

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

Those present:

Jerry Nelson – Chair

Darwyn Bach – Vice-Chair

DeLon Clarksean – Secretary

Tom Remmele – Treasurer

Brayden Anderson – Director

Emily Albin – Office Administrator

Michael Pitzl – District Technician

Ryan Reishus – Conservation Technician

Mitch Kling – County Commissioner

II. After adding line items– V. Approvals, payments & amendments b. Payments i. RCPP – added contract table; V. Approvals, payments & amendments b. Payments ii. Authorize Director for Administrative Sign off on payment vouchers until June 21, 2026; VIII. New Business, d. Resolution 2026-5-5; VIII. New Business, e. 2025 Financial Audit

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

III. Motion by DeLon Clarksean, seconded by Tom Remmele, to approve minutes of the last meeting, dated April 23, 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 May 2026. Affirmative:4. Opposed: 0. Motion carried.

V. APPROVALS, PAYMENTS & AMENDMENTS:

a. Approval

i. RCPP – May applications – *none*

b. Payments

i. RCPP – May payouts – Motion by Darwyn Bach to approve payments as listed, seconded by Tom Remmele. Affirmative:4. Opposed: 0. Motion carried.

RCPP Spring - May 2026 - Payout

Contract #	Practice	Contract Total		Contract Total	5/28/26	
		Years	Acres		Payment Amount	Check #
87-1-33	P/H	5	27.6	\$ 22,080.00	\$ 22,080.00	13752
87-3-2	P/H	5	15	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 12,000.00	13751
87-3-3	P/H	5	3	\$ 2,400.00	\$ 2,400.00	13750
87-3-5	P/H	5	11	\$ 8,800.00	\$ 8,800.00	13749
87-3-7	P/H	5	31.25	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 25,000.00	13748
87-4-3	P/H	5	31.5	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 25,000.00	13747
87-5-3	P/H	5	7.7	\$ 6,160.00	\$ 6,160.00	13746
87-5-5	P/H	5	31.25	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 25,000.00	13745
87-6-5	P/H	5	10.2	\$ 8,160.00	\$ 8,160.00	13744
87-7-7	P/H	5	4.4	\$ 3,520.00	\$ 3,520.00	13743
87-8-2	P/H	5	33	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 25,000.00	13742
87-8-6	P/H	5	40	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 25,000.00	13741
87-8-7	P/H	5	31.5	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 25,000.00	13740
				277.4	\$ 213,120.00	

ii. Authorize Director for Administrative Sign off on payment Vouchers until June 21st, 2026. – Motion by Darwyn Bach to authorize Director for Administrative sign off on RCPP payment vouchers until June 21st, 2026, seconded by DeLon Clarksean. Affirmative:4. Opposed:0. Motion carried

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VI. REPORTS.

a. Staff Reports:

- a. DIRECTOR BRAYDEN ANDERSON – Updates WCA permit applications, helped with tree plantings and RCPP documents, completed U of MN Extension soil sampling, drone was purchased and examples of photography clarity shared, completed multiple insurance meetings, SWAG monitoring has started, ISG/CD5 update.
- b. OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR EMILY ALBIN – Updates on RIM site inspection forms & updating ownership changes, helped with RCPP paperwork when possible, started organizing WCA physical files, registered for MACDE Admin Conference June 17-18.

Office Admin Albin left at this time.

- c. CONSERVATION TECHNICIAN RYAN REISHUS – Updates on Tree Program, structural projects, RIM program updates, one AGBMP requests, training for SWAG sampling training.
 - d. DISTRICT TECHNICIAN MICHAEL PITZL – Updates on Buffer monitoring, 3 LqP Watershed District contracts approved, RCPP update, assisted with tree plantings/pick ups, purchased speakers for field day events in cooperation with LqP SWCD and LqPWD, trained on SWAG water sampling.
- b. SUPERVISOR REPORTS:
- a. SUPERVISOR BACH– attended Yellow Med WD meeting no update on WRAPS
 - b. SUPERVISOR CLARKSEAN– none
 - c. SUPERVISOR NELSON– none
 - d. SUPERVISOR NISKA – not in attendance
 - e. SUPERVISOR REMMELE – provided follow-up on research on MOU with Renville Soil Health position.
- c. PARTNER REPORTS:
- a. County/Mitch Kling – updates gravel pit, budget sessions between County and State upcoming, and potential personnel policy changes which could affect SWCD.

VII. Old Business

VIII. Tabled from April 2026 meeting – RCPP Ct# 87-6-3 Amendment of Land Occupier – decision.

- a. Motion to take off the table by Darwyn Bach, seconded by DeLon Clarksean. Affirmative:4. Opposed: 0. Motion carried.
- b. Motion to accept amendment by Tom Remmele, seconded by Darwyn Bach. Affirmative:4. Opposed: 0. Motion carried.

IX. New Business

- a. Emerald Ash Borer/tree planting program request - discussion
- b. June Area V meeting RSVP – discussion
- c. MN Soil Health Coalition SMS/DIRT Conference January 2027 – discussion
- d. Resolution 2026-5-5 WCA file storage – decision. Motion by DeLon Clarksean, seconded by Darwyn Bach to approve as written. Roll call vote:
Tom Remmele – Yea, Jerry Nelson – Yea, Darwyn Bach – Yea, DeLon Clarksean – Yea. Motion carried.
- e. 2025 Financial Audit – decision. Motion to Table until June 2026 meeting by Tom Remmele, seconded by Darwyn Bach. Affirmative:4. Opposed: 0. Motion carried.

X. The next meeting of the Board is scheduled for Thursday, June 25, 2026

XI. Meeting adjourned by call of chair at 10:29AM

LOCAL WORK GROUP MEETING FOLLOWED

APPROVED: _____



DATE: _____

6.25.26