

Fillmore Soil & Water Conservation District

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DISTRICT REGULAR BOARD MEETING

Thursday, June 18th 2026

5:00 PM

Conservation Building

912 Houston Street NW

Preston, MN 55965

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

Others present: Bob Scanlan, Riley Buley, Theresa Baker, Lily West and Sara West

Lilly West: Summer intern stopped in before meeting to introduce herself to the board.

Jason Wetzel called meeting to order at 5:12 pm

Agenda

- I. Approval of Agenda with additions added after 6/5/2026 highlighted in yellow. **Gossman motioned to approve agenda with additions seconded by Willford. Affirmative Wetzel, Biel, Gossman, Tesmer and Willford. opposed none motion carried.**
- II. **JPA discussion with Bob Scanlan.** Bob discussed the amendment of the 1st contract with Kanati which would cause 1st contract to expire on 6/30/26. Extending the amendment would take contract out till 2028 and would also include 3 more townships added to have Kanati to discuss nitrogen's use with landowners in Bloomfield, Arendal and Norway. Tesmer motioned to approve amendment seconded by Biel, Affirmative: Wetzel, Gossman, Willford, Biel and Tesmer. **opposed none motion carried.**
- III. Treasurer's Report
 1. Approve, May 2026 SWCD Treasurer's report subject to audit. **Tesmer motioned to approve May 2026 SWCD treasurer's report subject to audit. Seconded by Willford. Affirmative: Wetzel, Biel, Gossman, Willford, Tesmer. Opposed none motion carried.**
 2. Approve, May 2026 Root River 1W1P Treasurer's report subject to audit. **Tesmer motioned to approve May 2026 Root River 1W1P treasurer's report subject to audit.**

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Seconded, by Gossman Affirmative: Wetzel, Biel, Gossman, Willford, 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,	\$ -146,959

2024-2025 - Watershed Base Implementation ARP – C24-0143			
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	\$ 1,488,954.61	\$ 581,900.40

2026-2027 - Watershed Base Implementation ARP – C26-0136			
Payments	Terms	Received	Grant Terms
\$ 1,158,015.00	50%	3/2/2026	Executed 03/02/2026
\$ 926,412.00	40%		
\$ 231,603.00	10%		Expires 12-31-2028
Grant Total	Deposits	Disbursements	Grant Cash Balance
\$ 2,316,030.00	\$ 1,158,015.00	\$ 2840.63	\$ 1,155,174.40

- IV. Consent Agenda: Tesmer Motioned to approve Consent agenda, seconded by Gossman. Affirmative: Wetzel, Gossman, Tesmer, .opposed none motion carried. Willford and Biel abstained from the vote.

1. Secretary's report May 2026 Board Meeting Minutes.

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2. Consider final payment to Brian Meldahl, for \$6,829.25 Contract RR1W1P 25-05, Structure and Waterways. Utilizing funds from the 2024/2025 Root River 1 Watershed 1 Plan Grant.
3. Approve Contract RR1W1P 25-07, Bruce Schleusner in the amount of \$9,682.00. Grade Stabilization and Waterways, utilizing funds from the 2024/2025 Root River 1 WaterShed 1 Plan Grant.
4. Consider final payment to Terry Studedemann for \$2,000 contract DWP-WS-22, Completed well sealing. Utilizing funds from the Drinking Water Protection Grant in the Karst Region.
5. Approve Contract RR1W1P25-09, to Kevin Biel in the amount of \$48,044.25 Prescribed Grazing. Utilizing funds from the 2024/2025 Root River 1 Watershed 1 Plan Grant.
6. Approve Contract RR1W1P 25-08, to David Schultz in the amount of \$5,194.00 Grassed Waterways, utilizing funds from the 2024/2025 Root River 1 Watershed 1 plan Grant.
7. Approve partial payment to contract 23-1-1, for \$6,706, Critical Area Planting and No Till, utilizing funds from the BWSR Soil Health RCPP
8. Approve partial payment to contract 23-1-3, for \$12,099.5, No Till, utilizing funds from the BWSR Soil Health RCPP

V. Reports

1. Supervisor's Activity Report: **Gossman reported attending June Special Mtg and Regular Mtg in May. Willford reported attending June Special Meeting and Regular meeting. Tesmer Reported attending June Special Meeting, Regular Meeting and The Area 7 Resolutions mtg. Biel Reported attending June Special Meeting, Regular Meeting, the Area 7 Resolutions mtg. and the Soil & Health recap meeting. Wetzel reported attending Personnel committee meeting, June Special Meeting and Regular meeting.**
2. Staff Reports: **Attached to board packet.**
3. Administration Report: **Buley reported attending the Legislative Mtg in St Paul, Buley suggested he would like to hold a meet and greet meeting with all the elected officials in the county, date TBD.**
 - i. Conservation Agronomist MDA JPA update: **working on contract and spoke with MDA lawyer.**
 - ii. Clean Water Corps Member Applied for 11 months: **Buley put in for a Clean Water Corps member to help with sampling and MDA sampling. Will hear back if we qualify next month hopefully.**
4. NRCS Report: **No Report submitted**
5. County Report: **No report submitted**

VI. Old Business

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1. Discuss amend existing Contract with Kanati /Field Walkovers: **Discussed and tabled till next month.**

VII. New Business

1. Discuss and approve Conservationist of the Year. **Willford, nominated the Vagts family farms as Conservationist of the year. Seconded by Gossman., Affirmative: Wetzel, Tesmer, Biel, Gossman, Willford. opposed none motion carried.**
- ~~2. Discuss and explore ideas of new vehicle for Buffer needs.~~
3. Discuss and Approve 2026 Fillmore County Fair: 4-H sponsorship. **Gossman motioned to sponsor \$150.00 to be used for Natural Resource areas in 4-H seconded by Willford. Affirmative: Wetzel, Tesmer, Biel, Gossman, Willford. opposed none motion carried.**
4. **Discuss MASWCD leadership training; staff and board.:** Wheeler and Gossman have shown interest in attending MASWCD leadership training. Cost is \$5950. Wheeler is eligible for a scholarship Gossman is not. Training runs all year long with training all over Minnesota. Wetzel motioned to send Wheeler and Gossman, seconded by Willford Affirmative: Tesmer, Biel, Wetzel, Willford. Gossman abstained from voting. **Opposed none motion carried.**
5. **Discuss Fillmore SWCDs cost share.** Buley discussed and will review current Cost Share contracts closer and will discuss at July's board meeting.

VIII. Accounts Payable

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

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- IX. Adjournment, **Tesmer motioned to adjourn seconded by Gossman. Meeting adjourned at 6:22 pm.**

Upcoming Events and Meetings

Juneteenth Holiday	June 19, 2026
Father's Day	June 21, 2026
Independence Day 250 years	July 4 th , 2026
Regular Board Meeting	July 16 th 2026
Fillmore County Fair	July 20-26, 2026
RR1W1P Planning Meeting	July 27 th 2026
Forestry Field Day (Steve & Diane Snyder's) 5:00 pm	July 29 th , 2026
Grazing School held at Grover Farm 8:00-3:00	July 30 th 2026