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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 11<sup>th</sup>, 2025.

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

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

**Others Present:** District Manager, Joel Wurscher  
District Technician, Jeremy Buckentin  
Conservation Technician, Tara O'Brien  
FSA-Program Analyst in Charge, Hayley Thies  
NRCS-Soil Conservationist, Christopher Engh  
BWSR-Board Conservationist, Shane Bugeja

Upon a motion by Wiemann and seconded by Grams, it was moved to approve the February 2025 meeting agenda with one addition to new business of Area 6 TSA Match. Ayes Evenson, Wiemann, Grams. Carried.

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

Upon a motion by Wiemann and seconded by Grams, it was moved to approve thirty-six paid bills for the month of January totaling \$147,011.81. Ayes Evenson, Wiemann, Grams. Carried.

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

**FSA Report:** See attached.

**NRCS Report:** See attached.

**BWSR Report:** Bugeja reported the latest news on the RCPP grant towards soil health. Bugeja then informed the Board about the Governor's budget including impacts to LGRWRP and CREP. He then noted he will be attending the workshop held in St. Peter on February 14<sup>th</sup>.

**Old Business:** Buckentin reporting the efforts on searching for native seed packets to handout at the fair and other events. Several potential sources were identified and Buckentin has requested quotes on pricing. This topic was brought forth by Nielsen at the January SWCD Board meeting.

**New Business:**

**2024 SWCD Audit:** Wurscher presented to the Board an audit bid by Peterson Company, LTD for FY24. Upon a motion by Wiemann and seconded by Nielsen, it was moved to approve Peterson Company, LTD's audit bid in the amount of \$5,000 plus \$600 for the 1W1P special revenue fund. Ayes Evenson, Wiemann, Nielsen, Grams. Carried.

**MACDE Dues:** Upon a motion by Grams and seconded by Nielsen, it was moved to approve paying the 2025 MACDE dues for four employees at \$25 per employee. Ayes Evenson, Wiemann, Nielsen, Grams. Carried.

**Riverfront Technology:** Wurscher explained to the Board the situation the District is in with their IT services. He then presented to the Board an option to engage in an agreement with a new company, Riverfront Technology, LLC out of North Mankato. The agreement was towards managed services including Microsoft applications, managing the server and back-ups, as well as any labor when issues arise. The Board added they would like to review this agreement after 6 months. Upon a motion by Nielsen and seconded by Wiemann, it was moved to approve the presented agreement with Riverfront Technology, LLC. Ayes Evenson, Wiemann, Nielsen, Grams. Carried.

**Area 6 TSA Match:** Wurscher presented to the Board an invoice from the South Central Technical Service Area towards grant cash match for the FY25 NPEA & enhanced shared services grants. Upon a motion by Wiemann and seconded by Nielsen, it was moved to approve the match contribution in the amount of \$3,550.00. Ayes Evenson, Wiemann, Nielsen, Grams. Carried.

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

**Other Business:** None.

**Next Meeting:** March 11<sup>th</sup>, 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 4:41 p.m. Ayes Evenson, Wiemann, Nielsen, Grams. Carried.

Approved: March 11, 2025

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Secretary