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CHISAGO SWCD

February 10, 2026

REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

The February Board meeting of the Chisago Soil and Water Conservation District was convened on February 10, 2026, at the Chisago Soil and Water Conservation District office, 38500 Tanger Dr. Suite 206, North Branch, MN 55056. Chair Cedergren called the meeting to order at 8:00 AM.

ATTENDANCE

Supervisors: Rick Cedergren, Matt Hardy, Lance Petersen, David Tollberg, and Justin Wilson
Staff: Craig Mell
Others: BWSR Board Conservationist Josh Norman

AGENDA

Motion by Wilson and seconded by Petersen to approve the agenda as printed. Motion carried.

The Board welcomed new BWSR Board Conservationist Josh Norman to the Chisago SWCD.

CONSENT AGENDA

Administrator Mell requested to remove the Financial Reports from the consent agenda.

Motion by Petersen and seconded by Wilson to approve the Consent Agenda. Motion carried.

Motion by Tollberg and seconded by Wilson to approve the financial reports as presented. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE/PUBLIC COMMENT

Motion by Tollberg and seconded by Hardy to approve Supervisors and staff attendance at the upcoming MASWCD Legislative Briefing and Networking Reception. Motion carried.

STAFF/SUPERVISOR REPORTS

Administrator Mell reviewed the SWCD activities of the past month. No Board action taken at this time.

COST SHARE PROGRAMS

Cost Share Request 2026 Soil Health Practices Grant

Supervisor Petersen informed the board that he has a financial interest in one of the contracts listed below and he requested that he be excused from any discussion regarding this agenda item. The board excuses Supervisor Petersen from discussion and debate on this issue. Supervisor Petersen did not participate in the discussion and abstained from voting.

Motion by Tollberg and seconded by Wilson to approve the following conservation practice assistance contract:

- 1) Contract: 13-5-1
 - Conservation Practice: 329 Strip till
 - Total Acres: 640

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- Contract Length: 2 years
- Flat Rate Payment: \$35/acre/year
 - \$44,800 FY26 Soil Health Practices Grant
- Technical Representative: Jacquelynn Olson, Chisago SWCD

Motion carried by a vote of four in favor and zero against with Supervisor Petersen abstaining.

Supervisor Petersen rejoins the meeting.

Cost Share Request Non-Structural BMPs

Motion by Hardy and seconded by Wilson to approve the following conservation practice assistance contracts:

- 1) Contract: DDStC 23-19
 - Conservation Practice: 512 Pasture and Hay Planting
 - Total Acres: 86 acres
 - Flat Rate Payment: \$200/acre
 - \$17,200 CWF FY23 Direct Drainage to the St. Croix River
 - Technical Representative: Mary Jo Youngbauer, Chisago SWCD
- 2) Contract: DDStC 23-20
 - Conservation Practice: 329 No till
 - Total Acres: 450
 - Flat Rate Payment: \$35/acre/yr
 - \$47,250 CWF FY23 Direct Drainage to the St. Croix River
 - Technical Representative: Mary Jo Youngbauer, Chisago SWCD
- 3) Contract: DDStC 23-21
 - Conservation Practice: 512 Pasture and Hay Planting
 - Total Acres: 9.9
 - Flat Rate Payment: \$200/acre
 - \$1,980 CWF FY23 Direct Drainage to the St. Croix River
 - Technical Representative: Mary Jo Youngbauer, Chisago SWCD

Motion carried.

Project Certification Non-Structural BMPs

Motion by Wilson and seconded by Petersen to approve the following project certifications:

- 1) Contract: GCW 24-09
 - Conservation Practice: 340 Cover Crops
 - Total Acres: 80
 - Payment: two of three
 - Payment Certified: \$4,000 2024 GCW TMDL Implementation (C24-0064)
 - Technical Representative: Jacquelynn Olson, Chisago SWCD
- 2) Contract: NFWF 24 C26
 - Conservation Practice: 327 Conservation Cover
 - Payment: one of one
 - Payment Certified: \$1,999
 - Technical Representative: Mary Jo Youngbauer, Chisago SWCD
- 3) Contract: NFWF 24 C27
 - Conservation Practice: 327 Conservation Cover
 - Payment: one of one

- Payment Certified: \$2,121
 - Technical Representative: Mary Jo Youngbauer, Chisago SWCD
- 4) Contract: NFWF 24 C28
- Conservation Practice: 327 Conservation Cover
 - Payment: one of one
 - Payment Certified: \$2,365
 - Technical Representative: Mary Jo Youngbauer, Chisago SWCD

Motion carried.

Project Certification Structural BMPs

Motion by Wilson and seconded by Tollberg to approve the following project certification:

- 1) Contract: DDSStC 23-10
- Conservation Practice: 638 Water and Sediment Control Basin
 - Total Project Cost: \$25,311.00
 - Payment Certified: \$9,734.02
 - Technical Representative: NRCS

Motion carried.

Contract Cancellation

Motion by Petersen and seconded by Tollberg to cancel the following conservation practice assistance contract at the request of the applicant:

- 1) Contract: DDSStC 23-17
- Conservation Practice: Cover crop (340)
 - Total Acres: 34.0
 - Contract Length: 1 year
 - Flat Rate Payment: \$60/acre
 - \$2,040.00 FY23 CWF Priority BMP Implementation Targeting Lawrence Creek, Dry Creek, and Direct Drainage to the St. Croix River Phase II (C23-4644)
 - Technical Representative: Mary Jo Youngbauer, Chisago SWCD

Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

No Board action taken at this time.

NEW BUSINESS

Lower St. Croix Watershed Partnership

District Administrator Mell provided the Board with an update on the status of LSC Watershed Partnership. No Board action taken at this time.

Annual Report and Annual Plan of Work

Administrator Mell shared a presentation with the Board highlighting the events of 2025.

Motion by Wilson and seconded by Petersen to approve the Chisago SWCD 2025 Annual Report and 2026 Annual Plan of Work as presented. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

No Board action taken at this time.

UPCOMING BOARD MEETING

The next regular Board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 10, 2026, at 8:00 AM.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Tollberg and seconded by Petersen to adjourn the meeting at 9:12 AM. Motion carried.



Secretary

3-10-26

Date