



## MINNESOTA SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICTS

Minutes of the Sibley Soil & Water Conservation District, 112 5<sup>th</sup> Street, Gaylord, MN on  
March 11<sup>th</sup>, 2025.

The meeting was called to order by Chair – Evenson at 3:59 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  
Water Resources Coordinator, Jack Bushman  
FSA-Acting County Executive Director, Cali Schmitt  
NRCS-District Conservationist, Christopher Engh

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

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

Upon a motion by Wiemann and seconded by Thies, it was moved to approve thirty-three paid bills for the month of February totaling \$54,132.81. Ayes Evenson, Wiemann, Nielsen, Grams, Thies. Carried.

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

**FSA Report:** See attached.

**NRCS Report:** See attached.

**Old Business:** None.

### **New Business:**

**RCPP Cost Share Policy:** Wurscher included a copy of the policy in the Board packets. After some discussion, a motion was made by Nielsen, seconded by Wiemann, moving to approve the RCPP cost share policy as presented. Ayes Evenson, Wiemann, Nielsen, Grams, Thies. Carried.

**Well Testing Cost Share Policy:** Bushman provided a copy of the policy prior to the start of the meeting. He discussed the talking points of the policy and fielded questions from the Board. A motion was made

by Wiemann, seconded by Nielsen, moving to approve the safe drinking water for private well users treatment policy. Ayes Evenson, Wiemann, Nielsen, Grams, Thies. Carried.

**Position Announcement:** Wurscher provided a handout in the Board packet with a potential job announcement for an additional full-time staff position with the District. After some discussion, a motion was made by Nielsen, seconded by Grams moving to approve opening up and announcing an Operations Specialist position at a grade 12 level. Ayes Evenson, Wiemann, Nielsen, Grams, Thies. Carried.

**Supervisor & Staff Reports:** See attached staff reports. Nielsen added that TSA will be conducting interviews on Friday, March 14<sup>th</sup> for the Soil Health Coordinator position.

**Other Business:** Wurscher described to the Board an opportunity towards a contribution agreement with NRCS to perform CRP status reviews. Wurscher stated that Sibley County has 72 expiring contracts slated, so the District would have the potential to earn \$10,800.00 (\$150 per site). Upon a motion by Thies, second by Grams, it was moved to approve engaging in said contribution agreement with NRCS/MASWCD. Ayes Evenson, Wiemann, Nielsen, Grams, Thies. Carried.

**Next Meeting:** April 8<sup>th</sup>, 2025, starting at 4 p.m., located at 112 5th Street, Gaylord, MN.

**Adjourn:** Upon a motion by Wiemann seconded by Grams, it was moved to adjourn the meeting at 4:51 p.m. Ayes Evenson, Wiemann, Nielsen, Grams, Thies. Carried.

Approved: April 8, 2025

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Secretary