

Fillmore Soil & Water Conservation District

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DISTRICT REGULAR BOARD MEETING

Thursday, January 15th 2026

9:30 AM

Conservation Building

912 Houston Street

Preston, MN 55965

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

Members absent: Kathy Tesmer

Others present: Duane Bakke, Riley Buley, Doug Keene, Theresa Baker

Jason Wetzel called the Regular meeting to order at 9:15 am

Agenda

- I. Approval of Agenda: **Biel motioned to approve agenda with additions to the Treasurer's report end of year billing. Second, by Willford. Affirmative: Wetzel, Gossman, Willford, Biel, opposed none, motion carried.**
- II. Treasurer's Report
 1. Approve, Dec 2025 SWCD Treasurer's report subject to audit. **Gossman motioned to approve Dec. 2025 SWCD treasurer's report second, by Willford, Affirmative: Biel, Wetzel, Gossman, Willford. Opposed none, motion carried.**
 2. Approve Dec.2025 Root River 1W1P Treasurer's report subject to audit. **Willford motioned to approve 2025 RR1W1P treasurer's report Second by Biel, Affirmative: Gossman, Wetzel, Biel, Willford. 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 12-31-2025
Grant Total	Deposits	Disbursements	Grant Cash Balance
\$ 1,469,595.00	\$ 1,322,636.00	\$ 1,469,595.00,	\$ -146,959

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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	\$1,152,697.11	\$ -2,222.10

III. Consent Agenda: Goosman motioned to approve consent agenda second by Willford, Affirmative: Wetzel, Biel, Willford, Gossman opposed none, motion carried.

1. Approve secretary's report-December 2025 Board Meeting Minutes.
2. Consider final payment of \$1,000 to Glen Groth contract DWP-29. Nitrogen incentive usage. Utilizing funds from the Drinking Water Protection in the Karst Region Grant.
3. Received Thank you note from Sherburne SWCD and MASWCD members for our donation basket at the MASWCD convention. The Auction raised over \$3,500. for Envirothon.
4. Approve contract DWP-WS-19, Donna Trehus in the amount of \$2,000. Well Decommission, utilizing funds from the Drinking Water Protection in the Karst Region Grant.
5. Received Thank you note from M. Schwarz scholarship recipient.
6. Approve partial payment on contract 23-1-3 Single species Cover Crop RCPP program year 1 of 2 in the amount of \$10,320.00 Utilizing funds from the Soil Health Delivery grant.
7. Approve contract DWP-WS-20, Darrell McCabe for \$2,000 (Well Decommission. utilizing funds from the Drinking Water Protection Grant in the Karst Region.
8. Approve Scholarship Awards to be sent to High School and College recipients.

IV. Reports

1. Supervisor's Activity Report: Wetzl reported attending Regular Mtg, Forestry Field Day mtg. Willford reported attending regular mtg, Biel reported attending MASWCD convention in St. Paul, Regular Mtg., Gossman reported attending Forestry Field Day, FORR mtg, Regular Mtg. Forestry Field Day and Prairie walk scheduled for 7/29 @ Steve Snyders.
2. Staff Reports: **Attached to packet.**
1. Administrator's Report:
 - i. Changed Merchants Credit Cards over to Point System. Points can be used in various ways. Paying off balances, Gift Cards, Gifts ect.: **Buley notified board we changed Credit Cards to a no Fee points system.**
 - ii. Application for competitive Clean Water funds for SE MN Drinking Water Protection drafted and to be applied for.

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iii. MDA FSP additional staff water sampler discussion

3. NRCS Report. NA
4. County Report: **Bakke asked if anyone received or heard of letters from DNR on easements for trout stream.**

V. Old Business: NA

VI. New Business

1. Approve 2025 4th Qrt. Supervisor Reports. **Gossman motioned to approve 4th Qrt supervisors reports second by Willford. Affirmative: Biel, Wetzel, Gossman, Willford. opposed none, motion carried.**
2. Approve/Discuss Payroll 1/9/2026 pay rate change.: **Discussed and change will take place on 1/23/2026 payroll.**
3. Consider \$100.00 sponsorship for Cow/ Calf Day: 2/12/2026 location at Rossman Farms, 7000 70th St NW, Oronoco, MN @ 5:30 PM **Willford motioned to approve \$100.00 sponsorship second by Gossman. Affirmative: Biel, Wetzel, Gossman, Willford. opposed none, motion carried.**
- 4.

II. Accounts Payable

5. Approve, December accounts payable. **Gossman motioned to approve December's account payable second by Biel. Affirmative: Biel, Wetzel, Gossman, Willford. opposed none, motion carried.**

6. Adjournment, **Willford motioned to adjourn second by Gossman. Affirmative: Biel, Wetzel, Gossman, Willford. opposed none, motion carried.**

III.

Upcoming Events and Meetings

Martin Luther King Day: Holiday office Closed	Jan 20, 2025
SE SWCD Tech Support Meeting	Jan 22, 2025
Presidents' Day Holiday office closed	Feb 17, 2025
Regular Board Meeting	Feb 19 2025

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