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Minutes of Regular Board Meeting
Tuesday, March 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 8:02 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 February 3, 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 \$28,509.04 and bills paid. Affirmative: All. Opposed: None.

Motion by Hoff and seconded by Behnke to approve the maturation of CD #29641. Affirmative: All. Opposed: None.

Motion by Hoff and seconded by Behnke to approve the maturation of CD #29813. Affirmative: All. Opposed: None.

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

Motion by Behnke and seconded by Jans to approve the purchase of a new drill, at a cost of \$48,000.00 using FY23 State Aid funding. 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 Behnke to approve Clark attending the MACDE Manager’s Meeting on March 25th & 26th. Affirmative: All. Opposed: None.

Motion by Haffley and seconded by Hoff to approve Steinhaus attending the MACAI Quarterly Meeting. Affirmative: All. Opposed: None.

Motion by Jans and seconded by Haffley to approve Haffley and Norman attending the Area 2 Meeting on March 12th. Affirmative: All. Opposed: None.

Cost Share: Motion by Haffley and seconded by Hoff to encumber SA23-08, a Windbreak/Shelterbelt project, paying for 50% of the cost, up to a maximum of \$2,000.00, using FY23 State Aid Funding. Affirmative: All. Opposed: None.

Motion by Jans and seconded by Haffley to encumber SA23-09, a Windbreak/Shelterbelt Establishment Project, paying for 50% of the cost, up to a maximum of \$1,500.00, using FY23 State Aid funding. Affirmative: All. Opposed: None.

Motion by Haffleys and seconded by Behnke to encumber SA23-10, a Windbreak/Shelterbelt Establishment Project, paying for 50% of the cost, up to a maximum of \$2,000.00, using FY23 State Aid funding. Affirmative: All. Opposed: None.

Next Meeting: The next board meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 7, 2026, at 8 a.m.

Adjournment: After a motion by Jans, Chairman Schiefelbein adjourned the meeting at 8:49 a.m.

Secretary

Date