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Minutes of Regular Board Meeting  
Tuesday, February 3, 2026, 8:00 a.m.  
Meeker SWCD Offices  
522 South Johnson Drive  
Litchfield, MN 55355

Present: Fred Behnke, John Haffley, Jon Hoff, Greg Jans, and Bob Schiefelbein. Staff Present: Joe Norman, Jaden Hunter, Ann Steinhaus and Lacey Clark, SWCD; Jacob Stitch, Taylor Esping, NRCS; Dustin Paesler, Pheasants Forever.

The meeting was called to order by Bob Schiefelbein at 8:03 a.m.

**Agenda:** Motion by Haffley and seconded by Hoff to approve the agenda as presented.  
Affirmative: All. Opposed: None.

**Minutes:** Motion by Jans and seconded by Behnke to approve the minutes from the January 6, 2026, meeting. Affirmative: All. Opposed: None.

**Treasurer Report:** Motion by Haffley and seconded by Hoff to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented, subject to audit, including bills payable in the amount of \$57,137.67 and bills paid. Affirmative: All. Opposed: None.

Motion by Jans and seconded by Hoff to approve the 2026 Billing Rates as presented.  
Affirmative: All. Opposed: None.

Motion by Jans and seconded by Behnke to approve the Peterson Engagement Letter for the 2025 Audit. Affirmative: All. Opposed: None.

**Field Office Report:** Norman, Hunter, and Steinhaus reported on recent activities and programs.

Motion by Jans and seconded by Hoff to approve donating trees to the Litchfield 3<sup>rd</sup> graders at a cost of \$588. Affirmative: All. Opposed: None.

Motion by Jans and seconded by Behnke to approve raising the minimum drill rental rate to \$180 for under 10 acres, \$14/acre for 10 to 100 acres, \$12/acre for 100-200 acres, and \$11/acre for 200+ acres. Affirmative: All. Opposed: None.

**Farm Bill Report:** Stitch, Esping, and Paesler reported on their activities.

**Meeting/Training Reports:** None.

**Training/Meeting Requests:** Motion by Jans and seconded by Haffley to approve Steinhaus attending the 2026 MACFO conference. Affirmative: All. Opposed: None.

Motion by Haffley and seconded by Hoff to approve the 2026 MACFO Dues at a cost of \$150. Affirmative: All. Opposed: None.

Motion by Haffley and seconded by Hoff to approve the 2026 MACAI Dues at a cost of \$150. Affirmative: All. Opposed: None.

Motion by Jans and seconded by Haffley to approve Hunter attending a private lands meeting on February 20th. Affirmative: All. Opposed: None.

**Cost Share:** Motion by Jans and seconded by Haffley to encumber SA23-06, a Water Retention Basin Project, in the amount of \$11,000.00, using FY23 State Aid Funding. Affirmative: All. Opposed:None.

Motion by Behnke and seconded by Haffley to encumber SA23-07, a Windbreak/Shelterbelt Establishment Project, in the amount of \$1,508.00, using FY23 State Aid funding. Affirmative: All. Opposed:None.

**Next Meeting:** The next board meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 3, 2026, at 8 a.m.

**Adjournment:** After a motion by Haffley, Chairman Schiefelbein adjourned the meeting at 9:02. a.m.

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Secretary

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Date