

Fillmore Soil & Water Conservation District

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DISTRICT REGULAR BOARD MEETING

Wednesday, June 18th, 2025

5:00 PM

Conservation Building

912 Houston Street

Preston, MN 55965

Members present: Tim Gossman, Jason Wetzel, Kathy Tesmer, Travis Willford

Others present: Duane Bakke, Riley Buley, Anesa Liptak, Erin Hettinger, Kaleb Adams, Nikki & August Wheeler, Theresa Baker

Tim Gossman called meeting to order at 5:05 pm

Eunice Biel joined meeting at 5:15 pm

Agenda

- I. Approval of Agenda: Tesmer motioned to approve agenda with additions highlighted in yellow seconded by Willford. Affirmative: Gossman, Wetzel, Willford, Tesmer
- II. Treasurer's Report
 1. Approve, May 2025 SWCD Treasurer's report subject to audit.: Buley advised the board that he (Buley) and Baker transferred \$400,000 on 5/21/25 from F&M Checking to Rushford State Bank CD. Tesmer motioned to approve May treasurer's report subject to audit. Seconded by Wetzel. Affirmative: Gossman, Biel, Wetzel, Tesmer, Willford, opposed none motioned carried.
 2. Approve Root River 1W1P Treasurer's report subject to audit.: Buley indicated that the 2022/2023 RR1W1P had an additional noncompliance from a district that was apart of the plan, Buley/Fillmore SWCD fiscal agent will provide plan for correction and set plan into motion. Once signed and approved by BWSR. The Grant will then be awarded the final payment for 2022/2023 funds. Closing the 2022.2023 Grant out. Willford Motioned to approve May RR1W1P treasurer's report subject to Audit, seconded by Tesmer Affirmative: Willford, Tesmer, Gossman, Wetzel, Biel. Opposed none notion 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

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\$ 1,469,595.00	\$ 1,322,636.00	1,412,834.36	\$ -56,760.64
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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	\$ 522,099.12	\$ 628,375.90

III. Consent Agenda: **Wetzel motioned to approve consent agenda with addition of item #7 seconded by Willford. Affirmative: Gossman, Tesmer, Biel, Willford, Wetzel. Opposed none motioned carried.**

1. Secretary's Report- May 2025 Board Meeting Minutes.
2. Consider final payment to Kevin Tesmer, Contract DWP-02 Nitrogen Rate and Manure Plot in the amount of \$1,000 utilizing funds from the Drinking Water Protection Grant in the Karst Region.
3. Consider Final payment to Marylin Tammel, Contract FY 25-01 Well decommissioning in the amount of \$2,000 utilizing funds from the 2025 Cost Share Grant.
4. Approve Contract DWP-WS14 Brian Erickson in the amount of \$2,000. Well decommission project Utilizing funds from the Drinking Water Protection Grant.
5. Consider 2025 4-H Extension Award Scholarship of \$150 to be used in the Natural Resources division/area.
6. Consider Final Payment to Geoff Griffin Contract RR1W1P24-34 Grade stabilization in the amount of \$3,610.90 utilizing funds from 2024-2025 Root River 1W1P grant.
7. Approve 75% payment to T & C Farms LLC contract TNC-02 in the amount of \$15,000 utilizing funds from The Nature Conservancy Funding/FSP.

IV. Reports

1. Supervisor's Activity Report: **Gossman reported attending Meeting with Jen Wahls (Project Forestry coordinator) & Regular Meeting. Wetzel reported attending Regular Board Meeting: Willford reported attending Regular Board Meeting, Beil reported**

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attending Regular Board Meeting Tesmer Reported RR1W1P policy Meeting and Regular Board Meeting.

2. Staff Reports: **Included in Agenda Packet**
3. Administrator's Report: **Buley provided updates to the Fillmore SWCD and RR1W1P treasurer's report earlier. He also indicated that he would have a budget review next month for 2026**
 1. Field to Stream Contract update. **The contract has been extended for 1 year.**
4. NRCS Report: **No Report Submitted**
5. County Report: **Bakke Submitted a correction to the notes from May 25 meeting; The 2024 feedlot report was submitted and approved by the MPCA and reported back to the County Board. The 2025 plan was reviewed and accepted by the county board. And will be forwarded to the MPCA**

V. Old Business

1. Discuss ranking sheet and encumbrances on projects. **Buley indicated the RR1W1P committee is working on a new 10-year plan. The Cost Share committee will also be meeting next month to discuss/ brainstorm encumbrances on future projects and present to the board once complete for approval.**
2. Approve RCPP Soil Health Practice Rates. **Ranking/Rating Sheet and Monthly basis were reviewed. Tesmer Motioned to approve and submit to BWSR Seconded by Beil Affirmative: Wetzel, Tesmer, Beil, Gossman. Abstained: Willford. Opposed none motion carried.**

VI. New Business

1. Recommendations for Conservationist of the Year: **Board will review candidates and submit them next month. The board will also review NRCS rankings as well.**
2. Consider PF (Pheasants Forever) position match for Fillmore County, \$6,500: **Erin Hettinger presented a presentation on her current work status and on her education outreach and goals for 2026. Wetzel approved the recommended \$6,500 match seconded by Tesmer. Affirmative: Gossman, Willford, Beil, Tesmer, Wetzel. Opposed none motion carried.**
3. Discuss Root River 1W1P noncompliance: **Buley indicated he would submit proposal (acting as RR1W1P Fiscal Agent. to BWSR that all districts requesting funds from the RR1W1P requires them to use the current/Up To Date BWSR contract.**
4. Approve Root River 10-year plan update utilizing HEI engineering. **Tesmer motioned to move forward with higher quote from HEI Eng. Seconded by Wetzel. Affirmative: Gossman, Willford, Beil, Tesmer, Wetzel. Opposed none motion carried.**
5. Discuss Area 7 Resolutions: **Winona SWCD and Fillmore SWCD proposed to work jointly on achieving JA.**
6. Discuss Fillmore presentation at Area 7 resolutions meeting. **Buley was asked to present at the Area 7 Supervisors meeting on 6/23. He then presented to the board his presentation.**

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7. Consider Amendment to Contract RR1W1P 24-10 Ed Brekke. Increase of \$818.56 due to rise in cost of Pipe & Anti seep collars. \$1,605.96 to \$2,424.52. Utilizing funds from the 24/25 RR1W1P Funds. **Tesmer Motioned to accept the increase on contract RR1W1P 24-10. Beil seconded it. Affirmative: Gossman, Willford, Wetzel, Beil Tesmer. Opposed none motion carried.**
8. Consider final payment to Ed Brekke Contract RR1W1P 24-10 Grade Stabilization.in the amount of \$2,424.52 utilizing funds from 24/25 Root River 1W1P Grant. **Wetzel Approved Final Payment of \$2,424.52 on contract RR1W1P 24-10. Utilizing funds from the 2024/2025 RR1W1P Grant Seconded by Beil. Affirmative: Gossman, Beil, Willford, Wetzel, Tesmer. Opposed none motion carried.**
9. 5th Grade Tree option for 2026. Crabapple, Lilac, Nanking cherry? We have done Red Pine for the last 5 years. **Board asked for a list of Trees. Baker to bring list of trees that will be sold and then present to the board which tree was the most popular and board will decide. The order will be placed in August.**
10. Approve 5year lease with MN DNR **Tesmer motioned to approve the new Lease agreement between Fillmore SWCD and MN DNR until June 2030. Beil seconded it. Affirmative Goosman, Wetzel, Wilford, Beil, Tesmer. Opposed none motion carried.**

II. Accounts Payable

1. Approve, May accounts payable: **Tesmer motioned to except May 2025 accounts payable seconded by Wetzel, Affirmative Gossman, Willford, Wetzel, Tesmer, Beil. Opposed none motion carried.**

III. Adjournment: Wetzel Motioned to Adjourn meeting at 6:40 pm seconded by Willford. Affirmative, Gossman, Tesmer, Beil, Willford, Wetzel. Opposed none motion carried Meeting Adjourned.

Upcoming Events and Meetings

Dairy Night on the Farm	5:00-8:00 Johnson Rolling Acres	June 14,2025
June Board Meeting		June 18, 2025
Juneteenth Day (Office closed)		June 19, 2025
Area VII Supervisor Meeting		June 23, 2025
Independence Day (Office closed)		July 4, 2025
Fillmore County Fair		July 21-26, 2025
Forestry Field Day: Lost Creek Hiking		July 30, 2025

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