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MINNESOTA SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICTS

Minutes of the Sibley Soil & Water Conservation District, 112 5th Street, Gaylord, MN on
April 8th, 2025.

The meeting was called to order by Chair – Evenson at 3:58 p.m.

Members Present: Chair, Loren Evenson
Vice Chair, Paul Wiemann
Secretary, Robert Nielsen
Treasurer, Wayne Grams
Member, Kathleen Thies

Others Present: District Manager, Joel Wurscher
Senior District Technician, Jeremy Buckentin
Water Resources Coordinator, Jack Bushman
NRCS-District Conservationist, Christopher Engh
BWSR-Board Conservationist, Shane Bugeja

Upon a motion by Grams and seconded by Wiemann, it was moved to approve the April 2025 meeting agenda as presented. Ayes Evenson, Wiemann, Nielsen, Grams, Thies. Carried.

Upon a motion by Thies and seconded by Nielsen, it was moved to approve the minutes of the March 2025 meeting. Ayes Evenson, Wiemann, Nielsen, Grams, Thies. Carried.

Upon a motion by Thies and seconded by Wiemann, it was moved to approve thirty-two paid bills for the month of March totaling \$42,264.37. Ayes Evenson, Wiemann, Nielsen, Grams, Thies. Carried.

Upon a motion by Wiemann and seconded by Nielsen, it was moved to approve the April 2025 Treasurer's report subjected to audit. Ayes Evenson, Wiemann, Nielsen, Grams, Thies. Carried.

FSA Report: See attached.

NRCS Report: See attached.

Old Business: Wurscher notified the Board that an offer was extended out to an applicant for the Operations Specialist position. She had accepted the offer and will start with the District on May 5th.

New Business:

Cost Share: A request was made to enter into a 3-year contract (FY25 WBIF-1) toward 188 acres per year of a multi-species cover crop (\$55/ac.) located in Lake Prairie Township. Upon a motion by Nielsen and seconded by Wiemann, it was moved to approve the requested cover crop cost share contract with the total amount authorized being \$31,020.00. Ayes Evenson, Wiemann, Nielsen, Grams, Thies. Carried.

Drone: Wurscher made the request to the Board to purchase a new DJI Mavic 3 Pro drone. After discussion occurred about the programs it would be used for, a motion was made by Wiemann and seconded by Thies, approving the purchase. Ayes Evenson, Wiemann, Nielsen, Grams, Thies. Carried.

Supervisor & Staff Reports: See attached staff reports.

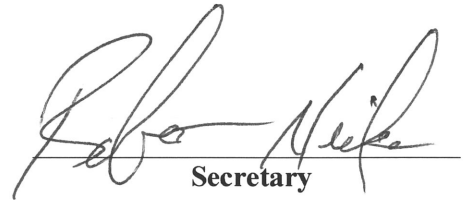
Other Business: Wurscher reminded the Board of the MASWCD resolution process and this year's deadline.

Wurscher discussed with the Board some of the issues going on with the building. It was determined the Board would draft a letter to the landlord.

Next Meeting: May 13th, 2025, starting at 4 p.m., located at 112 5th Street, Gaylord, MN.

Adjourn: Upon a motion by Grams seconded by Nielsen, it was moved to adjourn the meeting at 4:46 p.m. Ayes Evenson, Wiemann, Nielsen, Grams, Thies. Carried.

Approved: May 13, 2025



Secretary