

Fillmore Soil & Water Conservation District

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DISTRICT REGULAR BOARD MEETING

Tuesday, April 15th, 2025

5:00 PM

Conservation Building

912 Houston Street

Preston, MN 55965

Members Present: Tim Gossman, Jason Wetzel, Eunice Biel, Kathy Tesmer, Travis Wilford.

Others Present: Duane Bakke, Dave Copeland, Bob Scanlan, Riley Buley, Anesa Liptak, Theresa Baker

Tim Gossman Called meeting to order at 5:00pm

Agenda

- I. Approval of Agenda: **Wetzel motioned to approve agenda, seconded by Wilford. Affirmative: Gossman, Biel, Tesmer, Wilford, Wetzel. Opposed none, Motion carried.**

- II. Treasurer's Report
 1. Approve March 2025 SWCD Treasurer's report subject to audit. **Wilford motioned to approve the March treasurer's report subject to audit, seconded by Tesmer. Affirmative: Biel, Gossman, Wilford, Tesmer, Wetzel. Opposed none Motion carried.**

 2. Approve Root River 1W1P Treasurer's report subject to audit. **Buley indicated Grant reconciliation was taking place currently and things looked good. Wetzel motioned to approve the March 1W1P treasurer's report subject to audit, seconded by Tesmer. Affirmative: Willford, Gossman, Wetzel, Biel, Tesmer. 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

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2024-2025 - Watershed Base Implementation ARP – C22-0143			
Payments	Terms	Received	Grant Terms
\$ 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	\$ 506,643.86	\$ 643,831.20

III. Consent Agenda: **Willford Motioned to approve Consent agenda seconded by Tesmer. Affirmative: Gossman, Biel, Wilford, Wetzel, Tesmer. Opposed none Motioned carried.**

1. Approve final Payment to Jerry Bergey in the amount of \$7,614.4. Contract RR1W1P 24-8, Single species Cover Crop utilizing funds from the 2024-2025 RR1W1P Grant.
2. Approve contract DWP-39 Richard Rohrer in the amount of \$1,000. 1 year Nitrogen Plot Rate. Utilizing funds from t the Drinking Water Protection in the Karts Region Grant.
3. Approve contract DWP-40 Kevin Tesmer in the amount of \$1,000. 1 year Nitrogen Plot Rate. Utilizing funds from t the Drinking Water Protection in the Karts Region Grant.
4. Approve contract DWP-41 Mike Schmidt in the amount of \$1,000. 1 year Nitrogen Plot Rate. Utilizing funds from t the Drinking Water Protection in the Karts Region Grant.
5. Approve final payment to Mike Schmidt, in the amount of \$1,000. Contract DWP-03, Nitrogen Rate plot, utilizing funds from the Drinking Water Protection in the Karst region Grant.
6. Approve final payment to Mike Schmidt, in the amount of \$540.00. Contract DWP-06, Nitrogen Incentive, utilizing funds from the Drinking Water Protection in the Karst region Grant.

IV. Reports

1. Supervisor’s Activity Report: Gossman reported he attended Regular Board Meeting and Forestry committee mtg. Wetzel reported attending Regular Board Meeting and Forestry committee mtg. Wilford reported attending Regular Board Meeting. Biel reported Regular Board Meeting, Education Meeting. Tesmer reported attending Education Meeting.
2. Staff Reports: Submitted in agenda packet
3. Administrator’s Report
 - i. Climate Smart Update: Kanati and Anesa have begun to work with Producers & setting up meetings for Climate Smart program. Buley indicated C. Nelson from Kanati has been in the office 4 times in April and He and A. Liptak have met approx. 15-20 producers.

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ii. MDA Walkover Program Updates: **Bob Scanlan for MDA presented a brief update.**

4. NRCS Report: **No Report**

5. County Report: **Commissioner Bakke reported a New County Assessor has been hired and started.**

V. Old Business

1. Report updates from Bob Scanlan on the Fillmore JPA and Certification. **B Scanlan reported the 2 yr Joint Powers agreement is ready for signatures and the Certification process has started. A Staff meeting was held and it was discussed Kanati proposed to move startup date to June 1st from July 1st in Preble township.**

VI. New Business

1. Consider Life insurance for Fillmore SWCD Staff. Sun Life anticipated cost of \$217 per year. **Tesmer Motioned to approve Sun Life Insurance for the Fillmore SWCD Staff. Seconded by Wetzel Affirmative: Wilford, Gossman, Biel, Wetzel Tesmer. Opposed none Motion carried.**
2. Discuss Soil Health Cost share rates. Will be discussed at the Cost share committee meeting Thursday 4/17.
3. Peterson Company to conduct 2024 Audit June 24/25 for Fillmore SWCD and RR1W1P Grant.: Presented as a FYI to the Board.
4. Award College and High School Scholarship winners. Reviewed by Education committee. 3 College Applicants: 8 High School Applicants (Kingsland, Mabel, Lanesboro & Fillmore Central). Applicant #3 College Winner and Applicant #5 High School Applicant. **The Education committee selected. Kelsi Goldsmith College applicant and Mara Schwarz High School applicant as Fillmore SWCD \$500.00 Scholarship winners for 2025. Tesmer Motioned to approve candidates seconded by Wilford. Affirmative, Gossman, Wetzel, Biel, Tesmer, Wilford. Opposed none Motioned carried.**
5. Consider Purchasing a Folding Picnic Table for SWCD staff to use. **Tesmer Motioned to purchase a folding picnic table from NAPA auto in Preston seconded by Wetzel Affirmative: Gossman, Wilford, Biel, Wetzel, Tesmer opposed none Motioned carried.**
6. Approve 2025 1st Quarter Supervisor Expense Reports. **Reports reviewed; Wilford motioned to approve 1st Quarter Reports seconded by Tesmer. Affirmative Gossman, Wetzel, Wilford, Tesmer, Biel Opposed none Motion carried.**
7. Consider offering \$10.00 off a regular priced Drinking Water Bacteria Test to Tree customers. Expires 12/31/2025. **Wilford motioned to approve the discount, seconded by Tesmer Affirmative Gossman, Biel, Wetzel, Tesmer, Wilford. Opposed none Motion Carried.**
8. Consider the appointment of Kaleb Adams as 2025 summer intern, pay rate \$16 per hour. **Wilford motioned to accept K Admas as summer intern, seconded by Tesmer Affirmative Gossman, Biel, Wetzel, Tesmer, Wilford. Opposed none Motion carried.**
9. Consider purchasing a brick for the Preston Depot Museum. **Board discussed and determined not to purchase a brick.**

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10. **Gossman reported that The Forestry Committee set Forestry Field Day to be Wednesday July 30th at Bill Baileys property in Chatfield. Prairie Walk will be held on Wednesday August 13 at Savannah Spring in Chatfield.**

II. Accounts Payable

1. Approve March Accounts payable. **Biel motioned to accept March accounts payable seconded by Wetzel. Affirmative: Gossman, Biel, Tesmer, Wilford, Wetzel, opposed none Motion carried.**

- III. Adjournment, **Wilford motioned to adjourn meeting at 6:05 pm seconded by Tesmer. Affirmative, Gossman, Wetzel, Biel, Tesmer, Wilford Opposed none Motion carried. Meeting adjourned.**

Upcoming Events and Meetings

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
Fillmore Schools Tree program	April 28, 29, 2025
Farm Safety Day	May 6 2025
RR1W1P Policy Committee Mtg	May 19, 2025
MASWCD Meeting	May 23, 2025
Memorial Day (Office closed)	May 26, 2025

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