

## **Fillmore Soil & Water Conservation District**

912 Houston St., Box 45, Preston, Minnesota 55965

Phone: 507-887-0240, Fax: 507-765-4415

[www.fillmoreswcd.org](http://www.fillmoreswcd.org)

Microsoft Teams Meeting Link:

**Meeting ID:** 212 884 245 178 8

**Passcode:** ez29XT39

### **DISTRICT REGULAR BOARD MEETING**

Thursday, October 16<sup>th</sup>, 2025

5:00 PM

Conservation Building

912 Houston Street

Preston, MN 55965

**Members Present:** Tim Gossman, Travis Willford; **Members Virtual:** Eunice Biel, Jason Wetzel

**Members Absent:** Kathy Tesmer; **Guests:** Andy Bunge; **Others Present:** Riley Buley, Duane Bakke, Theresa Baker.

**Tim Gossman called Meeting to order at 5:00pm**

**A Bunge Left Meeting at 5:13 pm**

### *Agenda*

- I. Approval of Agenda: Biel motioned to approve agenda with additions highlighted in yellow, seconded by Willford, Affirmative: Gossman, Willford, Biel, Wetzel motion carried.
- II. Guest: Andy Bunge: Bunge discussed again where easement will go. Board discussed proposed amount for easement cost. Wetzel motioned to except boards proposed amount for Bunge's cost for easement and seconded by Willford. Affirmative: Gossman, Willford, Biel, Wetzel. Opposed none, Motion carried. Willford Bunge and Buley walked the area 10/17/25 and flagged where easement will go. Bunge accepted Boards proposal and will move forward.
- III. Treasurer's Report
  1. Approve, Sept. 2025 SWCD Treasurer's report subject to audit. Willford motioned to approve the September treasurer's report subject to audit. Seconded by Biel, Affirmative: Biel, Gossman, Wetzel, Willford. Opposed none, motion carried.
  2. Approve Sept. Root River 1W1P Treasurer's report subject to audit. Buley indicated that the final review of the RR1W1P 2022-2023 is incompliance and will close at the end of 2025. Willford Motioned to approve the September RR1W1P 2022-2023 plan seconded by Wetzel. Affirmative: Gossman, Willford, Biel, Wetzel, opposed none, motion carried.

<b>2022-2023 - Root River 1W1P - C22-0480</b>			
<b>Payments</b>	<b>Terms</b>	<b>Received</b>	<b>Grant Terms</b>
\$ 734,798.00	50%	05-26-2022	Executed 05-20-2022

---

The mission of the Fillmore Soil and Water Conservation District is to promote natural resource stewardship by providing educational, technical and financial assistance.

## Fillmore Soil & Water Conservation District

912 Houston St., Box 45, Preston, Minnesota 55965

Phone: 507-887-0240, Fax: 507-765-4415

www.fillmoreswcd.org

\$ 587,838.00	40%	09-09-2024	
\$ 146,959.00	10%		Expires 12-31-2025
Grant Total	Deposits	Disbursements	Grant Cash Balance
\$ 1,469,595.00	\$ 1,322,636.00	\$ 1,469,595.00	\$ <b>-146,959</b>

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	\$ 732,591.58	\$ <b>417,883.50</b>

**IV. Consent Agenda: Wetzel motioned to approve consent agenda, seconded by Beil. Affirmative: Gossman, Willford, Biel, Wetzel. opposed none, motion carried.**

1. Approve secretary's Report- September 2025 Board Meeting Minutes.
2. Consider Final payment on contract DWP-09, Bryton Miller in the amount of \$2,000 Nitrogen incentive usage utilizing funds from the Drinking Water Protection Grant in the Karst Region.
3. Consider Final payment on contract DWP-10, Thomas Miller, in the amount of \$1,000 Nitrogen incentive usage utilizing funds from the Drinking Water Protection Grant in the Karst Region.
4. Consider Final payment on contract DWP-11, Duane Hager, in the amount of \$1,000 Nitrogen incentive usage, utilizing funds from the Drinking Water Protection Grant in the Karst Region.
5. Consider Final payment on Contract DWP-17, Dalon Miller, in the amount of \$1,000 Nitrogen Incentive Usage Utilizing funds from Drinking Water Protection Grant in the Karst Region.
6. Consider Final payment on Contract DWP-34, Jacob Holst in the amount of \$1,000 Nitrogen Incentive usage, Utilizing funds from Drinking Water Protection Grant in the Karst Region.
7. Consider Final payment on Contract DWP-35, Jary Holst in the amount of \$1,000 Nitrogen Incentive usage, Utilizing funds from Drinking Water Protection Grant in the Karst Region.
8. Consider Final payment on Contract DWP-36, Isaac Holst in the amount of \$2,000 Nitrogen Incentive usage, Utilizing funds from Drinking Water Protection Grant in the Karst Region.

## **Fillmore Soil & Water Conservation District**

---

912 Houston St., Box 45, Preston, Minnesota 55965

Phone: 507-887-0240, Fax: 507-765-4415

www.fillmoreswcd.org

9. Consider Final payment on Contract DWP-37 Steven Evers, in the amount of \$1,000 Nitrogen Incentive usage, Utilizing funds from Drinking Water Protection Grant in the Karst Region.
10. Consider Final payment on Contract DWP-38, Tom Miller in the amount of \$340.00 Nitrogen Incentive usage, Utilizing funds from Drinking Water Protection Grant in the Karst Region.
11. Consider Final payment on Contract DWP-24 Joel Luhmann in the amount of \$1,000 Nitrogen Incentive usage, Utilizing funds from Drinking Water Protection Grant in the Karst Region
12. Consider Final Payment on contract DWP-31 John Laumb in the amount of \$2,000 Nitrogen Incentive Usage, Utilizing funds from the Drinking Water Protection Grant in the Karst Region.
13. Consider final Payment on Contract RR1W1P 24-11, Steve McCallson in the amount of \$5262.39. Grade Stabilization. Utilizing funds from the 2024-2025 Root River1 Watershed 1 Plan grant.
14. Consider final Payment on contract DWP-WS13, Dave Mensink in the amount of \$1,605.00. Well Sealing. Utilizing funds from the Drinking Water Protection Grant in the Karts Region.
15. 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Conservation Day was a huge success we received a lot of positive feedback from the presenters, teachers and students. A total of 148 students attended from Kingsland, Fillmore Central and Rushford. Great Job Aaren Mathison for organizing this once again.

### **V. Reports**

1. Supervisor's Activity Report: **Wetzel reported attending the regular board meeting, Willford reported regular board meeting & Teams Building committee mtg. Biel reported regular board meeting as well as SE-MASWCD Fall mtg. Gossman reported attending Regular board meeting and Teams building committee mtg.**
2. Staff Reports: 6<sup>th</sup> Grade conservation Day recap. **Staff Report attached to Brd. Pkt. 6<sup>th</sup> grade conservation was discussed in Consent agenda item 15.**
3. Administrator's Report:
  - i. RR1W1P: 2022-2023 Workplan final review in compliance. **Buley reported RR1W1P 2022-2023 was incompliance and approved.**
  - ii. **Discuss Mower Septic System Contracts.** Buley indicated Mower County was overpaid due to Mower following their guidelines verses Fillmore's GL. Buley reported this to BWSR and BWSR approved the charges. Moving forward all counties with in the RR1W1P watershed will comply to Fillmore's Policy's for invoicing.
4. NRCS Report: **No Report, Federal Gov Shut down.**
5. County Report: **Bakke reported no environmental issues to report and that Fillmore County approved 4 new cell towers to go up in the county.**

## **Fillmore Soil & Water Conservation District**

912 Houston St., Box 45, Preston, Minnesota 55965

Phone: 507-887-0240, Fax: 507-765-4415

[www.fillmoreswcd.org](http://www.fillmoreswcd.org)

VI. Old Business: **None**

VII. New Business

1. Approve Delta Dental Plan 2026: **Buley provided slide of Delta Dental 2026 plan and proposed Fillmore SWCD stays with such plan. Wetzel motioned to approve Buley's proposal, seconded by Willford. Affirmative; Biel, Gossman, Willford, Wetzel opposed none, motion carried.**
2. Approve Delta Vision Plan 2026: **Buley provided slide of Delta Vision 2026 plan and proposed Fillmore SWCD stays with such plan. Willford motioned to approve Buley's proposal, seconded by Wetzel. Affirmative; Biel, Gossman, Willford, Wetzel opposed none, motion carried.**
3. Approve Shelter point PFML insurance quote. **Buley spoke and provided slides for board to review 2 weeks bore meeting on this matter. Willford motioned to approve the 80/20 split and to seek a private company to provide PFML. Seconded by Wetzel, Affirmative, Gossman, Biel, Willford, Wetzel opposed none, motion carried.**
4. Discuss MASWCD resolutions. **Board reviewed and discussed they will go in individually and vote.**
5. Approve new Contract DWP-WS-16, Gary Privet in the amount of \$2,000 well decommission (practice 351). Utilizing funds from the Drinking Water Protection grant in the Karst Region. **Wetzel motioned to approve contract DWP-WS-16 seconded by Willford, Affirmative: Gossman, Willford, Wetzel, Beil. opposed none, motion carried.**
6. Approve to have RCPP Contract 23-1-3, funding be dispersed through the Soil Health Delivery Grant. 1<sup>st</sup> yr Cover Crop of \$10,340.00. The remaining \$34,760.90 to be dispersed through the Soil Health RCPP. Payable Jan 2026. **Willford motioned to approve this funding to be disbursed through the Soil health Delivery Grant due to Federal shut-down. seconded by Wetzel Affirmative: Gossman, Biel, Wetzel, Willford. Opposed none, motion carried.**
7. Approve new Contract DWP-WS-17, Katie Goldsmith in the amount of \$2,000 well decommission (practice 351). Utilizing funds from the Drinking Water Protection grant in the Karst Region. **Wilford motioned to approve contract DWP-WS-17 seconded by Wetzel, Affirmative, Gossman, Biel, Wetzel, Willford. Opposed none, motion carried.**
8. Approve and Review 3<sup>rd</sup> QRT Supervisor Reports. **Willford motioned to approve reports seconded by Wetzel, Affirmative, Gossman, Biel, Wetzel, Willford. opposed none, motioned carried.**

II. Accounts Payable

1. Approve, September accounts payable. **Wetzel motioned to approve September accounts payable seconded by Willford, Affirmative, Biel, Gossman, Wetzel, Willford. Opposed none, Motion carried.**

## **Fillmore Soil & Water Conservation District**

912 Houston St., Box 45, Preston, Minnesota 55965

Phone: 507-887-0240, Fax: 507-765-4415

[www.fillmoreswcd.org](http://www.fillmoreswcd.org)

III. **Adjournment, Biel motioned to adjourn at 6:15 pm seconded by Willford, Affirmative Gossman, Wetzel, Biel, Willford. Opposed none, motion carried meeting adjourned.**

### Upcoming Events and Meetings

Tree Sales officially begin	Oct. 14, 2025
Area 7 Joint SEMACDE & MASWCD Fall mtg.	Oct. 2, 2025
6 <sup>th</sup> Grade Conservation Day (@ Forestville)	Oct. 2., 2025
Columbus Day (Office closed)	Oct. 13, 2025
Regular Board Meeting	Oct 16, 2025
RR1W1P PWG Meeting	Oct 27, 2025
Veterans Day (Office Closed)	Nov 11,2025
Regular Board Mtg.	Nov 20, 2025
RR1W1P Policy Committee Mtg	Nov 24, 2025
Thanksgiving Day (Office closed)	Nov 27, 2025