

I. The regular Board meeting was called to order by Supervisor Tom Remmele at 9:02 AM. Meeting started with the pledge of allegiance and reading of the mission statement.

Those present:

Tom Remmele - Chair

Jerry Nelson – Vice-Chair

Darwyn Bach – Secretary

DeLon Clarksean – Treasurer

Brayden Anderson – Director

Emily Albin – Office Administrator

Michael Pitzl – District Technician

Ryan Reishus – Conservation Technician

Mitch Kling – CO Commissioner

II. After adding line items Added – IV. Payments and Treasurer’s reports, addition of a. December 2025 and b. January 2026 VI. Reports; a. Staff Reports, iii. Conservation Technician, addition of 1. AgBMP resolution review Removal – New Business – h. Inventory Decision – duplicate entry motion by Darwyn Bach, seconded by Jerry Nelson, to approve agenda as updated. Affirmative:4. Opposed: 0. Motion carried.

III. Motion by Delon Clarksean, seconded by Jerry Nelson, to approve minutes of the last meeting, dated December 30, 2025. Affirmative:4. Opposed: 0. Motion carried.

IV. Payments & Treasurer’s Report

a. Motion by Darwyn Bach, seconded by Delon Clarksean, to approve treasurers report for month of December 2025 with additions through the end of the calendar year. Affirmative:4. Opposed: 0. Motion carried.

b. Motion by Jerry Nelson, seconded by Delon Clarksean, to approve treasurers report for month of January 2026. Affirmative:4. Opposed: 0. Motion carried.

V. APPROVALS, PAYMENTS & AMENDMENTS:

a. RCPP contract approvals

i. December approved contracts - \$137,280 – FYI LIST – *no action*

Contract #	Ranking Score	Cost	Total Spent if Approved	Acres	Practice	Notes
87-1-33	46	\$ 22,080	\$ (295)	27.6	P/H	Using leftover funds from November & cancelled contracts
87-3-7	40	\$ 25,000	\$ 24,705	31.25	P/H	Key \$120,000 December
87-4-4	40	\$ 25,000	\$ 49,705	98	CC/NoTill	
87-4-1	35	\$ 10,800	\$ 60,505	13.5	P/H	S-CC= Single Species
87-4-2	35	\$ 22,470	\$ 82,975	242	NoTill	M-CC= Multi Species
87-4-3	30	\$ 25,000	\$ 107,975	31.5	P/H	P/H= Pasture Hay
87-4-5	25	\$ 6,930	\$ 114,905	231	NoTill	Ranking Score Range: 1-86

Dec Leftover: \$ 5,095

ii. January contracts – Decision – *List of applications, including possible February applications*

Motion by Delon Clarksean, seconded by Jerry Nelson, to approve January RCPP applications as listed. Affirmative:4. Opposed: 0. Motion carried.

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Contract #	Ranking Score	Cost	Total Spent if Approved	Acres	Practice	Key
Leftover Dec Funds			\$ (5,095)			
87-4-6	26	\$ 8,080	\$ 2,985	10.1	P/H	
87-5-1	25	\$ 25,000	\$ 27,985	106.9	M-CC/NoTill	\$120,000 January
87-5-2	25	\$ 23,280	\$ 51,265	97	S-CC/NoTill	\$120,000 February
87-5-3	21	\$ 5,600	\$ 56,865	7	P/H	
87-5-4	20	\$ 25,000	\$ 81,865	111	M-CC/NoTill	S-CC= Single Species
87-5-5	20	\$ 25,000	\$ 106,865	31.25	P/H	M-CC= Multi Species
Feb	20	\$ 25,000	\$ 131,865	160	M-CC/NoTill	P/H= Pasture Hay
Feb	16	\$ 2,500	\$ 134,365		S-CC	NoTill= NoTill/StripTill
Feb		\$ 1,600	\$ 135,965	2	P/H	
Feb		\$ 4,000	\$ 139,965	5	P/H	
	50		\$ 139,965	32	P/H	

Ranking Score Range: 1-86

b. Payments –

i. RCPP -January contract – Decision

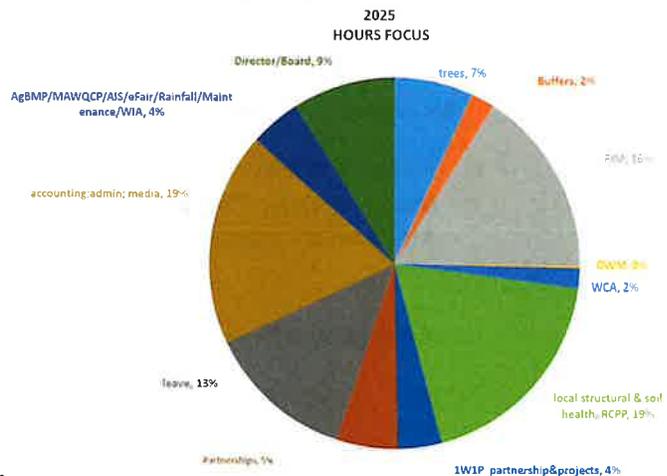
1. Ct # 87-1-29 – SS cover crop – 1 year – 44 acres - \$2200. Motion by Darwyn Bach, seconded by Jerry Nelson to approve payment for contract 87-1-29. Affirmative:4. Opposed: 0. Motion carried.

ii. FYI – LqP 1W1P – Ct# C25-2025-06 - Amanda Zweig - for a non-structural practice for \$3,600.00 -no action taken

VI. REPORTS.

a. Staff Reports:

- a. DIRECTOR BRAYDEN ANDERSON – updates on WCA, WCA annual report submitted, Spring Creek priority area letters are going out next week, Manager Cohort process update, attended Lac qui Parle WD policy and annual summit, BWSR eLink report progress, attended Soil Health Mentor meeting, SWAG/water sampling grant application progress.
2. OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR EMILY ALBIN – Updates on assigned funds conversation, MNPML & payroll, year-end reporting progress, training with Maria from LqPSWCD, 2026 IRS mileage rate



i. 2025 Areas of Focus report and conversation

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3. CONSERVATION TECHNICIAN RYAN REISHUS - Updates on tree program, structural practice letters conversations including submittal to TSA, in-progress RIM easements updates, attended Soil Health Summit in January with Michael.
    - a. AgBMP Resolution Review – discussion – after discussion it was requested that an updated AgBMP Resolution be added to the February agenda.
  4. DISTRICT TECHNICIAN MICHAEL PITZL – Updates on Yellow Med Watershed District contracts to be submitted, RCPP, submitted eligibility for review, expecting more soil health contacts with letters, update on website and tree sales, Soil Health Summit with Ryan in January, Soil Health Mentor meeting, applied for JAA.
  - b. SUPERVISOR REPORTS:
    1. Supervisor Remmele – conversation about outreach – landowners vs producers
    2. Supervisor Nelson – update on Area 5 TSA including ADA website compliance conversation, attended virtual Yellow Med watershed policy meeting on Jan 5.
    3. Supervisor Bach – update on Yellow Med WD meeting
    4. Supervisor Clarksean – update on LqPWD Policy & biennial summit
    5. Supervisor Niska – *Absent*
  - c. PARTNER REPORTS:
    1. County/Mitch Kling – has been assigned to Yellow Medicine SWCD for another year. Updates on Lincoln-Pipestone Rural Water
- VII. OLD BUSINESS:
- a. Assigned Funds – Discussion – *no action*
- VIII. NEW BUSINESS:
- a. Resolution 2026-01-7.1 Annual Organizational Designations – A resolution to elect officers and assign committee roles along with other annual SWCD actions – Motion to adopt as amended at the conclusion of this meeting by Delon Clarksean, seconded by Darwyn Bach. Resolution 2026-01-7.1 Annual Organizational Designations – A resolution to elect officers and assign committee roles along with other annual SWCD actions – Motion to adopt as amended at the conclusion of this meeting by Delon Clarksean, seconded by Darwyn Bach. Roll call vote:  
Tom Remmele – Yea, Jerry Nelson – Yea, Darwyn Bach – Yea, DeLon Clarksean – Yea. Motion carried.
  - b. 2026 Pay Equity report – decision. Motion to approve as presented by Delon Clarksean, seconded by Jerry Nelson. Affirmative:4. Opposed: 0. Motion carried.
  - c. Updated inventory list for approval – decision. Request by Office Admin to table until February meeting so new staff can complete a thorough update of inventory. Motion to table by Jerry Nelson, Seconded by Delon Clarksean. Affirmative:4. Opposed: 0. Motion carried.
  - d. MNGLCA Grazing Mentor Sponsorship request – decision – *no action taken*
  - e. Treasurers Report online – discussion
  - f. Fraud Prevention- Decision – *no action taken, more information requested*
  - g. Operational Handbook- Discussion
- IX. Motion by Delon Clarksean, seconded by Darwyn Bach for the next meeting of the Board to be scheduled for Thursday, February 26, 2026, at 9AM Affirmative:4. Opposed: 0. Motion carried.
- X. Meeting adjourned by call of chair at 11:59AM

APPROVED:

  
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DATE:

2-26-26