

AGENDA

NICOLLET SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Wednesday, October 2nd, 2024

8:30 A.M.

501 7th Street

Nicollet, MN 56074

- I. Call to Order
- II. Audience Participation
- III. Review of agenda: Additions – Cancellations
- IV. Minutes of September 11th, 2024 Meeting
- V. Bills Paid: September 2024
- VI. Treasurer's Report: October 2024
- VII. Old Business
- VIII. New Business
 1. MASWCD Annual Convention Attendance
 2. Updated Non-Structural Management Practices Policy
 3. Events:
 - i. Fall Tour Oct. 9th
 - ii. Strip-Till Demo Nov. 7th
 - iii. Fall Area VI Meeting Nov. 21st
 4. Cost Share
 5. 7-Mile Dam Update
- IX. NRCS Report
- X. Supervisor & Staff Report
- XI. Other Business
- XII. Next Meeting
- XIII. Adjourn



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MINNESOTA SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICTS

Minutes of the Nicollet Soil and Water Conservation District, 501 7th Street, Nicollet, Minnesota,
October 2nd, 2024.

Meeting was called to order by Chair – Hermanson at 8:25 A.M.

Members Present: Chair, Don Hermanson
Vice Chair, John Kral
Treasurer, Tim Braun
Secretary, Bruce Hulke
Member, Eric Annexstad

Others Present: District Manager, Kevin Ostermann
District Technician, Blake Honetschlager
District Technician, Mackenzie Bratsch – Absent
Administrative Assistant, Judy Beetch
NRCS, Jake Stich - Absent
FSA, Brad Flatin
County Commissioner, Kurt Zins - Absent

Upon a motion by Hulke and seconded by Annexstad, it was moved to approve the agenda. Ayes Hermanson, Kral, Hulke, Braun, Annexstad. Carried.

Upon a motion by Annexstad and seconded by Hulke, it was moved to approve the minutes of the September 11th, 2024 meeting. Ayes Hermanson, Kral, Hulke, Braun, Annexstad. Carried.

Upon a motion by Kral and seconded by Annexstad, it was moved to approve 46 paid bills for September 2024 totaling \$87,642.30 (Checking Account), and 0 paid bills for September 2024 (Grants Account). Ayes Hermanson, Kral, Hulke, Braun, Annexstad. Carried.

Upon a motion by Hulke and seconded by Braun, it was moved to approve the October 2024 Treasurer's Reports, subject to audit. Ayes Hermanson, Kral, Hulke, Braun, Annexstad. Carried.

Old Business:

New Business:

MASWCD Annual Convention Attendance: Hermanson and Annexstad plan to attend the Annual Convention, along with SWCD employees. No motion needed.

Updated Non-Structural Management Practices Policy: A motion was made by Annexstad and seconded by Kral, to approve the revised Non-Structural Management Practices Policy, which now includes a limit on the number of acres that can be contracted. Ayes Hermanson, Kral, Hulke, Braun, Annexstad. Carried.

Events - Fall Tour, Strip-Till Demo, Area VI Meeting: A decision will be made early next week as to whether the Fall Tour should be pushed back a week from the original date of Wednesday, October 9th. The Strip-Till Demo registration is on the SWCD website. A motion was made by Kral and seconded by Annexstad, to approve Supervisors and staff to attend the Area VI Meeting in North Mankato on Nov. 21st. Ayes Hermanson, Kral, Hulke, Braun, Annexstad. Carried.

Cost Share:

A request was presented to the Board for approval of Soil Health Delivery Contract SHD1 seeking financial assistance of \$15,000.00 for 100 acres of Cover Crops, at \$50.00 per acre for 3 years. Upon a motion by Braun and seconded by Hulke, it was moved to approve Contract SHD1. Ayes Hermanson, Kral, Braun, Hulke, Annexstad. Carried.

The Board was asked to approve Soil Health Delivery Contract SHD2, seeking financial assistance of \$10,500.00 for 100 acres of No Till/Strip Till at \$35.00 per acre for 3 years. Upon a motion by Annexstad and seconded by Kral, it was moved to approve Contract SHD2. Ayes Hermanson, Kral, Braun, Hulke, Annexstad. Carried.

A request was presented to the Board for approval of Soil Health Delivery Contract SHD3 seeking financial assistance of \$15,000.00 for 100 acres of Cover Crops, at \$50.00 per acre for 3 years. Upon a motion by Annexstad and seconded by Hulke, it was moved to approve Contract SHD3. Ayes Hermanson, Kral, Braun, Hulke, Annexstad. Carried.

The Board was asked to approve Soil Health Delivery Contract SHD4, seeking financial assistance of \$5,000.00 for 100 acres of Cover Crops at \$50.00 per acre for 1 year. Upon a motion by Braun and seconded by Hulke, it was moved to approve Contract SHD4. Ayes Hermanson, Kral, Braun, Hulke, Annexstad. Carried.

A request was presented to the Board for approval of Soil Health Delivery Contract SHD5 seeking financial assistance of \$1,750.00 for 50 acres of Cover Crops, at \$35.00 per acre for 1 year. Upon a motion by Annexstad and seconded by Kral, it was moved to approve Contract SHD5. Ayes Hermanson, Kral, Braun, Hulke, Annexstad. Carried.

The Board was asked to approve Soil Health Delivery Contract SHD6, seeking financial assistance of \$3,500.00 for 100 acres of Cover Crops at \$35.00 per acre for 1 year. Upon a motion by Annexstad and seconded by Kral, it was moved to approve Contract SHD6. Ayes Hermanson, Kral, Braun, Hulke, Annexstad. Carried.

A request was presented to the Board for approval of Soil Health Delivery Contract SHD7 seeking financial assistance of \$3,500.00 for 100 acres of Cover Crops, at \$35.00 per acre for 1 year. Upon a motion by Hulke and seconded by Braun, it was moved to approve Contract SHD7. Ayes Hermanson, Kral, Braun, Hulke, Annexstad. Carried.

The Board was asked to approve Soil Health Delivery Contract SHD8, seeking financial assistance of \$1,750.00 for 50 acres of Cover Crops at \$35.00 per acre for 1 year. Upon a motion by Annexstad and seconded by Kral, it was moved to approve Contract SHD8. Ayes Hermanson, Kral, Braun, Hulke, Annexstad. Carried.

7-Mile Dam Update: Upon a motion by Annexstad and seconded by Braun, approval was given for Ostermann to have authority to pay invoices as needed for the 7-Mile Dam project. Ayes Hermanson, Kral, Hulke, Braun, Annexstad. Carried.

NRCS Report: Stich did not attend.

FSA Report: Flatin reported that Nicollet and Blue Earth Counties were given disaster designations which unlocks availability of disaster loans, but it may take up to a year for disaster relief. The Farm Bill expired Sept. 30th so CRP is on hold. They can service current contracts, but no new offers can be accepted.

Supervisor & Staff Report: Annexstad attended the TSA Meeting on September 19th. **Hermanson** attended the SWCD Candidate Forum & Community Event on September 24th. He won't be able to make the 1W1P Meeting on Oct. 14th. Alternate Kral will attend in his place. Staff reports are attached.

Other Business: None

Next Meeting: November 6th, 2024 at 8:30 A.M.

Adjourn: A motion was made by Annexstad and seconded by Braun to adjourn the meeting. Meeting Adjourned at 9:39 A.M.

Approved: _____

Secretary Braun Hulke

Nicollet SWCD

Monthly Treasurer's Report

As of September 30, 2024

| | TOTAL |
|--|---------------------|
| ASSETS | |
| Current Assets | |
| Bank Accounts | |
| 10000 Pioneer Bank | 266,041.04 |
| 11000 Pioneer Bank Grants | 65,708.32 |
| 12000 Pioneer Bank Savings | 217,922.71 |
| 15000 Pioneer Bank CD | 158,874.70 |
| Total Bank Accounts | \$708,546.77 |
| Total Current Assets | \$708,546.77 |
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| LIABILITIES AND EQUITY | |
| Liabilities | |
| Current Liabilities | |
| Other Current Liabilities | |
| 21000 Unearned Revenue | 0.00 |
| UR - Buffer Grant T&A | 20,000.00 |
| UR - BWSR 2022 Capacity | 7,500.00 |
| UR - BWSR 2023 Capacity | 12,406.00 |
| UR - Conservation Delivery 2025 | 19,224.00 |
| UR - Soil Health Cost Share | 12,571.46 |
| UR - Soil Health Delivery Grant 2025 | 30,000.00 |
| UR - Soil Health Staffing 2024 | 39,806.07 |
| UR - Targeted Watershed (deleted) | 0.00 |
| UR-Conservation Contracts 2024 | 15,651.00 |
| UR-Conservation Contracts 2025 | 15,651.00 |
| Total 21000 Unearned Revenue | 172,809.53 |
| 24000 Payroll Liabilities | -3,295.86 |
| 25500 Sales Tax Payable | 0.00 |
| Total Other Current Liabilities | \$169,513.67 |
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| Equity | |
| 32000 Retained Earnings | 292,693.40 |
| 33000 Assigned Compensated Absences | 60,120.91 |
| 34000 Assigned Building Maintenance | 12,000.00 |
| Net Income | 174,218.79 |
| Total Equity | \$539,033.10 |
| TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY | \$708,546.77 |

