

I. The regular Board meeting was called to order by Supervisor Jerry Nelson at 9:01 AM. Meeting started with the pledge of allegiance and reading of the mission statement.

Those present:

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| Jerry Nelson - Chair                          | Brayden Anderson – Director            |
| 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 – CO Commissioner          |

II. After adding line items–

- a. Old Business – Signing authority
- b. New Business – Letter of support for LCCMR proposal, 2026 eFair contribution, Farm & Home Publisher Platform advertising request, 2025 Annual report

Motion by DeLon Clarksean, seconded by Darwyn Bach, to approve agenda as updated. Affirmative:4. Opposed: 0. Motion carried.

Supervisor Remmele Arrives

III. Motion by Darwyn Bach, seconded by DeLon Clarksean, to approve minutes of the last meeting, dated January 28, 2026. Affirmative:5. Opposed: 0. Motion carried.

IV. Payments & Treasurer’s Report- Motion by DeLon Clarksean, seconded by Garret Niska, to approve treasurers report for month of February 2026. Affirmative:5. Opposed: 0. Motion carried.

V. APPROVALS, PAYMENTS & AMENDMENTS:

- a. RCPP February contract approvals – Decision – *List of applications, including possible February applications*

Motion by Tom Remmele, seconded by DeLon Clarksean, to approve February RCPP applications as listed. Affirmative:4, Darwyn Bach abstained. Opposed: 0. Motion carried.

Contract #	Ranking Score	Cost	Total Spent if Approved	Acres	Practice	Cost (Unqualified)	Notes	Key
Leftover Jan Funds			\$ (11,535)					\$100,000 February
Contract Reduction			\$ (450)					\$120,000 March
87-6-1	50	\$ 25,000	\$ 13,015	32	P/H			
87-6-2	45	\$ 24,486	\$ 37,501	116.6	M-CC/NoTill			S-CC= Single Species
87-6-3	30	\$ 19,725	\$ 57,226	131.5	S-CC			M-CC= Multi Species
87-6-4	30	\$ -	\$ 57,226	94.2	S-CC/NoTill	\$ 14,792	contract signature needed	P/H= Pasture Hay
87-6-5	25	\$ 8,160	\$ 65,386	10.2	P/H			NoTill= NoTill/StripTill
87-5-6	20	\$ 25,000	\$ 90,386	147.7	M-CC/NoTill			
	16	\$ 25,000	\$ 115,386	32	P/H		maps/contract needed	
	16		\$ 115,386		S-CC		maps/contract needed	Ranking Score Range: 1-86
			\$ 115,386	2	P/H	\$ 1,600	fsa release needed	
		\$ 7,500	\$ 122,886		M-CC/NoTill		maps/contract needed	
		\$ 25,000	\$ 147,886	32	P/H		maps/contract needed	
		\$ 25,000	\$ 172,886	40	P/H		maps/contract needed	
Leftover Feb:			\$ 9,614					

VI. REPORTS.

a. Staff Reports:

- a. DIRECTOR BRAYDEN ANDERSON – updates on WCA, Soil Health Delivery grant received, RCPP, Manager Cohort process update, Area 5 meeting, SWAG/water sampling grant awarded, attended MCIT Defensive Driving training, and attended local water task force meeting.
  - i. Banking Updates – update on interest rates
  - ii. CD 5 Grant Update – received grant funding for study around Wood Lake
- b. OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR EMILY ALBIN – Updates on year end reporting, coming up financials sent to auditor and MCIT inventory, 3 CDs matured in February, inventory, processing tree sales, and separation of duties.
- c. CONSERVATION TECHNICIAN RYAN REISHUS - Updates on easements/CREP conversations and program funding timeline, structural practices discussions, 2 AgBMP loan applications in February, and tree program sales.
- d. DISTRICT TECHNICIAN MICHAEL PITZL – Updates on RCPP, YMWD contracts, WIA contract, working towards multiple JAAs, attended MCIT Defensive Driving training and Lincoln County/Olson Custom Farming Soil Health Practices field day.

b. SUPERVISOR REPORTS:

- a. SUPERVISOR BACH– attended Hwy 14 Soil Health Tour and LqP Soil Health Field Day
- b. SUPERVISOR CLARKSEAN– Attended Virtual Area 5 meeting
- c. SUPERVISOR NELSON– *none*
- d. SUPERVISOR NISKA – *none*
- e. SUPERVISOR REMMELE – local resident Soil Health contact,

c. PARTNER REPORTS:

- a. County/Mitch Kling – business as usual

VII. OLD BUSINESS:

- a. Inventory list for approval – decision – Motion by Tom Remmele to move forward with inventory update and reduction as staff and finances see fit, seconded by DeLon Clarksean. Affirmative:5. Opposed: 0. Motion carried.
- b. Signing authority – decision – Motion by Darwyn Bach to add Supervisor Garret Niska and remove both Technicians from the FM Bank signing authority, seconded by Tom Remmele. Affirmative:5. Opposed: 0. Motion carried. Letter to be drafted for March meeting

VIII. NEW BUSINESS:

- a. AGBMP RESOLUTION 2026-02-3.5- Decision – Motion by DeLon Clarksean to approve Resolution 2026-02-3.5, seconded by Tom Remmele. Roll call vote:  
Tom Remmele – Yea, Jerry Nelson – Yea, Darwyn Bach – Yea, DeLon Clarksean – Yea, Garret Niska – Yea. Motion carried.
- b. Operational Handbook Resolution- Decision – Motion by DeLon Clarksean to approve the adoption of the Operational Handbook Resolution 026-3-2.3, seconded by Garret Niska. Roll call vote:  
Tom Remmele – Yea, Jerry Nelson – Yea, Darwyn Bach – Yea, DeLon Clarksean – Yea, Garret Niska – Yea. Motion carried.
- c. Insurance Policy-Discussion - *no action taken*
- d. Ag Mentor renewal with Dorian-Decision – Motion by DeLon Clarksean to approve Ag Mentor Contract renewal with Dorian Gatchell retroactive from January 1, 2026, through life of grant, Dec 31, 2027, seconded by Tom Remmele. Affirmative:5. Opposed: 0. Motion carried.
- e. FM Bank Requested CD Management Letter – Decision – Motion by Darwyn Bach to approve letter as written to update CD management per FM Bank’s request, seconded by Garret Niska. Affirmative:5. Opposed: 0. Motion carried.
- f. Yellow Medicine River 1W1P Resolution for Extension – Decision – Motion by Darwyn Bach to approve the resolution for Yellow Medicine River 1W1P Extension as written, seconded by DeLon Clarksean. Roll call: Tom Remmele – Yea, Jerry Nelson – Yea, Darwyn Bach – Yea, DeLon Clarksean – Yea, Garret Niska – Yea. Motion carried.

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- g. Tractor and Drill purchase – Discussion – *no action*
- h. Letter of Support for LCCMR proposal – decision – Motion by DeLon Clarksean to submit letter of support for LCCMR proposal, seconded by Garret Niska. Affirmative:4. Opposed: 1. Motion carried.
- i. 2026 Environmental Fair - \$2000 contribution – decision – Motion by Darwyn Bach to support the 2026 Environmental Fair with a \$2000 contribution, seconded by Tom Remmele. Affirmative:5. Opposed: 0. Motion carried.
- j. Farm & Home Publishers Platt Book advertising request – decision – Motion by Darwyn Bach to take no action, seconded by Tom Remmele. Affirmative:5. Opposed: 0. Motion carried.
- k. 2025 Annual Report – decision – Motion by DeLon Clarksean to approve 2025 Annual Report with edits, seconded by Darwyn Bach. Affirmative:5. Opposed: 0. Motion carried.

IX. Due to scheduling conflicts, motion by Darwyn Bach, seconded by Garret Niska for the next meeting of the Board to be scheduled for **Friday, March 27, 2026, at 9AM** Affirmative:5. Opposed: 0. Motion carried.

X. Meeting adjourned by call of chair at 11:21AM

APPROVED:  DATE: 3-27-26