

**Wabasha Soil and Water Conservation
District Regular Board Meeting
August 28, 2025
8:15 am
611 Broadway Avee, 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

i. Contract Amendments

- A. June E. Ratz Trust Amendment# 2 for Contract# 24-CC-5 to change the Install by date to 12/31/2025 instead of 7/31/2025 for 314 Brush Management.
(Funding source – FY24 Conservation Contracts)

ii. Vouchers

- A. Greg Speedling Voucher payment for Contract# 25-CC-2 in the amount of \$1,678.00 for Practice 380 Windbreak/Shelterbelt Establishment and Renovation.
(Funding source – FY25 Conservation Contracts)
- B.

VI. SECRETARY'S REPORT

- A. July 24, 2025, Meeting Minutes – **Board Action**

VII. TREASURER'S REPORT – Board Action

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

VIII. PAYMENT OF MONTHLY BILLS

- A. Monthly Bills in the amount of \$41,656.74 - **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. Natural Resources Technician Report– Katelyn Abts – (In the packet)
- G. Soil Health/Nutrient Management Tech Report – Deanna Pomije – (In the packet)
- H. Conservation Planning & Outreach Technician – Ella Jurgerson – (In the packet)
- I. BWSR Report –
- J. Other -

X. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Conservation Project – Lynn (open to any Supervisor for ideas)
- B. Submit Farmer of the Year and Woodland Manager of the Year to MASWCD.
- C. Deanna – Discussion & Presentation of Soil Health Adoption.

XI. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Hiring Ron Meiners to work with Ella & other staff, training on field walkovers. -
Board Action
- B. Townsquare Media July/August Healthy Soils Campaign – **Discussion**
- C. Approve Gareth & Mary Lou Hager Contract# 25-CC-10 in the amount of \$300.00 for 314 Brush Management. Installed by date 12-31-2025 – **Board Action**
(Funding source – FY25 Conservation Contracts)
- D. Approve David A & Catherine K Schmidt Trust Contract# 2025WinLaC-Wab003 in the amount of \$350.00 for Woodland Stewardship Plan. Installed by date 6-30-2026 –
Board Action
(Funding source – FY23 WinLaC)
- E. General update on the Soil Health Program.
- F. Approve current batched and ranked 2025 RCPP contracts - August – **Board Action**
- G. Wabasha fiscal agent for a \$18k contract from DNR. 10% available for admin. –
Discussion/Board Approval
Contract to pay consultants a stipend to write project plans. DNR will administer the associated cost share dollars (\$82,000). These dollars do not come through SWCD. Contract goes through June 30, 2027.
- H. Approve Bernard Schumacher Contract# 23-CWF-WIC-08 in the amount of \$11,520.00 for a 410 Grade Stabilization Structure. Installed by date 11-30-2026 –
Board Action
(Funding source – FY23 West Indian Creek Watershed Restoration and Protection)

I. Upcoming Events

- i. Monday, September 1, 2025, Labor Day – Offices Closed
- ii. Wednesday, Thursday September 10 & 11, 2025, MASWCD – Stewardship Summit: SWCD Governance & Leadership Essentials. St. Cloud.
Sharleen is attending.
- iii. Thursday, October 2, 2025, Area 7 Joint Fall Meeting, SE MASWCD and SE MACDE for Staff & Board. Grand Meadow, MN. Registration is due on September 15th.
After the meeting we will be going to the Chert Quarry/Wanhi Yukan Preserve.
(Walking Trail)
- iv. Thursday, September 25, 2025, Regular Meeting

XII. Board Reports

- A. Whitewater JPB – Lynn
- B. Zumbro 1W1P – Dag
- C. WinLaC 1W1P – Lynn
- D. SE SWCD Technical Support JPB – Dag
- E. County Board Meeting – Sharleen

XIII. Adjourn