

Mower County Soil and Water Conservation District

Minutes of the Mower County Soil and Water Conservation District on July 8, 2026. Held at 1408 21st Ave NW, Austin, MN.

Meeting was called to order by Randy Smith, Board Chairman.

Supervisors Present: Randy Smith Jon Erichson (Zoom)
 Jim Kellogg Jay Soltau

Staff Present: Cody Fox, District Manager
 Jeanne Crump, Office Manager

Others Present: Teddy Moreno Santos, NRCS

Agenda:

Kellogg made a motion to approve the July agenda. Soltau seconded the motion.

Affirmative: Smith, Erichson, Kellogg, Soltau

Opposed: None

Secretary Report:

Kellogg made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 10, 2026, board meeting. Soltau seconded the motion.

Affirmative: Smith, Erichson, Kellogg, Soltau

Opposed: None

Treasurer Report:

Budget Report/Checks Payable:

The June budget report and July payables report were reviewed with the board. Soltau made a motion to approve the June budget report, July payables, July payroll, and to transfer money as needed. Kellogg second the motion.

Affirmative: Smith, Erichson, Kellogg, Soltau

Opposed: None

Commissioner Report, Polly Glynn:

Not in attendance.

BWSR Report, Dave Copeland:

Not in attendance.

NRCS Report, Teddy Moreno Santos:

Moreno Santos updated the board on NRCS programs, to include, 18 projects funded through EQIP with 17 of them having shared funding with SWCD grants, CSP, and new team lead, Josiah Olson.

Action Items:

Cost Share:

Cedar Wapsi WBIF:

Contract #	Funding Source	Contract/ Payment Approval	Landowner	Twp/Sect	Project	Total Cost Share Rate/Other	Total Estimate/ Cost	Total Cost Share	Date	L/O Cost
CW24-26-06	Cedar-Wapsi 1W1P	PAYMENT	Deloris Jacobsen	Lansing 36	Well Sealing	50% not to exceed \$1500	\$3,625.00	\$1,500.00	7/8/2026	\$2,125.00

Soltau made a motion to approve the well-selling cost share payment for Deloris Jacobsen at \$1,500.00, 50% of the total cost of \$3,625.00 not to exceed \$1,500.00. Funding for this payment will come from the FY24/25 Cedar Wapsipinicon 1W1P grant. Kellogg seconded the motion.

Affirmative: Smith, Erichson, Kellogg, Soltau

Opposed: None

Contract #	Funding Source	Contract/ Payment Approval	Landowner	Twp/Sect	Project	Total Cost Share Rate/Other	Total Estimate/ Cost	Total Cost Share	Date
CW24-26-15	Cedar-Wapsi 1W1P	CONTRACT	Adam Chapek	Marshall 5	Waterway	90% with other funding	\$32,504.00	\$9,500.60	7/8/2026
CW24-26-16	Cedar-Wapsi 1W1P	CONTRACT	Zach Nelson	Marshall 5	Waterway	90% with other funding	\$13,676.00	\$2,445.40	7/8/2026
CW24-26-17	Cedar-Wapsi 1W1P	CONTRACT	Gene Tapp	Red Rock 13	Waterway	90% with other funding	\$38,696.00	\$26,734.40	7/8/2026

Kellogg made a motion to approve the above 3 waterway cost share contracts not to exceed the total estimated cost share and 90% of the total cost when combined with additional federal cost share dollars. Funding for the SWCD share of the waterway projects will come from the FY24/25 Cedar Wapsipinicon WBIF grant. Soltau seconded the motion.

Affirmative: Smith, Erichson, Kellogg, Soltau

Opposed: None

Contract #	Funding Source	Contract/ Payment Approval	Landowner	Twp/Sect	Project	Total Cost Share Rate/Other	Year	Total Estimate/ Cost	Total Cost Share	Date
CW26-26-01	Cedar-Wapsi 1W1P	CONTRACT	David Holst	Dexter, Red Rock, Waltham	Reduce Till/Strip Till	500 ac @20	2 years	\$10,000.00	\$20,000.00	7/8/2026
CW26-26-02	Cedar-Wapsi 1W1P	CONTRACT	Wyatt Holst	Dexter, Red Rock	Reduce Till/Strip Till	500 ac @20	2 years	\$10,000.00	\$20,000.00	7/8/2026

Soltau made a motion to approve the 2 reduce till/strip till contracts for David Holst and Wyatt Holst for 2 years. Funding for these projects will come from the FY26/27 Cedar Wapsi WBIF grant. Kellogg seconded the motion.

Affirmative: Smith, Erichson, Kellogg, Soltau

Opposed: None

Outstanding Conservationists:

The board talked about the staff recommendations for Outstanding Conservationist. Soltau made a motion to nominate Brad Lukes/Lukes Farms as the 2026 Mower County Outstanding Conservationist. Kellogg seconded the motion.

Affirmative: Smith, Erichson, Kellogg, Soltau

Opposed: None

Wildlife Conservationist:

The board talked about the staff recommendations for Wildlife Conservationist. Erichson made a motion to nominate Mike Hoffman as the 2026 Mower County Outstanding Wildlife Conservationist. Soltau seconded the motion.

Affirmative: Smith, Erichson, Kellogg, Soltau

Opposed: None

Discussion Items:

Phase III Dobbins:

Fox updated the board that BWSR selected the Phase III Dobbins grant for funding through the Competitive Clean Water Fund grant application. The grant was written for \$280,000.

RCPP Water Storage Update:

Fox talked about BWSR's intention to apply for the RCPP Water Storage grant for the third time. CRWD would be a partner to BWSR in this application.

July 2nd Flood Event:

Fox showed the board photos and drone footage from the July 2nd flood.

CRP and Easement Seeding:

Fox informed the board of all CRP and easement seed sales and broadcast seeding that staff have been working on. Seeding for 2026 has been much higher than usual.

Staff Report (See Attached)

The Staff Report and all programs were reviewed.

Supervisor Reports:

No supervisor reports were added.

Meeting was adjourned. The next board meeting will be held on Wednesday, August 12, 2026, at 8:00 a.m.

APPROVED _____ DATE _____