



Sibley Soil & Water



Conservation District

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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 February 10, 2026.

The meeting was called to order by Chair – Wiemann at 4:00 p.m.

**Members Present:** Chair, Paul Wiemann  
Vice Chair, Robert Nielsen  
Secretary, Wayne Grams  
Treasurer, Kathleen Thies present virtually via Microsoft Teams  
Member, Loren Evenson

**Others Present:** District Manager, Joel Wurscher  
Senior District Technician, Jeremy Buckentin  
Water Resources Coordinator, Jack Bushman  
Operations Specialist, Hayley Thies  
FSA – County Executive Director, Jennifer King  
NRCS – District Conservationist, Christopher Engh  
BWSR – Board Conservationist, Shane Bugeja  
Sibley County Commissioner, Steve Saxton

Upon a motion by Grams and seconded by Nielsen, it was moved to approve the February 2026 meeting agenda with the addition of the Data Request Policy. By a roll call vote, ayes Wiemann, Nielsen, Grams, K. Thies, Evenson. Carried.

Upon a motion by K. Thies and seconded by Nielsen, it was moved to approve the minutes of the January 2026 meeting as presented. By a roll call vote, ayes Wiemann, Nielsen, Grams, K. Thies, Evenson. Carried.

Upon a motion by Wiemann and seconded by Grams, it was moved to approve forty paid bills for the month of January totaling \$138,860. By a roll call vote, ayes Wiemann, Nielsen, Grams, K. Thies, Evenson. Carried.

Upon a motion by Wiemann and seconded by Evenson, it was moved to approve the February 2026 Treasurer's report subjected to audit. By a roll call vote, ayes Wiemann, Nielsen, Grams, K. Thies, Evenson. Carried.

**FSA Report:** See attached.

**NRCS Report:** See attached.

**BWSR Report:** Bugeja informed the Board there are 70 RCPP grants remaining for the state. Also, grant progress reports were submitted timely for the District and have been approved by BWSR.

**Old Business:** None

**New Business:**

**Cost Share:** A request was made to enter into a contract (FY26 CC-4) toward a well sealing in Green Isle Township. Upon a motion by Nielsen and seconded by Grams, it was moved to approve the requested cost share contract with the total amount authorized being 75% of the project costs not to exceed \$1,000.00. By a roll call vote, ayes Wiemann, Nielsen, Grams, K. Thies, Evenson. Carried.

Wurscher provided an update on PWP contracts approved since the last Board meeting.

- PWP-5, reverse osmosis treatment system, \$1,390.51 quote, 100% cost share.

**RCPP Update:** Wurscher provided an update on RCPP contracts approved since the last Board meeting.

- 72-2-5 and 72-3-1, 2-year residue tillage management practice (P.S. 329), 450.20 acres in Severance Township at \$35/acre, \$15,757/year and \$31,514 total.
- 72-3-2, 2-year residue tillage management practice (P.S. 329), 75.7 acres in New Auburn Township at \$35/acre, \$2,649.50/year and \$5,299 total.
- 72-3-3, 3-year multi species cover crop practice (P.S. 340), 75.7 acres in New Auburn Township at \$45/acre, \$3,406.50/year and \$10,219.50 total.

**MAWQCP:** Upon a motion by Nielsen and seconded by K. Thies it was moved to approve a \$100 incentive payment to an operator in Grafton Township working toward MAWQCP certification. By a roll call vote, ayes Wiemann, Nielsen, Grams, K. Thies, Evenson. Carried.

Upon a motion by Nielsen and seconded by K. Thies it was moved to approve a \$100 incentive payment to an operator in Moltke Township working toward MAWQCP certification. By a roll call vote, ayes Wiemann, Nielsen, Grams, K. Thies, Evenson. Carried.

**Personnel Policy:** Wurscher outlined additions and changes made to the Sibley SWCD Personnel Policy. Upon a motion by Nielsen and seconded by K. Thies it was moved to approve the revised policy. By a roll call vote, ayes Wiemann, Nielsen, Grams, K. Thies, Evenson. Carried.

**Data Request Policy:** Wurscher presented the Data Request Policy to the Board. The policy provides guidelines for when customers request large amounts of information from the District. Upon a motion by Wiemann and seconded by Evenson it was moved to approve the policy. By a roll call vote, ayes Wiemann, Nielsen, Grams, K. Thies, Evenson. Carried.

**Area VI TSA:** FY26 NPEA & Enhanced Shared Services Grant Sibley portion is \$3,550. This request is the same amount that was requested for FY25. Upon a motion by Nielsen and seconded by Grams, it was moved to pay \$3,550 to TSA. By a roll call vote, ayes Wiemann, Nielsen, Grams, K. Thies, Evenson. Carried.

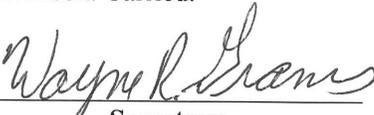
**Supervisor & Staff Reports:** See attached staff reports.

**Other Business:** None

**Next Meeting:** March 10, 2026, starting at 4:00 p.m., located at 112 5th Street, Gaylord, MN.

**Adjourn:** Upon a motion by Nielsen and seconded by Grams, it was moved to adjourn the meeting at 5:15 p.m. By a roll call vote, ayes Wiemann, Nielsen, Grams, K. Thies, Evenson. Carried.

Approved: March 10, 2026

  
Secretary