

Fillmore Soil & Water Conservation District

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DISTRICT REGULAR BOARD MEETING

Thursday, March 20th, 2025

5:00 PM

Conservation Building

912 Houston Street

Preston, MN 55965

Members present: Tim Gossman, Jason Wetzel, Eunice Biel, Travis Willford.

Others present: Anesa Liptak, Riley Buley, Theresa Baker

Absent: Kathy Tesmer, Duane Bakke, David Copeland

Tim Gossman called meeting to order at 5:02 pm

Agenda

- I. Approval of Agenda: Willford motioned to approve agenda, seconded by Wetzel. Affirmative: Gossman, Wetzel, Biel, Willford Opposed none, motion carried.
- II. Treasurer's Report
 1. Approve February 2025 SWCD Treasurer's report subject to audit. **Willford motioned to approve February treasurer's report, seconded by Wetzel Affirmative: Willford, Gossman, Biel, Wetzel Opposed none motioned carried.**
 2. Approve Root River 1W1P Treasurer's report subject to audit. **Wetzel motioned to approve the RR1W1P February treasurer's report, seconded by Willford. Affirmative Gossman, Biel, Willford Wetzel. Opposed none motion carried.**

2022-2023 - Root River 1W1P - C22-0480			
Payments	Terms	Received	Grant Terms
\$ 734,798.00	50%	05-26-2022	Executed 05-20-2022
\$ 587,838.00	40%	09-09-2024	
\$ 146,959.00	10%		Expires 12-31-2024
Grant Total	Deposits	Disbursements	Grant Cash Balance
\$ 1,469,595.00	\$ 1,322,636.00	1,378,364.24	\$ -55,728.20

2024-2025 - Watershed Base Implementation ARP – C22-0143			
Payments	Terms	Received	Grant Terms

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\$ 1,150,475.00	50%	04-23-2024	Executed 04-08-2024
\$ 920,380.00	40%		
\$ 230,095.00	10%		Expires 12-31-2026
Grant Total	Deposits	Disbursements	Grant Cash Balance
\$ 2,300,950.00	\$ 1,150,475.00	\$ 446,078.87	\$ 704,396.20

III. Consent Agenda: **Willford motioned to approve Consent Agenda seconded by Wetzel**

Affirmative: Gossman, Biel, Wetzel, Willford. Opposed none motioned carried.

1. Secretary's Report – February 2025 Board Meeting Minutes.
2. Set up US Bank Equipment and MN Energy Resources as ACH payments. Received 2 late fees due to check mailing process. Late fees were removed.
3. Consider 2025 payment to Todd Hendrickson, MDA FSP Field Access, in the amount of \$250.00 utilizing the MDA FSP project.
4. Consider 2025 payment to Kent Dornink, MDA FSP Field Access, in the amount of \$250.00 utilizing the MDA FSP project.
5. Consider 2025 payment to Collin Jacobson, MDA FSP Field Access, in the amount of \$2000.00 utilizing the MDA FSP project.
6. Consider 2025 payment to Richard Johnson, MDA FSP Field Access, in the amount of \$1000.00 utilizing the MDA FSP project.
7. Consider 2025 payment to Brian Erickson, MDA FSP Field Access, in the amount of \$250.00 utilizing the MDA FSP project.
8. Approve Contract RR1W1P24-34, Geoff Griffin in the amount of \$3610.90 for grade stabilization structures and waterways. Utilizing funds from the 2024-2025 Root River 1W1P Grant.

IV. Reports

1. Supervisor's Activity Report **Wetzel reported he attended the Regular and personnel meeting. Willford reported Regular meeting. Biel reported Regular meeting and attended SWCD legislative day. Gossman reported attending Regular meeting, personnel Mtg and Friend of the Root River meeting.**
2. Staff Reports: **Submitted in Agenda Packet.**
3. Administrator's Report
 - i. Update on Climate Smart Application Process: **Staff is moving forward with documents for producers. Money is still on hold from Federal Gov.**
 - ii. Update on BWSR Soil Health RCPP: **Federal Aid Paused currently.**

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iii. Update on Cost Shared Projects with Federal Funding. Some Cost share projects are moving forward and some are paused.

4. NRCS Report: **No report**
5. County Report: **No Report**

V. Old Business

1. Review Surveys sent to consumers. **Administration sent surveys out to producers approx.50 and 16 were returned with positive feedback.**
2. Local Work Group Date. **Set for April 17th at 9:00am**
3. Recap Legislative Day. **Biel and Buley reported they attended and were able to speak with Greg Davids on behalf of the Fillmore Soil and Water group.**

VI. New Business

1. Discuss June Board meeting date. 3rd Thursday is Juneteenth, Wednesday the 18th or 4th Thursday of June 26th. **Beil motioned to hold June meeting on Tuesday June 18th at 5:00 pm seconded by Wetzel. Affirmative: Gossman, Biel, Willford Wetzel. Opposed none motioned carried. Reminder to be sent out with posting on Facebook page and Website of Change.**
2. Approve Field to Stream Contract with Mary Nesberg. Manure Management Outreach. **Willford Motioned to approve Mary N to assist with the Manure Management outreach program. Seconded by Wetzel. Affirmative: Gossman, Biel, Willford, Wetzel Opposed none motion carried.**
3. Review quote for Bi-yearly cleaning and Painting Quotes of DNR building: **Willford proposed we move forward with Quote #2 for Bi-yearly cleaning and possible weekly cleaning if current cleaner decides to end services. Seconded by Wetzel. Affirmative: Gossman, Biel, Willford, Wetzel. Opposed none motion carried. Willford then proposed quote 3 to paint the bathrooms with payment of a meal for 2 at the Branding Iron and district buying the painting supplies and replacing bathroom hardware (handicap bars, soap, Mirrors and toilet paper dispensers. Willford also proposed Quote 1 painting for the remaining building with painter purchasing supplies. With painting to be completed once 1st deep clean is completed. Wetzel seconded the motion. Affirmative: Gossman, Biel, Willford, Wetzel. Opposed none motioned carried.**
4. Discuss status of Pheasants Forever position. **Biel motioned to move forward with a letter of intent for 1 year employment for this position if Federal funding was eliminated. Seconded by Wetzel. Affirmative: Gossman, Biel, Willford, Wetzel opposed none motion carried.**
5. **Consider wage increase to Grade 7 Step 7 for employee #23034 after annual review. Biel motioned to approve wage increase for employee #23034 to Grade 7 step 7 after annual review. Seconded by Willford. Affirmative: Gossman, Wetzel, Biel, Willford. Opposed none motion carried.**

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II. Accounts Payable

1. Approve, February accounts payable: **Willford Motioned to Approve February accounts payable, seconded by Wetzel, Affirmative: Gossman, Biel, Willford, Wetzel Opposed none motion carried.**

III. Adjournment, **Wetzel motioned to adjourn meeting seconded by Biel. Affirmative: Gossman, Willford, Biel, Wetzel opposed none motion carried. Gossman adjourned meeting at 6:22 pm.**

Upcoming Events and Meetings

SWCD Legislative Day	March 4 & 5, 2025
Daylight Savings Time: Spring ahead	March 9, 2025
BALMM Mtg	March 12, 2025
Nitrate Meeting in SE MN	March 13, 2025
Regular Board Meeting 1st day of Spring	March 20, 2025
Spring SEMACDE Meeting	March 26, 2025
Local Work Group Mtg 9:00am	April 17, 2025
Regular Board Meeting	April 17, 2025
Tree Delivery	April 22, 2025
Tree Pick Dates	April 24 10:00-7:00
Tree Pick up date	April 25 10:00 4:00

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