

Stevens Soil & Water Conservation District

Regular Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, April 14, 2026

9:30 a.m. SWCD Office

- I. Chair Lonergan called the regular meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. Board members present: Anderson, Feuchtenberger, Fynboh, Goodnough, Lonergan. Staff present: Solemsaas, Staebler. Others present: Jeanne Ennen, County Commissioner; Britta Haseman, NRCS.
- II. The agenda was approved on a motion by Supervisor Goodnough and second by Supervisor Anderson. Passed unanimously.
- III. Reports
 - A. NRCS Report: Britta Haseman reminded the board that the annual Local Work Group meeting will take place after this meeting. She is working on finishing up with CSP and EQIP applications. There is a quick turnaround and there are some new rules to learn so it's been challenging.
 - B. Commissioner Ennen reported that they had a work session recently about probation. They may be changing systems. There are three people interested in renting day care pods at this time and three ready to be certified. There are several meetings scheduled related to the proposed expansion of West River Dairy. There are currently 12 county staff members using PFML. Eight of them work in Human Services. There are 30 total in Human Services.
 - C. Additions to staff reports
 1. Solemsaas reported that the PDTRA is finalizing a new budget for the upcoming WBIF funding round which will open in June. He is still working on the WCA violation and some other WCA field verifications. Additional funds were requested through the Alliance grant. The personnel committee will be interviewing three candidates on Thursday. Eight applications were received.
- IV. Supervisor Fynboh moved to approve the minutes as amended from the April 2 special meeting and the minutes from the March 10 regular meeting. Second by Goodnough. Passed unanimously.
- V. Financial Matters
 - A. Supervisor Feuchtenberger moved to approve this month's Treasurer's Report. Second by Fynboh. Passed unanimously.
 - B. Feuchtenberger moved to approve payment of the following bills. Second by Anderson. Passed unanimously.

1. Valnes Rentals	April Rent	2537.00
2. Debbie Anderson	Supervisor Pay	277.36
3. Greg Fynboh	Supervisor Pay	534.08
4. Dennis Feuchtenberger	Supervisor Pay	461.58
5. Troy Goodnough	Supervisor Pay	233.86
6. Dave Lonergan	Supervisor Pay	519.92
7. John Lembcke	DOT Exam	130.00
8. Morris Cooperative	LP	113.76
9. Willie's	Meeting expenses	113.93
10. Otter Tail Power	Electric service	36.96
11. Elan Financial		3363.49
a. Employee expenses		124.30
b. Office Maintenance		1823.30
c. Supervisor expenses (MASWCD legislative days)		697.43
d. TSA Expenses		718.46

VI. There was no Old Business.

VII. New Business

- A. Anderson moved to approve the 2026 Soil Health Delivery Grant Agreement (\$40,000). Second by Feuchtenberger. Passed unanimously.
- B. Three candidates will be interviewed Thursday for the Pomme de Terre River Watershed Coordinator position. The personnel committee (Matt, Greg and Debbie) along with the TAC Chair, Aaron Larsen, will conduct the interviews.
- C. The board and staff discussed plans for a 70th anniversary celebration. The date was set for July 15, with the board meeting being rescheduled to that day prior to an open house.
- D. Cost Share
 - a. Anderson moved to approve Well Sealing cost share of \$300 to M Benson. Second by Troy Goodnough. Passed unanimously.
 - b. Fynboh moved to approve the following Soil Health Practices Grant Allocations. Second by Feuchtenberger. Passed unanimously.
 - i. \$4306.20 to contract 75-1-18 Blackwelder Farms cover crop
 - ii. \$1766.40 to contract 75-1-19 J Johnson cover crop
 - c. Goodnough moved to approve the following Conservation Contract Cost Share Allocations. Second by Feuchtenberger. Passed unanimously. The board discussed policy change related to the use of this cost share.
 - i. 1-26-CC \$449 for 50% cost share on a farmstead windbreak
 - ii. 2-26-CC \$602 for 50% cost share on a farmstead windbreak
 - iii. 3-26-CC \$1632 for 50% cost share on a farmstead windbreak
 - iv. 4-26-CC \$2072 for 50% cost share on a farmstead windbreak
 - v. 5-26-CC \$1434 for 50% cost share on a farmstead windbreak
 - vi. 6-26-CC \$902 for 50% cost share on a farmstead windbreak

VIII. Supervisor Reports

- Area 2 meeting was well attended and the presentations were all very informative.
- Fynboh and Solemsaas attended the MASWCD Legislative Days March 17-18. They attended a meet and greet and talked to Paul Anderson and Gubernatorial candidate Kristin Robbins. They also met with Torrey Westrom the second day and talked a lot about the Alliance program with him. It was noted that next year may be a good time for a legislative forum at the Area 2 meeting, as there are a lot of legislators retiring and new candidates will need information about what we do.
- Goodnough attended the open house hosted by Riverview LLP and will be attending a book reading on Sea of Grass this Friday.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:40 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Troy Goodnough, Secretary

6/9/2026

Date