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MINNESOTA SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICTS

Minutes of the Sibley Soil & Water Conservation District, 112 5th Street Gaylord, MN on November 12, 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
Senior District Technician, Jeremy Buckentin
Operations Specialist, Hayley Thies

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

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

Upon a motion by Wiemann and seconded by K. Thies, it was moved to approve fifty paid bills for the month of October totaling \$97,715.25. Ayes Evenson, Wiemann, Nielsen, Grams, K. Thies. Carried.

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

FSA Report: None

NRCS Report: None

BWSR Report: None

Old Business: None

New Business:

Cost Share: A request was made to enter into a contract (FY26 CC-1) toward 2 well sealings in Sibley Township. Upon a motion by K. Thies 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 per well. Ayes Evenson, Wiemann, Nielsen, Grams, K. Thies. Carried.

A request was made to enter into a contract (FY26 CC-2) toward a well sealing in Green Isle Township. Upon a motion by Nielsen and seconded by Wiemann, 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. Ayes Evenson, Wiemann, Nielsen, Grams, K. Thies. Carried.

A request was made to enter into a contract (FY25 WBIF-14) for a grade stabilization structure (P.S. 410) in Jessenland Township. A bid for the project came in at \$28,900. The landowner is requesting that the watershed partnership provide 90% cost share in the amount of \$26,010, in conjunction with a 10% landowner match. Upon a motion by Grams and seconded by K. Thies, it was moved to approve the requested cost share contract. Ayes Evenson, Wiemann, Nielsen, Grams, K. Thies. Carried.

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

- PWP-4, reverse osmosis treatment system, \$2,313 quote, 50% cost share at \$1,156.50

The contract holder for PWP-2 has requested their well water treatment cost share payment. The contract is for a reverse osmosis system in Lafayette South Township. Upon a motion by Wiemann and seconded by K. Thies, it was moved to approve the requested cost share payment of \$1,546.20. Ayes Evenson, Wiemann, Nielsen, Grams, K. Thies. Carried.

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

- 72-2-1, 3-year residue tillage management practice (P.S. 329), 178.2 acres in Arlington, Jessenland, and Henderson Townships at \$35/acre, \$6,237/year and \$18,711 total.
- 72-2-2, 3-year residue tillage management practice (P.S. 329), 310.3 acres in Cornish Township at \$35/acre, \$10,860.50/year and \$32,581.50 total.
- 72-2-3, 3-year residue tillage management practice (P.S. 329), 177.5 acres in Dryden Township at \$35/acre, \$6,212.50/year and \$18,637.50 total.
- 72-2-4, 3-year residue tillage management practice (P.S. 329), 359.2 acres in Cornish Township at \$35/acre, \$12,570.50/year and \$37,711.50 total.

2024 Year End Audit: A copy of the 2024 audit by Peterson Company LTD was provided to each board member.

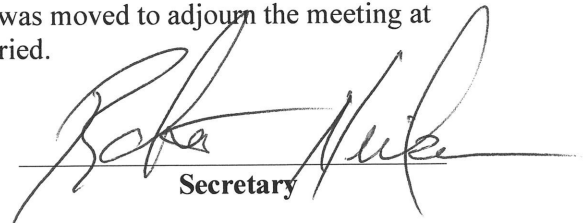
Supervisor & Staff Reports: See attached staff reports.

Other Business: Wurscher provided a reminder to the Board about MASWCD Annual Convention. The convention will be held December 1-3 in Bloomington and the deadline to register is November 14. Nielsen and K. Thies will attend the convention. Nielsen will also attend the award luncheon.

Next Meeting: December 9, 2025, starting at 4:00 p.m., located at 112 5th Street, Gaylord, MN.

Adjourn: Upon a motion by Grams and seconded by Wiemann, it was moved to adjourn the meeting at 4:34 p.m. Ayes Evenson, Wiemann, Nielsen, Grams, K. Thies. Carried.

Approved: December 9, 2025


Secretary