

I. The regular Board meeting was called to order by Supervisor Darwyn Bach at 9:00 AM. Meeting started with the pledge of allegiance and reading of the mission statement.

Those present:

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| Darwyn Bach – Vice-Chair | Emily Albin – Office Administrator |
| DeLon Clarksean – Secretary | Michael Pitzl – District Technician |
| Tom Remmele – Treasurer | Ryan Reishus – Conservation Technician |
| Garret Niska – Public Relations & Information | Mitch Kling – County Commissioner |
| Brayden Anderson – Director | |

II. After adding line items– V. Approvals, sub a. Approval, sub iii. RCPP – May – update, sub 1. 87-6-3 Amendment of Land Occupier; V. Approvals, sub a. Approval, sub iv. YM1W1P contract FYI; VIII. New Business, sub c. Insurance coverage options for Michael; VIII. New Business, sub d. Michael’s Anniversary date
Motion by DeLon Clarksean, seconded by Tom Remmele, to approve agenda as updated. Affirmative:3. Opposed: 0. Motion carried.

Supervisor Garret Niska arrives

III. Motion by Tom Remmele, seconded by Garret Niska, to approve minutes of the last meeting, dated March 27, 2026. Affirmative:4. Opposed: 0. Motion carried.

IV. Payments & Treasurer’s Report- Motion by Tom Remmele, seconded by DeLon Clarksean, to approve treasurer’s report for month of April 2026. Affirmative:4. Opposed: 0. Motion carried.

V. APPROVALS, PAYMENTS & AMENDMENTS:

a. Approval

i. Soil Health Delivery-

1. Richard Pesek – 36 acres of Pasture/ Hay Planting (512) - \$25,000
2. Kelly Timm – 21.7 acres of Pasture/ Hay Planting (512) - \$17,360
3. Allan Winter – 94.1 acres of No till/strip till (329) - \$8,607

Motion by DeLon Clarksean to approve listed contracts, seconded by Tom Remmele. Affirmative:4. Opposed: 0. Motion carried

ii. RCPP – April – list of Director approved contracts – FYI -no action

Contract #	Ranking Score	Cost	Total Spent if Approved	Acres	Practice	Cost (Other)	Notes
	Leftover March Funds		\$ (9,539)				
87-7-9	45	\$ 8,000	\$ (1,539)	134	M-CC		
87-7-10	35	\$ 15,813	\$ 14,274	163.5	NoTill		
87-8-1	35	\$ 8,000	\$ 22,274	134	M-CC		
87-8-7	35	\$ 25,000	\$ 47,274	31.5	P/H		
87-8-2	31	\$ 25,000	\$ 72,274	33	P/H		
87-8-3	30	\$ 16,000	\$ 88,274	295	NoTill		
87-8-4	30	\$ 3,050	\$ 91,324	61	S-CC		
87-8-5	25	\$ 2,631	\$ 93,955	87.7	NoTill		
87-8-6	21	\$ 25,000	\$ 118,955	40	P/H		
87-8-8	30	\$ 1,045	\$ 120,000	94.1	NoTill	\$ 7,562	Remaining funded with Soil Health Delivery
	35			36	P/H	\$25,000	Soil Health Delivery
	25			21.7	P/H	\$17,360	Soil Health Delivery
87-6-7	26			68	NoTill	\$ 2,040	Taken from Staff Time
87-6-6	15			60.3	NoTill	\$ 3,393	Taken from Staff Time

Key
\$120,000 April
\$49,922 Soil Health Delivery
\$5,433 RCPP Staff Time
S-CC= Single Species
M-CC= Multi Species
P/H= Pasture Hay
NoTill= NoTill/StripTill
Ranking Score Range: 1-86

Leftover April: \$ -

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- iii. RCPP – May – update
 - 1. 87-6-3 Amendment of Land Occupier – decision – Motion by DeLon Clarksean to Table until May 2026 meeting, seconded by Tom Remmele. Affirmative:4. Opposed: 0. Motion carried
- iv. YM1W1P 2024-043 - Scott Matthys - Alternative Intake - \$500 - FYI – *no action*

VI. REPORTS.

a. Staff Reports:

- a. DIRECTOR BRAYDEN ANDERSON – Updates on 1026s & building permits, Buffers, request from MN Extension Soil Health soil sampling in conjunction with RCPP, SWAG update, upcoming meeting with ISG for Ditch 5 project, BWSR approved YMWD extension request, ADA website compliance deadline extended.
- b. OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR EMILY ALBIN – Updates on PFML process, MCIT EDP update, Q1 Budget update, RIM Site Inspection forms and ownership updates.
- c. CONSERVATION TECHNICIAN RYAN REISHUS – Updates on Tree Program, structural projects, RIM program updates, no AGBMP requests, attending training for SWAG
- d. DISTRICT TECHNICIAN MICHAEL PITZL – Updates on AIS advertising, buffer inspections to start soon, watershed district soil health contracts updates, RCPP & additional soil health contract inspections start soon, working with LqP & Lincoln on Russell Hedrick event in July.

b. SUPERVISOR REPORTS:

- a. SUPERVISOR BACH– attended Yellow Med WD Policy meeting
- b. SUPERVISOR CLARKSEAN– attended Lac qui Parle Policy meeting, provided budget updates
- c. SUPERVISOR NELSON– *not in attendance*
- d. SUPERVISOR NISKA – attended County Weed meeting
- e. SUPERVISOR REMMELE – *none*

c. PARTNER REPORTS:

- a. County/Mitch Kling – updates on ditch hearings.

VII. Old Business

- a. FM Bank – checking & savings signature cards to sign – *signed at end of meeting*
- b. Drone purchase options for consideration – decision – *no action, stay with direction given in March 2026 motion*

VIII. New Business

- a. TSA request to have Jan, March & Sept be virtual and June meetings in person going forward – discussion. *Feedback received and will be given to Kay.*
- b. Insurance – discussion *no action*
- c. Insurance coverage options for Michael – decision – *no action. Brayden received email during meeting that requires further investigation*
- d. Michaels Anniversary date- Decision – Motion by Tom Remmele for Michael’s Anniversary date to be April 17, 2024, seconded by DeLon Clarksean. Affirmative:4. Opposed: 0. Motion carried.
- e. Request for MOA MOU with Renville SWCD – decision. Motion by Tom Remmele to accept the MOU, seconded by Garret Niska. Affirmative:4. Opposed: 0. Motion carried

IX. Motion by Delon Clarksean, seconded by Darwyn Bach for the next meeting of the Board to be scheduled for Thursday, May 28, 2026, with LWG Meeting to follow Affirmative:4. Opposed: 0. Motion carried.

X. Meeting adjourned by call of chair at 10:50AM

APPROVED: _____



DATE: _____

5-28-26