

# Le Sueur County Soil & Water Conservation District

Le Sueur County SWCD  
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Website: [www.lesueurswcd.org](http://www.lesueurswcd.org)

Minutes from January 11, 2022 regular meeting of the Le Sueur County SWCD Board of Supervisors. Justice Center, Le Center, MN.

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Struck at 9:00 am.

Members present: Chairman, Jim Struck  
Treasurer, Cletus Gregor  
PR&I, Glendon Braun

Members absent: Vice-Chairman, Greg Entinger  
Secretary, Earle Traxler

Others present: District Manager, Mike Schultz  
District Technician, Joe Jirik  
Ditch Specialist, Nik Kadel  
Program Specialist, Sue Prchal  
District Conservationist, Steve Breaker  
Le Sueur County Commissioner Rohlfing  
Le Sueur County Commissioner Wetzell

Secretary's report from December 15, 2021 was read and approved.

Treasurer's report for December 31, 2021 was read. Motion by Braun, second by Gregor to approve as read and to pay bills.

Affirmative: All  
Opposed: None  
Motion carried

The election of officers for calendar year 2022 was discussed. Motion by Gregor to have all offices remain the same for 2022, second by Braun.

Affirmative: All  
Opposed: None  
Motion carried

Motion by Gregor, second by Braun to designate First National Bank of Le Center as the SWCD's bank for 2022 and the Le Sueur County Newspaper as the SWCD's official newspaper for 2022.

Affirmative: All

Opposed: None

Motion carried

Joe informed the board that there will be a Soil Health Session in Jordan on January 13, 2022.

Motion by Gregor, second by Braun to amend the Lake Washington cost-share policy stating that the Lake Washington Improvement Association contribute 25% of project costs allowing 100% cost-share to landowners.

Affirmative: All

Opposed: None

Motion carried

Motion by Braun, second by Gregor to clarify the November 2021 SWCD minutes for James Beckel cost-share contract #WASH-3 to clarify cost-share dollars. \$15,200.00 cost-share consists of \$3800.00 (25%) from the Lake Washington Improvement Association and \$11,400.00 (75%) from the Lake Washington grant.

Affirmative: All

Opposed: None

Motion carried

Cannon 1W1P was discussed. Gregor volunteered to be the alternate board representative.

The kickoff meeting was held for the Lower MN 1W1P, Entinger and Traxler attended.

Mike gave the board updates on SWCD payroll and benefits. Also the clubhouse has moved out of the building and uses for the space were talked about.

Motion by Braun, second by Gregor to update and adopt the Professional County Ditch Services Contract between the SWCD and Le Sueur County. The update is for the increase in billable rates and is valid from 1-1-2022 through 12-31-2022.

Affirmative: All

Opposed: None

Motion carried

Motion by Gregor, second by Braun to approve and submit the pay equity report to the MN Management and Budget.

Affirmative: All

Opposed: None

Motion carried

Nik updated the board on county ditches. He discussed tree removal, spraying and mowing, buffer enforcement and non-compliant parcels.

Steve gave an NRCS report. He discussed certifying construction projects, planning new projects to be completed in 2022, CRP certifications, expiring contracts and possibly a new signup.

Motion by Gregor, second by Braun to approve and pay Dan Sullivan state cost-share contract #5-20 in the amount of \$853.25.

Affirmative: All  
Opposed: None  
Motion carried

Motion by Gregor, second by Braun to approve and pay Dan Sullivan capacity cost-share contract #CAP-2020-2 in the amount of \$1271.91.

Affirmative: All  
Opposed: None  
Motion carried

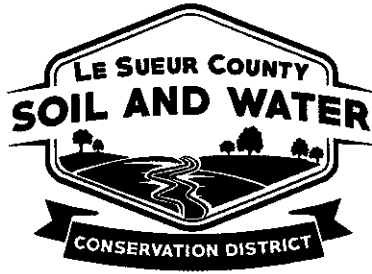
Vouchers were reviewed and filled out.

There being no further business, meeting adjourned at 10:25 am.

The board and staff relocated to Patrick's in St. Peter to meet Francis and Shirley Budin and present them with their Outstanding Conservationist sign and lunch.

2-8-22  
Date

Carlo Trefler  
District Secretary



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NRCS Team Lead, Chris Schmidt  
District Conservationist, Steve Breaker  
Le Sueur County Commissioner, Lance Wetzel  
Le Sueur County Commissioner, Steve Rohlfig

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Secretary's report from January 11, 2022 was read and approved.

Struck and Schultz attended the Chairman's meeting in New Ulm and gave an update. Discussed were the amount of area meetings per year and topics for meetings.

Schultz informed the board that all employees are signed up for health/dental benefits and things are moving forward.

Motion by Entinger, second by Gregor to pay MACDE dues for SWCD employees. Dues are \$25.00 per employee.

Affirmative: All

Opposed: None

Motion carried

Schultz discussed 2022 personal and office goals with the board and that the Le Sueur County SWCD annual report will be handed out to them at the March board meeting.

Jeremy Maul will be our new board conservationist as Jenny Mocol-Johnson took a different position within BWSR.

Motion by Gregor, second by Entinger to hire Peterson Company to perform the SWCD's 2021 audit.

Affirmative: All

Opposed: None

Motion carried

Following items discussed:

FY22 Capacity – how capacity money is set and involvement of SWCD board members securing funding.

BWSR storage program – BWSR pilot program for storage to help with floods.

Waterville flood study - \$500,000 received by City of Waterville to explore flooding problems.

Cannon 1W1P update was given. CD#40 feasibility study in process.

1W1P Lower MN application awarded and MOA between all partners is next. March 17, 2022 will be the next meeting.

Schultz brought up the idea of the SWCD drafting a 5-year strategic plan. He would like the board and staff to meet and discuss future goals and projects. The board liked the idea and agreed to meet after the March regular board meeting.

There will be an Area 6 meeting on April 6, 2022 in New Ulm.

Legislative Days will be March 9-10, 2022.

There will be a Soil Health meeting on March 16, 2022 in Jordan.

The back room in the SWCD building is empty now that the Clubhouse has moved out. The board would like staff to explore the idea of turning the room into a meeting room and bring cost estimates to the next meeting to accomplish this.

Nik gave the board a county ditch update. He reported on repair and tree removal projects.

Steve and Chris gave an NRCS report. They talked about a new general CRP signup, expiring CRP contracts, designs, seeding certifications, CSP payments, EQIP, cover crops and no till.

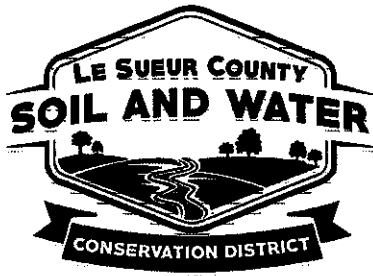
The filing period for supervisors wishing to file for election is May 17 – May 31, 2022.

Vouchers were reviewed and filled out.

There being no further business, meeting adjourned at 11:00 am.

March 8, 22  
Date

Bate Taylor  
District Secretary



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Minutes from March 8, 2022 regular meeting of the Le Sueur County SWCD Board of Supervisors.  
Le Sueur County Justice Center, Le Center, MN.

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Members present: Chairman, Jim Struck  
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Others present: District Manager, Mike Schultz  
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Ditch Specialist, Nik Kadel  
Resource Technician, Karl Schmidtke  
District Conservationist, Steve Breaker  
Program Specialist, Sue Prchal  
County Commission, Steve Rohlfig

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Secretary's report from February 8, 2022 was read and approved.

Treasurer's report for January 31, 2022 was read. Motion by Entinger, second by Traxler to approve as read.

Affirmative: All

Opposed: None

Motion carried

Secretary's report for February 28, 2022 was read. Motion by Traxler, second by Braun to approve as read and to pay bills.

Affirmative: All

Opposed: None

Motion carried





Steve went over the Civil Rights policy with the board and the MOA between the SWCD and NRCS. He discussed posters and statements regarding discrimination, that are displayed at the office. He discussed SWCD board diversification also.

Commissioner Rohlfing discussed updates at the courthouse such as remodeling, remote working and commented that any new building permits in Le Sueur County will need to have a septic inspection beginning April 1, 2022 if there is a current septic system on the building site.

There being no further business, meeting adjourned at 10:45 am.

The board and staff will be meeting for lunch and a strategic planning session.

4-12-22  
Date

Brian Thayer  
District Secretary



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Minutes from April 12, 2022 regular meeting of the Le Sueur County SWCD Board of Supervisors.  
Le Sueur Co. SWCD building, Le Center, MN.

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Struck at 9:00 am.

Members present: Chairman, Jim Struck  
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NRCS Team Lead, Chris Schmidt  
Le Sueur Co. Commissioner, Steve Rohlring  
Le Sueur Co. Commissioner, Lance Wetzal  
Program Specialist, Sue Prchal

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Secretary's report from March 8, 2022 was read and approved.

Treasurer's report for March 2022 was read. Motion by Traxler, second by Braun to approve as read and to pay bills.

Affirmative: All

Opposed: None

Motion carried

Mike gave the board updates on the following:

- Legislative Days - briefing held April 9 in person, Mike attended  
April 10 met with local legislators via zoom discussed budget surplus, CWF, Capacity dollars to stabilize SWCD's, gave legislators 2021 annual report
- HR training – Mike & Sue attended in St. Cloud

- Area 6 meeting – Le Sueur Co. SWCD presented with 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary award, storage projects, avenues for funding and landowner relationships
- Strategic Planning Day – board and staff attended after the March board meeting, new mission statement for the Le Sueur Co. SWCD was formulated. Motion by Traxler, second by Gregor to approve and accept the following as the Le Sueur Co. SWCD's:

**The mission of the Le Sueur County Soil and Water Conservation District is to educate and to assist the public in land and water conservation.**

Affirmative: All  
Opposed: None  
Motion carried

- Trees will be coming on Monday, April 25

Motion by Traxler, second by Gregor to encumber \$4620.00 for Joe Doherty Cover Crop Cost-Share contract #CC-2022-1 with FY22 capacity funds.

Affirmative: All  
Opposed: None  
Motion carried

Motion by Gregor, second by Traxler to encumber \$6420.00 for Joe Doherty Cover Crop Cost-Share contract #CC-2021-5 with FY21 capacity funds.

Affirmative: All  
Opposed: None  
Motion carried

Motion by Traxler, second by Gregor to sign the purchase agreement for new water monitoring equipment.

Affirmative: All  
Opposed: None  
Motion carried

Mike updated the board on the Water Storage Grant the SWCD applied for which would involve multiple parties restoring a 51 acre basin.

Struck gave an update on the Cannon 1W1P.

Motion by Traxler, second by Gregor to remove Scott County WMO from the Lower MN 1W1P.

Affirmative: All  
Opposed: None  
Motion carried

Nik discussed county ditches. Ditch spraying will start June 1, 2022 for weed and tree removal. Buffer enforcement is being checked and working with the noncompliant.

Mike gave the board updates on the Lake Washington Grant.

Steve and Chris gave an NRCS update. After the May board meeting, there will be a local work group meeting to prioritize resource concerns in the county. EQIP, cover crops, erosion control projects were discussed. CRP re-enrollment and new applications are being worked on. Chris talked about MN NRCS employees coming into the office beginning in May and employee/position openings.

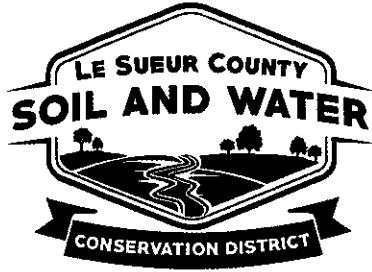
Rohlfing and Wetzel discussed road projects, blight problems in the county and tax value increases.

Vouchers were reviewed and filled out.

There being no further business, meeting adjourned at 10:50 am.

5-10, 22  
Date

Charles Meager  
District Secretary



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Meeting was called to order by Chairman Struck at 9:00 am.

Members present: Chairman, Jim Struck  
Secretary, Earle Traxler  
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Members absent: Vice-Chairman, Greg Entinger

Others present: District Manager, Mike Schultz  
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Ditch Specialist, Nik Kadel  
Le Sueur County Commissioner, Steve Rohlfing  
District Conservationist, Steve Breaker  
Program Specialist, Sue Prchal

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Secretary's report from April 12, 2022 was read and approved.

Treasurer's report for April 2022 was read. Motion by Traxler, second by Braun to approve as read and to pay bills.

Affirmative: All  
Opposed: None  
Motion carried

The filing period for SWCD supervisors begins May 17, 2022 and ends May 31, 2022. Entinger and Traxler are up for election this fall.

Schultz updated the board on the Cannon 1W1P and the Lower East MN 1W1P. Cannon is trying to get projects going. Lower East last met at the Le Sueur Co. SWCD and interviewed for a consultant, there was 1 applicant, ISG accepted the position. July there will be a kick off meeting and by laws need to be approved.

MASWCD will be conducting leadership training. Schultz would like to attend the 7 sessions that will begin in August 2022.

Schultz and Prchal will be attending administrative training in Brainerd June 28-30, 2022.

Motion by Traxler, second by Braun to approve payment to Jim Struck in the amount of \$4000.00 for cost-share contract #Wash-4 for sediment basins. \$3000.00 Lake Washington CWF; \$1000.00 Lake Washington Match

Affirmative: Traxler, Gregor, Braun

Abstained: Struck

Opposed: None

Motion carried

Motion by Gregor, second by Traxler to approve payment to Jim Struck in the amount of \$3887.00 for cost-share contract #Wash-5 for sediment basins. \$2915.25 Lake Washington CWF; \$971.75 Lake Washington Match

Affirmative: Traxler, Gregor, Braun

Abstained: Struck

Opposed: None

Motion carried

The SWCD sold approximately 6975 trees and shrubs this year.

Kadel updated the board on the county ditches. He discussed beavers and a possible bounty, ditch spraying and buffer inspections.

The outstanding conservationist tour will be held in July this year.

Steve gave an NRCS report. He talked about EQIP and CRP contracts and construction projects.

Commissioner Rohlfing discussed courthouse remodeling projects, ordinance changes, broadband, blight issues and the Lake Washington County Park.

Vouchers were reviewed and filled out.

There being no further business, meeting adjourned at 10:05 with the local work group meeting following this meeting.

6/14/22

Date



District Secretary



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Minutes from June 14, 2022 regular meeting of the Le Sueur County SWCD Board of Supervisors. Le Sueur County SWCD Building, Le Center, MN.

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Struck at 9:00 am.

Members present: Chairman, Jim Struck  
Vice-Chairman, Greg Entinger  
Secretary, Earle Traxler  
Treasurer, Cletus Gregor

Members absent: PR&I, Glendon Braun

Others present: District Manager, Mike Schultz  
District Technician, Joe Jirik  
Resource Technician, Karl Schmidtke  
Ditch Specialist, Nik Kadel  
District Conservationist, Steve Breaker  
Le Sueur Co. Commissioner Rohlifing  
Program Specialist, Sue Prchal

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Secretary's report from May 10, 2022 was read and approved.

April 2022 Treasurer's report was updated to separate dollars spent on grants for the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter 2022. Motion to approve update by Traxler, second by Gregor.

Affirmative: All

Opposed: None

Motion carried

Treasurer's report for May 2022 was read. Motion by Entinger, second by Traxler to approve as read and to pay bills.

Affirmative: All

Opposed: None

Motion carried

Mike updated the board on upcoming meetings and trainings which are as follows:

- Technical Training – June 26, 2022 @ Mankato Armory
- TSA Meeting – June 23, 2022 @ Mankato Armory
- Area 6 Meeting – June 28, 2022 @ Mankato Armory
- Administrative Training – June 28-30, 2022 @ Brainerd
- Cannon River Watershed JPB tour – July 6, 2022 @ Rice Co. Fairgrounds
- Lower MN River East 1W1P kickoff meeting – July 26, 2022 @ Cedar Lake Farm

Mike discussed leadership training with the board. He would like to attend the training which will be conducted over the course of 7 in-person sessions throughout Minnesota. The registration fee is \$5000.00. A scholarship is available through Area 6. Motion by Traxler, second by Gregor to approve Mike to attend the training.

Affirmative: All

Opposed: None

Motion carried

Motion by Entinger, second by Gregor to encumber \$16,800.00 for Charles Retka cover crop cost-share contract #cc-2022-2 for 160 acres.

Affirmative: All

Opposed: None

Motion carried

Motion by Entinger, second by Traxler to continue the janitor position of Dawn Ruhland for \$625.00/month through June 30, 2023.

Affirmative: All

Opposed: None

Motion carried

Mike discussed the possibility of selling the following items: Polaris ATV, 18' trailer and survey equipment. The board would like Mike to explore options of trading the ATV on a new model.

Nik gave a ditch update. He's working on culvert projects, buffer compliance and buffer law.

Karl updated the board on the water monitoring sampling he's been working on in the Cannon River Watershed.

July board meeting will also be the outstanding conservationist tour.

The State of Minnesota increased the mileage rate from \$.585 to \$.625 effective July 9, 2022.

Steve gave the NRCS report. He talked about EQIP, CRP and engineering projects.

Commissioner Rohlfing discussed remodeling of county buildings and the Lake Washington County Park.

There being no further business, meeting adjourned at 10:15 am.

7-12, 22  
Date

  
District Secretary





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Members present: Chairman, Jim Struck  
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Secretary, Earle Traxler  
Treasurer, Cletus Gregor  
PR&I, Glendon Braun

Others present: District Manager, Mike Schultz  
NRCS Team Lead, Chris Schmidt  
District Technician, Joe Jirik  
Soil Technician, Goeff Popkin  
Resource Technician, Karl Schmidtke  
District Conservationist, Steve Breaker  
Le Sueur Co. Commissioner, Steve Rohlving  
Program Specialist, Sue Prchal  
Bryanna Ramos, NRCS summer intern  
Ditch Specialist, Nik Kadel

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Secretary's report from June 14, 2022 was read and approved.

Treasurer's report for June 2022 was read. Motion by Entinger, second by Traxler to approve as read and to pay bills.

Affirmative: All  
Opposed: None  
Motion carried

Mike gave the board a recap of the following:

Area 6 Meeting – JAA (job approval authority), technical training, TSA projects and the leadership grant he received in the amount of \$700 for leadership training.

Cannon River Watershed tour – septic inventories, Fox lake (lake management plan), pollution data and a demo of stream sampling

Administrative training – quickbooks, taxes, round table discussions with other SWCD's

TSA meeting – retaining staff, wage increase for current staff, internship program for new hires

Leadership training – 1<sup>st</sup> training is in August in Moorhead, MN

Carbon Credit Summit – Joe attended and discussed new technology for farms to qualify that is calculated by soil type and vegetation

There will be a Lower East Minnesota River 1W1P kick off meeting on July 26, 2022 at Cedar Lake Farms in New Prague, MN.

The SWCD will be going through a financial audit on July 27, 2022.

SWCD equipment to possibly sell was discussed. Mike contacted Brent Christian, Le Sueur Co. Attorney, regarding the selling process, if items can be sold open market or competitive bids.

The Polaris ATV won't be of any value for a trade in so a motion was made by Traxler, second by Entinger to sell as is, outright, for \$4000.00 or as close as possible.

Affirmative: All

Opposed: None

Motion carried

The Tomahawk 18" trailer can be sold outright for \$5500.00 or as close to that as possible. Traxler making the motion to sell the trailer, second by Entinger.

Affirmative: All

Opposed: None

Motion carried

The South Central TSA would be able to use the GPS survey equipment that the SWCD doesn't use so a motion was made by Traxler, second by Entinger to give the survey equipment to the Le Sueur Co. GIS.

Affirmative: All

Opposed: None

Motion carried

Mike discussed the possibility of purchasing a drone in the future and using buffer funds to do so.

Motion by Entinger, second by Gregor to encumber \$3580.00 for Nathan Traxler cover crop cost-share contract #CC-2022-3 using FY22 Capacity grant dollars. Nathan will be seeding 35 acres of cover crops.

Affirmative: Struck, Entinger, Gregor, Braun

Abstained: Traxler

Opposed: None

Motion carried

Motion by Gregor, second by Traxler to encumber \$67,467.94 for Daryl Schoemaker Lake Washington CWF and \$22,489.31 Lake Washington Match cost-share contract #WASH-6. Daryl will be restoring a wetland.

Affirmative: All

Opposed: None

Motion carried

Mike informed the board that the Water Quality and Storage Pilot Grant that the SWCD applied for was funded in the amount of \$408,187.00. Motion by Traxler, second by Entinger to give Mike Schultz authority to sign the grant agreement.

Affirmative: All

Opposed: None

Motion carried

Steve and Chris gave an NRCS report. Steve discussed EQIP, construction projects, assisting FSA with 1026's and CRP, SWCD assisting NRCS with CRP plans and introduced Bryanna Ramos who is the NRCS summer intern from California. Chris informed the board of new staff in the Area and talked of EQIP.

Commissioner Rohlfing discussed grants from the State for installing fiberoptic, Lake Washington County Park, ATV ruling of driving on county roads.

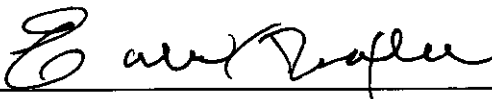
County Ditch #54 mowing and spraying, was discussed as was the buffer deadline, which was 7/7/2022, with some landowners being noncompliant in the county.

The regular board meeting was closed to discuss the 2023 budget. Motion by Traxler, second by Entinger to accept the budget for 2023.

The board and staff attended the 2022 Outstanding Conservationist tour. Luke Retka was chosen as the 2022 Le Sueur County SWCD Outstanding Conservationist.

8-9-22

Date



District Secretary



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The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Secretary's report from July 12, 2022 were read and approved after questions from Gregor regarding County Ditch 54 and clarifying the SWCD GPS went to Le Sueur County GIS, not the TSA.

Treasurer's report for July 2022 was read. Motion by Entinger, second by Traxler to approve as read and to pay bills.

Affirmative: All

Opposed: None

Motion carried

Mike gave a recap of the 1W1P Lower Minnesota East kick-off event held at Cedar Lake Farms. There will be a policy committee meeting on August 18, 2022.

The board received a copy of the Le Sueur Co. SWCD Strategic Plan. The plan lists short and long term goals for the SWCD and also strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats that were identified during a session that the board and staff attended.

The SWCD will be meeting with the Le Sueur County Commissioners on Monday, August 15, 2022 to discuss the SWCD's 2023 budget. Cletus will attend along with Mike and Sue.

Mike and Sue are working at determining employee benefit costs for 2023. A meeting with a representative for dental and life insurance will be on Tuesday, August 16, 2022.

Further will no longer be the company handling the employee's HSA/FSA accounts. WEX will be the new company beginning September 1, 2022.

Mike and Nik discussed the buffer letters that were sent out by certified mail to noncompliant landowners.

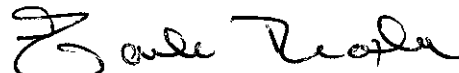
Steve gave the NRCS report. He discussed CRP workload and fall construction that Geoff and Colin are working on. CRP has opened up haying and grazing in Le Sueur County.

Joe Martin discussed redetermination of benefits on the county ditches and upcoming budget meetings with each department in the county.

Vouchers were reviewed and filled out.

There being no further business, meeting adjourned at 9:45 am.

9-13, 22  
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Treasurer's report was read. Motion by Traxler, second by Entinger to approve as read and to pay bills.

Affirmative: All

Opposed: None

Motion carried

Mike updated the board on the 2023 allocation requested from the county. The requested allocation was lowered by cutting out project development.

The Polaris ATV was sold for \$4250.00.

Mike received a quote for a 2023 Outlander 570XT ATV in the amount of \$11,240.24. Motion by Traxler, second by Gregor to purchase.

Affirmative: All

Opposed: None

Motion carried

Mike asked the board if the asking price for the 18' trailer can be lowered due to no interest. Motion by Entinger, second by Traxler to lower \$500. The new asking price is now \$5000.00.

Affirmative: All  
Opposed: None  
Motion carried

Upcoming meetings:

SCTSA – 9/20  
Leadership Training – 9/20 through 9/22  
Cannon JPB – 10/5  
Lower MN East 1W1P – 10/20  
BWSR Academy – 10/25 through 10/27  
Area 6 – 11/15  
State Convention – 12/13 through 14

Motion by Gregor, second by Entinger to encumber \$705.00 for Helen Morsching well sealing cost-share contract #CAP-2020-07.

Affirmative: All  
Opposed: None  
Motion carried

Motion by Entinger, second by Traxler to encumber \$5994.80 for Mike Macho grade stabilization structure cost-share contract #CAP-2021-1.

Affirmative: All  
Opposed: None  
Motion carried

Motion by Entinger, second by Traxler to encumber \$12,477.70 for Mike Macho grade stabilization structure cost-share contract #2-21.

Affirmative: All  
Opposed: None  
Motion carried

Motion by Traxler, second by Gregor to encumber \$2850.00 for Steve Stangler sediment basin cost-share contract #22-LS-003.

Affirmative: All  
Opposed: None  
Motion carried

Motion by Traxler, second by Gregor to encumber \$1425.00 for Steve Stangler sediment basin cost-share contract #CAP-2021-02.

Affirmative: All  
Opposed: None  
Motion carried

Motion by Traxler, second by Gregor to encumber \$3465.00 for Jim Struck cover crop cost-share contract #CC-WASH-1.

Affirmative: Entinger, Gregor, Traxler, Braun

Abstained: Struck

Opposed: None

Motion carried

Traxler, Entinger and Mike met prior to today's board meeting to discuss employee benefits. Mike explained to the board the costs associated with insurance benefits. All SWCD employees must be covered with each benefit due to the small size of staff. The following will be costs per year for the SWCD.

Dental Insurance \$6430.00

Life Insurance \$1620.00

Long Term Disability \$2366.00

Single & Family Health Insurance \$68,277.00

Motion by Entinger, second by Gregor to approve employee benefit costs for 2023 and allow Mike to sign SCSC renewal on behalf of the SWCD.

Affirmative: All

Opposed: None

Motion carried

Sue and Karl interviewed Luke & Alice Retka for the Outstanding Conservationist article. Mike talked about ditch buffer compliance.

Steve gave an NRCS report. Projects are coming along, waiting on materials and they are busy completing site reviews for CRP.

There being no further business, meeting adjourned at 10:30 am.

10-11, 22

Date



District Secretary





# Le Sueur County Soil & Water Conservation District

Le Sueur County SWCD  
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Minutes from October 11, 2022 regular meeting of the Le Sueur County SWCD Board of Supervisors. Le Sueur Co. SWCD building, Le Center, MN.

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Struck at 9:00 am.

Members present: Chairman, Jim Struck  
Secretary, Earle Traxler  
Treasurer, Cletus Gregor  
PR&I, Glendon Braun

Members absent: Vice-Chairman, Greg Entinger

Others present: District Manager, Mike Schultz  
District Conservationist, Steve Breaker  
Resource Technician, Karl Schmidtke  
Program Specialist, Sue Prchal  
Le Sueur County Commissioner, Steve Rohlfing

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Secretary's report was read and approved.

Treasurer's report was read. Motion by Braun, second by Traxler to approve as read and to pay bills.

Affirmative: All  
Opposed: None  
Motion carried

A new ATV, Suzuki KingQuad 750 AXi, was purchased from Cities Edge Motorsports in Shakopee for \$10,798.00.

The board recommended listing the district's 18' trailer on Graves online auction site being is hasn't sold yet.

Motion by Traxler, second by Braun to sign the representation letter stating Peterson Company represented the district in the 2021 year end audit.

Affirmative: All  
Opposed: None  
Motion carried

Motion by Braun, second by Gregor to approve payment of CD#61 MDM Storage and Treatment project, contract #MDM-20-01, in the amount of \$209,041.00 to Le Sueur County Drainage Authority.

Affirmative: All

Opposed: None

Motion carried

All grant recipients will now be signing a Tennessee warning that states grant information being received is public information.

Mike and Jim gave updates on the Cannon River 1W1P JPB meeting they attended. Priority projects in the county, 2023 allocation budget, lake surveys and water sampling were discussed.

Mike updated the board on the Lower MN River East 1W1P. The 1W1P board is in the process of writing a grant and addressing priorities.

Upcoming meetings and trainings:

Lower MN 1W1P – October 20

BWSR Academy – October 25-27

Le Sueur Co. SWCD monthly meeting – November 9 (due to election on November 8)

Area 6 – November 15

Leadership Training – November 15-16

State Convention – December 13-14

Cannon 1W1P Cover Crop Meeting – December 19

Motion by Gregor, second by Traxler to give Mike Schultz sign off approval on grant agreements.

Affirmative: All

Opposed: None

Motion carried

Steve gave the NRCS report. He discussed construction projects that Colin is working on, new potential sites for projects, CRP re-enrollments and CRP rates slightly increasing.

Com. Rohlring discussed the Lake Washington regional park project of blacktopping, curb and gutter completed and better access to trails, beach and day camping. The 2023 county levy has decreased slightly. The highway department's budget has increased due to fuel and material costs, the sheriff's office will be leasing vehicles due to vehicle shortages and the employees in Community Health will be moving into the transformed jail by the end of January.

The board read and voted on the 2022 resolutions.

Glendon Braun submitted a resignation from the board effective end of board meeting today, October 11, 2022.

There being no further business, meeting adjourned at 11:00 am.

11-9, 22  
Date

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Minutes from November 9, 2022 regular meeting of the Le Sueur County SWCD Board of Supervisors. Le Sueur Co. SWCD building, Le Center, MN.

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Struck at 9:00 am.

Members present: Chairman, Jim Struck  
Vice-Chairman, Greg Entinger  
Secretary, Earle Traxler  
Treasurer, Cletus Gregor

Others present: District Manager, Mike Schultz  
District Conservationist, Steve Breaker  
District Technician, Joe Jirik  
Ditch Specialist, Nik Kadel  
Resource Technician, Karl Schmidtke  
Le Sueur Co. Commissioner, Steve Rohlfing  
Program Specialist, Sue Prchal

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Secretary's report was read and approved.

Treasurer's report for 9/30/22 was read. Motion by Traxler, second by Entinger to approve as read and to pay bills.

Affirmative: All  
Opposed: None  
Motion carried

Motion by Traxler, second by Entinger to accept Glendon Braun's resignation from the Le Sueur Co. SWCD board as of end of meeting October 11, 2022.

The board suggested advertising for the District 3 supervisor position and see if there would be interest in the position.

Upcoming meetings: Area 6 meeting November 15  
Mike at leadership training November 15-16  
Lower MN E 1W1P November 17  
MASWCD convention December 13-14  
Cannon cover crop meeting December 19

The SWCD's 18' trailer sold for \$2650.00 on Graves Online Auction site.

Motion by Entinger, second by Gregor to approve and pay cost-share contract #CAP-2020-07 for Helen Morsching's well decommissioning.

Affirmative: All

Opposed: None

Motion carried

Motion by Gregor, second by Entinger to approve amendment #1SS for Steve Stangler to increase the project cost for contract CAP-2021-02 from \$1,425 to \$2,210.63.

Affirmative: All

Opposed: None

Motion carried

Motion by Traxler, second by Gregor to pay \$2,210.63 to Steve Stangler cost-share contract #CAP-2021-02.

Affirmative: All

Opposed: None

Motion carried

Motion by Traxler, second by Gregor to pay \$2850.00 to Steve Stangler cost-share contract #22-LS-003.

Affirmative: All

Opposed: None

Motion carried

Mike discussed the Pilot Water Quality Storage Grant for Lake Washington Patterson Watershed storage project. Motion by Traxler, second by Gregor to approve a contract with ISG for \$42,750.00 for engineering services. The total grant will be \$408,187.00 and the SWCD has received \$204,094.00 to date.

Affirmative: All

Opposed: None

Motion carried

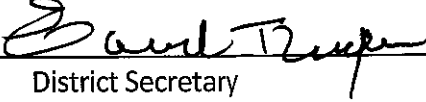
Steve gave an NRCS report. He discussed certifying EQIP, new construction projects, expiring CRP contracts and re-enrollment of CRP. Cover crops through the EQIP program and funding available through NRCS for projects.

Commissioner Rohlifing discussed remodeling projects at the courthouse, a new position in human services for investigating fraud, the tax levy decrease from 7.7% to 5.7%, Lake Washington County

Park projects wrapping up and leasing equipment for the sheriff's office instead of purchasing due to the shortage of vehicles.

There being no further business, meeting adjourned at 10:17 am.

12-20-22  
Date

  
District Secretary



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Minutes from December 20, 2022 regular meeting of the Le Sueur County SWCD Board of Supervisors. Le Sueur Co. SWCD building, Le Center, MN.

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Struck at 1:00 pm

Members present: Chairman, Jim Struck  
Vice-Chairman, Greg Entinger  
Secretary, Earle Traxler  
Treasurer, Cletus Gregor

Others present: District Manager, Mike Schultz  
Resource Technician, Karl Schmidtke  
District Technician, Joe Jirik  
District Conservationist, Steve Breaker  
Ditch Specialist, Nik Kadel  
Program Specialist, Sue Prchal  
Dave Preisler  
Pete Thelemann

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Secretary's report was read and approved.

Treasurer's report for November 2022 was read and approved with a motion by Entinger, second by Traxler.

Affirmative: All

Opposed: None

Motion carried

Nik gave the board a report on county ditch activities for the past month. He discussed buffer enforcement and compliance, tree clearing, ditch cleanings, rerouting of a ditch, beaver trapping and possibly hiring helicopters for weed control in 2023.

Steve gave the NRCS report. He talked about the dry fall and eventually being able to complete projects. He is working on CRP ownership change plans and continuous CRP plans.

Dave Preisler was elected as the 4<sup>th</sup> District Le Sueur County Commissioner. He will take over that roll next month after he is sworn in. He mentioned the county levy is lower than what was expected, leasing vehicles for the sheriff's department, remodeling the government center, software updates and roads that are on the list for repair in 2023.

Recaps:

MASWCD convention

Soil Health Day

Motion by Traxler, second by Struck to renew the MN Soil Health membership for \$25.00.

Affirmative: All

Opposed: None

Motion carried

The board received a schedule for 2023 board meeting dates.

Motion by Traxler, second by Entinger to approve the 2023 Non Structural Land Management Plan which will pay \$35/acre for cover crops and \$20/acre for strip and no till 3 year contracts.

Affirmative: All

Opposed: None

Motion carried

Motion by Entinger, second by Traxler to pay Dan Sullivan cost-share contract #CAP-2020-3 in the amount of \$6031.49.

Affirmative: All

Opposed: None

Motion carried

Motion by Traxler, second by Entinger to approve Rusty Tiede cost-share amendment #1RT to increase cost-share dollars to \$5102.12.

Affirmative: All

Opposed: None

Motion carried

Motion by Entinger, second by Traxler to pay Rusty Tiede cost-share contract #CAP-2020-4 in the amount of \$5102.12.

Affirmative: All

Opposed: None

Motion carried

Motion by Gregor, second by Entinger to pay Mike Macho cost-share contract #CAP-2021-1 in the amount of \$5437.74.

Affirmative: All

Opposed: None

Motion carried



Motion by Entinger, second by Gregor to pay Mike Macho cost-share contract #2-21 in the amount of \$12,477.70.

Affirmative: All

Opposed: None

Motion carried

Motion by Traxler, second by Entinger to pay Joe Doherty cost-share contract #CC-2021-5 in the amount of \$6420.00.

Affirmative: All

Opposed: None

Motion carried

Motion by Entinger, second by Traxler to pay Joe Doherty cost-share contract #CC-2022-1 in the amount of \$4620.00.

Affirmative: All

Opposed: None

Motion carried

Motion by Gregor, second by Entinger to pay Nathan Traxler cost-share contract #CC-2022-3 in the amount of \$3580.00.

Affirmative: Entinger, Struck, Gregor

Abstained: Traxler

Opposed: None

Motion carried

Motion by Gregor, second by Traxler to pay CJ Farms cost-share contract #CC-2022-2 in the amount of \$16,800.00.

Affirmative: All

Opposed: None

Motion carried

Motion by Entinger, second by Gregor to approve Daryl Schoemaker cost-share amendment #1DS to increase funding for cost-share contract WASH-6. Lake Washington CWF WASH-6 contract increases to \$71,049.94 from \$67,467.94 and Lake Washington Match increases to \$23,683.31 from \$22,489.31. Increase is due to project engineer requiring additional work due to finding additional erosion sights as vegetation was being removed.

Affirmative: All

Opposed: None

Motion carried

Motion by Traxler, second by Gregor to pay Daryl Schoemaker cost-share contract #WASH-6 in the amount of \$94,733.25. Lake Washington CWF grant to pay \$71,049.94, Lake Washington Match to pay \$23,683.31.

Affirmative: All

Opposed: None

Motion carried

Motion by Entinger, second by Traxler to approve James Beckel amendment #1JB to change the contract completion date to 12/31/2023.


Affirmative: All

Opposed: None

Motion carried

There being no further business, meeting adjourned at 2:45 pm.

1-10, 23  
Date

  
District Secretary