, Schliep. Opposed: None. Motion carried.

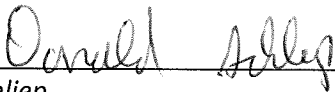
b. Approve March 2022 Accounts Payable including Supervisors Quarterly Vouchers

Motioned by Comstock, seconded by McNamara to approve the March 2022 Accounts Payable including Supervisors Quarterly Vouchers. Affirmative: Comstock, Hinck, McNamara, Schliep. Opposed: None. Motion carried.

**IX. Adjournment**

Motioned by McNamara, seconded by Schliep to adjourn the meeting. Affirmative: Comstock, Hinck, McNamara, Schliep. Opposed: None. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned 7:32 pm.

Respectfully submitted



Don Schliep

**Upcoming Events**

Tree Handout Day April 22<sup>nd</sup>?

April SWCD Board Meeting – April 25<sup>th</sup> @ 5:30 pm

## **NRCS District Conservationist Report**

### **Goodhue Soil and Water Conservation District Board Meeting**

**March 28, 2022**

#### **Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP)**

We are working on developing plans and ranking 41 EQIP applications tentatively approved for funding (9 in Goodhue). Contract obligation deadline is May 13<sup>th</sup>. 2<sup>nd</sup> signup has been announced with cutoff date of May 20<sup>th</sup>.

#### **Conservation Stewardship Program**

Sign-up deadline for 2022 General CSP was February 4<sup>th</sup>. Completing interviews and planning with 48 applicants (35 in Goodhue). April 15<sup>th</sup> is assessment and ranking deadline. Contract deadline July 1<sup>st</sup>.

#### **NRCS Staffing in SE Area:**

No updates

#### **Conservation Reserve program**

General CRP signup closed March 11<sup>th</sup>. 40 offers in Goodhue. Continuous sign-up for 2023 will be accepted in April (up to 6 month prior to start date).