

## AGENDA

NICOLLET SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

**Wednesday, November 6th, 2024**

**8:30 A.M.**

501 7<sup>th</sup> Street

Nicollet, MN 56074

- I. Call to Order
- II. Audience Participation
- III. Review of agenda: Additions – Cancellations
- IV. Minutes of October 2nd, 2024 Meeting
- V. Bills Paid: October 2024
- VI. Treasurer's Report: November 2024
- VII. Old Business
- VIII. New Business
  1. Area VI Meeting Attendance/Nov.21<sup>st</sup> in N. Mankato
  2. NACD Dues
  3. 7-Mile Dam Update
  4. Cost Share
  5. Events Reminder:
    - i. Strip Till Demo, Nov. 7<sup>th</sup> @ Marvin Krohn Farm
    - ii. MASWCD Annual Convention, Dec. 2-4 @ Double Tree in Bloomington
  6. Conservation Volunteer Donation
- IX. NRCS Report
- X. FSA Report
- XI. Supervisor & Staff Report
- XII. Other Business
- XIII. Next Meeting
- XIV. Adjourn

# Nicollet SWCD

## Monthly Treasurer's Report

As of October 31, 2024

	TOTAL
<b>ASSETS</b>	
Current Assets	
Bank Accounts	
10000 Pioneer Bank	77,096.67
11000 Pioneer Bank Grants	65,711.11
12000 Pioneer Bank Savings	218,477.97
15000 Pioneer Bank CD	158,874.70
<b>Total Bank Accounts</b>	<b>\$520,160.45</b>
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<b>\$520,160.45</b>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$520,160.45</b>
<b>LIABILITIES AND EQUITY</b>	
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 2023	12,582.37
UR - Soil Health Delivery Grant 2025	30,000.00
UR - Soil Health Staffing 2024	42,176.29
UR - Targeted Watershed (deleted)	0.00
UR-Conservation Contracts 2024	15,651.00
UR-Conservation Contracts 2025	15,651.00
<b>Total 21000 Unearned Revenue</b>	<b>175,190.66</b>
24000 Payroll Liabilities	-2,622.06
25500 Sales Tax Payable	0.00
<b>Total Other Current Liabilities</b>	<b>\$172,568.60</b>
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<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>\$172,568.60</b>
Equity	
32000 Retained Earnings	292,682.49
33000 Assigned Compensated Absences	60,120.91
34000 Assigned Building Maintenance	12,000.00
Net Income	-17,211.55
<b>Total Equity</b>	<b>\$347,591.85</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY</b>	<b>\$520,160.45</b>





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# MINNESOTA SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICTS

Minutes of the Nicollet Soil and Water Conservation District, 501 7<sup>th</sup> Street, Nicollet, Minnesota,  
November 6th, 2024.

Meeting was called to order by Chair – Hermanson at 8:30 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  
Administrative Assistant, Judy Beetch  
NRCS, Jake Stich - Absent  
NRCS, Chris Engh  
FSA, Brad Flatin – Absent  
County Commissioner, Kurt Zins - Absent  
Shane Bugeja, BWSR – Absent

Upon a motion by Annexstad and seconded by Hulke, it was moved to approve the agenda with 1 addition. Ayes Hermanson, Kral, Hulke, Braun, Annexstad. Carried.

Upon a motion by Braun and seconded by Kral, it was moved to approve the minutes of the October 2nd, 2024 meeting. Ayes Hermanson, Kral, Hulke, Braun, Annexstad. Carried.

Upon a motion by Hulke and seconded by Annexstad, it was moved to approve 38 paid bills for October 2024 totaling \$188,955.05 (Checking Account), and 0 paid bills for October 2024 (Grants Account). Ayes Hermanson, Kral, Hulke, Braun, Annexstad. Carried.

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

**Old Business:**

## **New Business:**

**Area VI Meeting Attendance/Nov. 21 in N. Mankato:** Hermanson and Annexstad plan to attend the Area VI Meeting, along with SWCD employees. No motion needed.

**NACD Dues:** Upon a motion by Annexstad and seconded by Kral, the Board agreed to continue support of the National Association of Conservation Districts with the Gold-Level membership contribution of \$1,000.00. Ayes Hermanson, Kral, Hulke, Braun, Annexstad. Carried.

**7-Mile Dam Update:** The project is moving along and should be nearly completed this month and finalized in the spring. No motion needed.

## **Cost Share:**

A request was presented to the Board for final payment of Soil Health Contract SH1. Financial assistance of \$2,548.20 for 31 acres of Cover Crops at \$41.10 per acre was requested for payment of year two and three of the conservation practice. Upon a motion by Braun and seconded by Annexstad, it was moved to approve payment on contract SH1 for \$2,548.20. Ayes Hermanson, Hulke, Kral, Braun, Annexstad. Carried

A request for final payment was presented to the Board for 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 Kral and seconded by Hulke, it was moved to approve payment on Contract SHD1 for \$15,000.00. Ayes Hermanson, Kral, Braun, Hulke, Annexstad. Carried.

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

A request for final payment was presented to the Board for 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 payment on Contract SHD8 for \$1,750.00. Ayes Hermanson, Kral, Braun, Hulke, Annexstad. Carried.

**Events: Strip-Till Demo/Convention:** The Board was reminded of the Strip-Till Demo on Nov. 7<sup>th</sup> and the MASWCD Convention on Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup>- 4<sup>th</sup>. No motion needed.

**Conservation Volunteer Donation:** A motion was made by Braun and seconded by Kral, to donate \$250.00 to the MN Conservation Volunteer publication for 2025. Ayes Hermanson, Kral, Braun, Hulke, Annexstad. Carried.

**1W1P Reports:** The Lower MN 1W1P Policy Committee is in the process of approving the budget. They will meet on Nov. 7<sup>th</sup> to discuss the second round of implementation funds. They will address the addition of structural vs. non-structural limits. Additional funds are needed for filter strips, which are a necessary practice per the state. Funds can be used for filter strips on private ditches or to expand what is already being done. The tour has been cancelled until spring.

The Nicollet SWCD has taken over the Planning Committee for the **1W1P Mankato**; Nicollet County is still the fiscal agent. The policy meeting has been cancelled for November. The Advisory Committee has been approved and consultants are working on a draft for the plan. There will be an Advisory Meeting in December with the Steering Team meeting after where a lists of concerns will be reviewed and priorities focused on.

**NRCS Report:** Report attached.

**FSA Report:** Report attached.

**Supervisor & Staff Report: Annexstad** will be attending the 1W1P Meeting on Nov.7th. **Hermanson** shared some photos and reported on what he learned about farming in Germany on a trip to Europe. Staff reports are attached.

**Other Business:** Jennifer Grommes, Program Manager from Great River Greening, shared information on some of the difficulties that area farmers are facing in implementing cover crops such as Kernza. She is looking for a group of individuals to discuss the barriers and create solutions. There will be a meeting on Dec. 12<sup>th</sup> at the St. Peter Coop to discuss further.

**Next Meeting:** December 11th, 2024 at 8:30 A.M.

**Adjourn:** A motion was made by Braun and seconded by Hulke to adjourn the meeting. Meeting Adjourned at 10:12 A.M.

**Approved:** \_\_\_\_\_

Secretary  \_\_\_\_\_