

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

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### DISTRICT REGULAR BOARD MEETING

Thursday, February 19<sup>th</sup>2026

5:00 PM

Conservation Building

912 Houston Street

Preston, MN 55965

#### **Microsoft Teams meeting**

##### **Join:**

<https://teams.microsoft.com/meet/29535188267145?p=cG4KWw0ttcskuKGnkQ>

Meeting ID: 295 351 882 671 45

Passcode: 3NY3Hg3s

**Members present: Tim Gossman, Kathy Tesmer, Eunice Biel, Jason Wetzel**

**Members absent none**

**Others present: Chris Nelson, Duane Bakke, Dave Copeland, Riley Buley, Theresa Baker**

**Jason Wetzel called the meeting to order at 5:00pm**

#### *Agenda*

Approval of Agenda: **Tesmer motioned to approve agenda seconded by Willford, Affirmative: Wetzel, Biel, Tesmer, Willford Gossman., opposed none motion carried.**

#### **I. Kanati Land Update: MDA, MAWQC, CSA and RCPP programs. (Chris Nelson):**

1. Annual review of Kanati Land Management Contract. **Chris presented a recap of the programs Kanati is working with SWCD on. MDA status is: 9 producers have shown interest in walkovers in the Preble township with 1900 acres being operated outside of Preble township. 2 producers have finished field walkovers with 4 producers to follow up and schedule this spring. Letters are being sent to more producers for field walkover options which was discussed at the Township board meeting.**

2. Kanati 2025 budget numbers. 114762.46 of the \$300k allocated to them used in 2025. **Budget right on target with the 3-year contract.**

#### **II. Treasurer's Report**

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1. Approve, Jan. 2026 SWCD Treasurer’s report subject to audit. **Tesmer motioned to approve January 2026 SWCD treasurer’s report subject to audit. Seconded by Gossman. Affirmative: Biel, Wetzel, Tesmer, Willford, Gossman. Opposed none motion carried.**
  
2. Approve Jan. 2026 Root River 1W1P Treasurer’s report subject to audit: **Wilford motioned to approve January 2026 Root River 1W1P Treasurers report. Seconded by Tesmer. Affirmative: Biel, Wetzel, Gossman, Wilford 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 12-31-2025
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%	01-23-2026	
\$ 230,095.00	10%		Expires 12-31-2026
Grant Total	Deposits	Disbursements	Grant Cash Balance
\$ 2,300,950.00	\$ 2,070,855.00	\$ 1,325,910.86	\$ <b>744,944.20</b>

**III. Consent Agenda: Gossman motioned to approve consent agenda, seconded by Willford. Affirmative: Gossman, Biel, Tesmer, Wezel, Willford. opposed none motion carried.**

1. Approve secretary’s report-January 2026 Board Meeting Minutes and 2026 Annual Meeting Minutes.
2. Consider final payment of \$1,000 to Kevin Tesmer contract DWP-40. Nitrogen rate trial. Utilizing funds from the Drinking Water Protection in the Karst Region Grant.
3. We received a thank you note from Kelsi Goldsmith 2025 College scholarship winner.
4. Approve contract DWP-WS-21, Doyle Terrance for \$2,000 (351 Well Decommission). Utilizing funds from the Drinking Water Protection Grant in the Karst Region.

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### IV. Reports

1. Supervisor's Activity Report: **Wetzel reported attending the annual and regular board meeting. Willford reported attending the annual and regular board meeting. Tesmer reported attending the Legislative Webinar. Biel attended the annual and regular board meeting Gossman reported attending Friends of the root river mtg, annual and regular board meeting and well as the Wabasha forestry field day.**
2. Staff Reports: Provided in Monthly packet to supervisors to review.
3. Administration Report
  - a. Fillmore SWCD 2026 AID Guidelines: **Buley reported we follow the MASWCD guidelines.**
  - b. Volunteer Intern Nathan H: **Student from Viterbo working w/A. Mathison a few hours a week.**
  - c. Discuss LCCMR Climate Smart Alliance Grant Submission: **Buley discussed submission for money**
  - d. Discuss MDH SE MN Well Screening Grant Submission: **Buley discussed submission for money**
  - e. Update MDA conservation agronomist Grant Submission: **Buley discussed submission for money**
  - f. Update on DWP Grant Submission: **Buley discussed submission for money**
  - g. 2026 Summer Intern discussion and advertising. **Board approved to hire a 2026 summer intern,**
4. NRCS Report: **J. Bronson reported CRP continuous and General 2026 signups have been announced. NRCS programs have been started with ranking/preapprovals of applications for 2026.**
5. County Report: **D. Bakke had no report other than to ask if we had heard about landowners receiving letters from DNR about trout stream easements.**

### V. Old Business: NA

### VI. New Business

1. Approve and Sign updated TAP-IN sub agreement with Olmsted SWCD. The updated policy provides additional funding to Tap-IN to help connect residents to the program for new well construction /well repair. **Gossman motioned to approve updated TAP-IN sub agreement seconded by Tesmer. Affirmative: Wetzel, Biel, Willford, Tesmer Gossman. Opposed none motion carried.**
2. Approve and Sign resolution of the sewer connection easement across the FSWCD parcel with Andy Bunge. **Tesmer approved to sign resolution with A Bundy. Second, by Willford Affirmative: Wetzel, Biel, Gossman, Willford, Tesmer. Opposed none motion carried.**

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3. Discuss/ brainstorm questions for Legislative Day with Mr. Greg Davids 3/18/226. Attending Tim G, Eunice B, Riley B: **Group talked about questions for group to present to Senator Miller and Representative G. Davids.**

### II. Accounts Payable

1. Approve, January accounts payable: **Tesmer motioned to approve January accounts payable seconded by Willford. Affirmative: Wetzel, Biel, Gossman, Willford, Tesmer. opposed none, motion carried**

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### Upcoming Events and Meetings

Presidents' Day Holiday office closed	Feb 16, 2026
Regular Board Meeting	Feb 19, 2026
RR1W1P Policy Committee Mtg. @ 9:00 am	Feb. 23, 2026
RR1W1P Planning Workgroup Mtg. @11:00	Feb. 23, 2026
SWCD Legislative Day Briefing & reception	March 17,2026
SWCD Legislative Day, Rep. Greg Davids Mtg.@ 10:30	March 18, 2026
Regular Board Meeting	March 19,2026
SEMACDE Employees Spring Meeting	March 24.2026

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