

**Wabasha Soil and Water Conservation District  
Regular Board Meeting  
September 26, 2024  
8:15 am  
(New SWCD Office)  
611 Broadway Ave.  
Suite 10B**

**I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

**II. PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE**

**III. AGENDA**

**IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Comments limited to 5 minutes per speaker

**V. CONSENT AGENDA -Board Action**

*Items on the Consent Agenda are considered to be routine by the Board and may be enacted through one motion. Any item on the Consent Agenda may be removed by any of the Board members for separate consideration.*

- A. Signed Budget Increase for AgBMP, \$300,000.00. Amendment to Attachment A between MN Dept of Agriculture and Wabasha SWCD AgBMP Loan Program – Multiple Lender System – Agreement #M7717.
- B. Johannah E. Schmitz Voucher payment for Contract# 24-SDWGPh2 -1 in the amount of \$949.78 for a Reverse Osmosis Water Treatment System.  
(Funding source – FY24 Safe Drinking Water Phase 2)
- C. Ben Klein Contract# 20-WWDWP-10 in the amount of \$4,800.00 for Practice 340 Cover Crops. One year – Install by date 11/1/2024.  
(Funding source – FY20 Whitewater Drinking Water Protection)
- D. Ben Klein Contract# 20-WWDWP-11 in the amount of \$240.00 for Practice 340 Cover Crops. One year – Install by date 11/1/2024.  
(Funding source – FY20 Whitewater Drinking Water Protection)
- E. Eric Klein Contract# 20-WWDWP-12 in the amount of \$2,405.00 for Practice 340 Cover Crops. One year – Install by date 11/1/2024.  
(Funding source – FY20 Whitewater Drinking Water Protection)
- F. Eric Klein Contract# 20-WWDWP-13 in the amount of \$1,038.00 for Practice 340 Cover Crops. One year - Install by date 11/1/2024.  
(Funding source – FY20 Whitewater Drinking Water Protection)
- G. Chuck Fick Contract# 23-CS-4 in the amount of \$1,912.50 for Practice 340 Cover Crops. One year – Install by date 11/1/2024.  
(Funding source – FY23 State Cost Share)

- H. Dan Wagner Contract # 2024WAGZ-WC-11 in the amount of \$4,500.00 for Practice 340 Cover Crops. One year – Install by date 11/1/2024.  
(Funding source – FY24 WAGZ – (Watershed Alliance for the Greater Zumbro))
- I. Meyer’s Seeds Contract# 2024WAGZ-WC-12 in the amount of \$2,110.50 for Practice 340 Cover Crops. One year – Install by date 11/1/2024.  
(Funding source – FY24 WAGZ – (Watershed Alliance for the Greater Zumbro))
- J. Larry Gates Voucher for Contract# 23-SHCS-2 in the amount of \$2,000.00 for 1<sup>st</sup> year of Practice 340 Cover Crops.  
(Funding sources – FY23 Soil Health-Cost Share)
- K. Chuck Fick Voucher payment for Contract# 23-CS-4 in the amount of \$1,912.50 for Practice 340 Cover Crops.  
(Funding source – FY23 State Cost Share)
- L. Justin Nooker - Driftless Guardians, LLC Contract for Services Agreement with Wabasha SWCD to provide technical assistance to private land owners.  
Contract with the MN DNR- WinLaC 1W1P Forestry Implementation.
- M. Dave Hager Voucher payment for Contract 24-CC-1 in the amount of \$300.00 for Practice 314 Brush Management.  
(Funding source – FY24 Conservation Contracts)
- N. Hyde Park Holsteins AgBMP Loan application in the amount of \$155,000.00 for a Mono Slope Heifer Facility to house heifers 3 to 6 month of age. Will have covered manure storage. Improving water quality.
- O. ~~Jesse Polson AgBMP Loan application in the amount of \$5,000.00 for a 3 pt Back Blade to construct and maintain waterways. Direct run off.~~
- P. Lisa Klein AgBMP Loan application in the amount of \$20,000.00 for a Guidance system for cultivator to give more accurate mechanical weed control versus spraying.
- Q. Reiter Living Trust (William Reiter) Contract# 20-WWDWP-17 in the amount of \$1,550.00 for Practice 340 Cover Crops. One year - Install by date 11/1/2024.  
(Funding source – FY20 Whitewater Drinking Water Protection)
- R. Silver Spirit Farm LLC Contract# 2024WinLac-Wab-003 in the amount of \$1,500.00 for Practice 340 Cover Crops. One year – Install by date 11/1/2024.  
(Funding source FY24 WinLac Partnership)
- S. Mike Rahman Contract# 23-CS-3 in the amount of \$1,670.00 for Practice 340 Cover Crops. One year – Install by date 11/1/2024.  
(Funding source – FY23 State Cost Share)
- T. Chad Schumacher Voucher payment for Contract# 2022WAGZ-WC-11 in the amount of \$4,000.00 for Practice 340 Cover Crops – 3<sup>rd</sup> and final year.  
(Funding source – FY22 WAGZ)

**VI. SECRETARY’S REPORT – Board Action**

- A. August 22, 2024 Meeting Minutes

**VII. TREASURER’S REPORT – Board Action**

- A. August District Financial Statements  
Included for your review
- B. Program Record – August

The full spreadsheet was sent to the board in advance

**VIII. PAYMENT OF MONTHLY BILLS**

- A. Monthly Bills in the amount of \$48,209.50- **Board Action**

**IX. DISTRICT REPORTS**

- A. Chair Report – Lynn Zabel  
B. County Commissioner – Bob Walkes  
C. District Manager Report – Terri Peters  
D. NRCS Report – Christina Taylor – In the packet  
E. District Technician Report- Matt Kempinger – In the packet  
F. Conservation Planning and Outreach Technician Report– Jenna Rasmusson –  
G. Natural Resources Technician Report– Katelyn Abts – In the packet  
H. Soil Health/Nutrient Management Tech Report – Deanna Pomije – In the packet  
I. Bookkeeper/Administrative Assistant Report -Sue Cerwinske – In the packet  
J. BWSR Report -  
K. Other agencies –

**X. OLD BUSINESS**

- A. Conservation Project – Lynn (open to any Supervisor for ideas)

**XI. NEW BUSINESS**

- A. Approve attendance for the MASWCD Area 7 SWCD Supervisors & Employees Fall Meeting at Jay C. Hormel Nature Center in Austin on October 22, 2024. \$15.00 each. Registration due Oct. 11th– **Board Action**  
Supervisors that are attending add to registration.
- B. Approve any staff who choose to attend BWSR Academy at Cragun’s Conference Center, Brainerd. October 29-31, 2024 Registration due October 4<sup>th</sup>, Costs \$75.00 per day, per employee. – **Board Action**
- C. Registration is open for the MASWCD Annual Convention on December 2-4, 2024 at the Double Tree by Hilton in Bloomington, MN. Registration deadline is November 18, 2024 - **Informational/Who will attend- Board Action**
- D. Approve Warren Craig Beighley Contract# 23-CS-2 in the amount of \$255.00 for Practice 314 Brush Management – **Board Action**  
(Funding source – FY23 State Cost Share)

**XII. Board Reports**

- A. Whitewater JPB – Lynn  
B. Zumbro 1W1P (WAGZ)– Dag  
*Dag and Jenna both attended the Aug. 29<sup>th</sup> WAGZ Policy Committee meeting. Dag’s report from that meeting is in the packet. Next meeting is November 7<sup>th</sup>,*  
C. WinLaC 1W1P – Lynn  
D. SE SWCD Technical Support JPB - Dag  
E. County Board Meeting – Sharleen

F. Upcoming Events:

- i. Monday October 14, 2024, Indigenous Peoples Day – Office Closed
- ii. Tuesday October 22, 2024, MASWCD Areal 7 SWCD Supervisors & Employee Fall Meeting at Jay C. Homel Nature Center, Austin, MN
- iii. Wednesday October 23, 2024 Coffee & Conversation at SWCD office.
- iv. Thursday October 24, 2024, Regular Board Meeting
- v. Tuesday – Thursday, October 29–31, 2024, BWSR Academy at Cragun’s

**XIII. Adjourn – Board Action**