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## MINNESOTA SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICTS

Minutes of the Sibley Soil & Water Conservation District, 112 5<sup>th</sup> Street, Gaylord, MN on September 10<sup>th</sup>, 2024.

The meeting was called to order by Chair – Thies at 3:59 p.m.

**Members Present:** Chair, Kathleen Thies  
Vice Chair, Loren Evenson  
Secretary, Paul Wiemann

**Others Present:** District Manager, Joel Wurscher  
District Technician, Jeremy Buckentin  
Conservation Technician, Tara O'Brien  
FSA-Program Technician, Hayley Theriault  
NRCS-Soil Conservationist, Christopher Engh

Upon a motion by Wiemann and seconded by Evenson, it was moved to approve the September 2024 agenda, with the cancellation of cost share. Ayes Thies, Evenson, Wiemann. Carried.

Upon a motion by Thies and seconded by Wiemann, it was moved to approve the minutes of the August 2024 meeting. Ayes Thies, Evenson, Wiemann. Carried.

Upon a motion by Wiemann and seconded by Evenson, it was moved to approve thirty-seven paid bills for the month of August totaling \$47,107.50. Ayes Thies, Evenson, Wiemann. Carried.

Upon a motion by Wiemann and seconded by Evenson, it was moved to approve the September 2024 Treasurer's report subjected to audit. Ayes Thies, Evenson, Wiemann. Carried.

**Old Business:** None.

**FSA Report:** See attached.

**NRCS Report:** See attached.

### **New Business:**

A request was made to enter into a 1-year peer to peer mentor contract (SHC-FY24-72-01) towards 40 hrs (\$75/hr.). Upon a motion by Thies and seconded by Evenson, it was moved to approve the requested contract with the total amount authorized being \$3,000.00. Ayes Thies, Evenson, Wiemann. Carried.

Next, a request was made to enter into a 1-year peer to peer mentor contract (SHC-FY24-72-02) towards 40 hrs (\$75/hr.). Upon a motion by Wiemann and seconded by Evenson, it was moved to approve the

requested contract with the total amount authorized being \$3,000.00. Ayes Thies, Evenson, Wiemann. Carried.

**Grants Update:** Wurscher provided the details to the Board of the two most recent grants (FY24/25 WBIF, FY25 Soil Health Delivery) received/approved.

**Supervisor & Staff Reports:** See attached staff reports. Wiemann reported that he had been in contact with Facebook to try to recover the SWCD's account. He had made some progress, but will report back next month.

**Other Business:** None.

**Next Meeting:** October 8<sup>th</sup>, 2024, starting at 4 p.m., located at 112 5th Street, Gaylord, MN.

**Adjourn:** Upon a motion by Wiemann seconded by Evenson, it was moved to adjourn the meeting at 4:33 p.m. Ayes Thies, Evenson, Wiemann. Carried.

Approved: October 8, 2024

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**Secretary**