



WATONWAN COUNTY SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING

Tuesday, January 13th, 2026 – 8:30 A.M.

Location: Watonwan Resources Building
108 8th Street South, Saint James, MN 56081

Call to Order and Attendance

Agenda – (Additions, Corrections) Approval

Minutes – SWCD Board Meeting Date: December 9, 2025

Financial & Accounting

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| 1. Treasurer's Report | Discussion |
| 2. SWCD Bills to Pay | Action |
| 3. Supervisor Per Diem (Last submitted December) | Action |

SWCD Board Supervisor Reports

1. Greater Blue Earth River Basin Alliance (GBERBA)
2. MASWCD Area VI
3. South Central Technical Service Area (TSA)
4. County Commissioner's Report

SWCD Action and Business Items

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| 1. SWCD elections options | Action |
| 2. MN Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure | Discussion |
| 3. Clothing policy | Action |
| 4. Mileage Reimbursement Rate | Action |
| 5. Board appointments for 2026 | Action |
| a. 2026 Board Seats | |
| i. Chairman | |
| ii. Vice Chair | |
| iii. Secretary | |
| iv. Treasurer | |
| v. PR&I | |
| b. 2026 Committee elections | |
| i. Liaison Committee | |
| ii. Personnel | |
| iii. Annual Planning | |
| iv. GBERBA Representative | |
| v. South Central TSA Representative | |
| vi. Reinvest in Minnesota (RIM) – Full Board | |
| vii. Cost Share – Full Board | |
| viii. Environmental Education | |
| ix. EQIP | |
| x. Grants | |
| xi. PR&I and Legislation | |
| xii. Wetland Conservation Act – Full Board | |
| 6. Official Authorization for 2026 | Action |

- a. Financial
- b. Newspaper
- 7. Approval for staff signatory authority Action
 - a. BWSR Financial Reports, Grant Agreements and other related documents
 - i. Haler & Schultz
 - b. Well Decommissioning Contracts TA
 - i. Haler, Schultz & Schломann
 - c. RCPP contracts
 - i. Authorized signature
 - d. Walk-In-Access Program
 - i. Haler & Schultz
 - e. Reinvest in Minnesota Program
 - i. Haler & Schultz
 - f. SWCD vouchers (cost share see policy)
 - i. Haler & Schultz
- 8. State Cost Share Rates 2026 Action
 - a. Tree/shelterbelt establishment windbreak renovation (2025 85% up to \$5000.00)
 - b. Well Decommissioning (2025 50% up to \$750.00)
 - c. Alternative Tile Intakes
 - i. Rock intake (2025 = \$550.00)
 - ii. Hickenbottom (2025 = \$200.00)
- 9. SWCD Policies Action
- 10. SWCD purchase authority Action
 - a. Equipment/technology/supplies
 - b. Training & Conferences
- 11. Local Applications/Contracts/Amendments/Payments/Cancelations
 - a. Contract: 26-CC-04 Action
 - Estimate cost: \$8,054.92
 - 85% cost share up to \$5,000.00: \$5,000.00
 - Funding: FY26 Conservation Contracts
 - Practice: 380 windbreak/shelterbelt
 - b. Contract: 26-CC-05 Action
 - Estimate cost: \$1,537.20
 - 75% cost share: \$1,306.62
 - Funding: FY26 Conservation Contracts
 - Practice: 327 Conservation Cover
- 12. Return unspent grant funds Action
- 13. Audit Agreement Action

SWCD Program Updates and Reports

- 1. Reports Discussion
 - a. BWSR, Board Conservationist – Jill Sacket Eberhart
 - b. NRCS, Soil Conservationist – Vacant
 - c. WCA Coordinator – Allison Kletscher
 - d. PF Biologist – Harrison Quick
 - e. PF precision ag – Jon Willow
 - f. SWCD District Tech – Laura Quiring
 - g. SWCD District Tech – Jacob VanRyswyk

- h. Soil Health / SWCD District Tech – Molly Simmons
- i. SWCD Assistant Manager- Carrie Schultz

Meetings / Trainings / Workshops

Action

02/11/2026	SWCD Board Meeting	Supervisors / Staff
02/13/2026	GBERBA Executive	Supervisors
01/28/2026	GBERBA Tech	Staff
01/30/2026	GBERBA Policy	Supervisors / Staff
3/17-3/18/2026	MN Shade Tree Short Course	Staff
2/3/2026	Area VI Chairs	Supervisors / Staff

Other Business

Adjourn

Next Monthly SWCD Board of Supervisors meeting

Tuesday, February 11th, 2025 at 8:30 A.M.