



Le Sueur County Soil & Water Conservation District

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Minutes from January 13, 2026, regular board meeting of the Le Sueur County SWCD Board of Supervisors. Le Sueur County SWCD building, Le Center, MN.

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Entinger at 9:00 am.

Present: Chairman, Greg Entinger
 Vice-Chairman, Jim Struck
 Secretary, Earle Traxler
 Treasurer, Pete Thelemann
 PR&I, Ken Mader

Others present: District Manager, Mike Schultz
 District Technician, Joe Jirik
 Resource Technician, Karl Schmidtke
 Ditch Specialist, Nik Kadel
 NRCS Soil Con, Kim Scheffler
 Program Specialist, Sue Prchal
 Commissioner Rohlfig
 Commissioner Preisler

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Secretary's report for December 9, 2025, was read and approved.

Treasurer's report for December 31, 2025, was read and a motion by Struck, second by Mader to approve as read and to pay bills.

Affirmative: All
Opposed: None
Motion carried

Election of officers took place. Motion by Struck, second by Thelemann that all officers remain the same for 2026.

Affirmative: All
Opposed: None
Motion carried

Commission Preisler discussed the final budget increase for Le Sueur County being 4.4%, the county comprehensive plan update, FEMA final payment received from the Waterville floods, DNR will be enforcing the shotgun/rifle gun law, broadband and road maintenance.

Motion by Thelemann, second by Struck to designate First National Bank of Le Center as the 2026 official bank for Le Sueur County SWCD.

Affirmative: All

Opposed: None

Motion carried

Motion by Thelemann, second by Struck to designate the Le Sueur County News as the 2026 official newspaper for Le Sueur County SWCD.

Affirmative: All

Opposed: None

Motion carried

The 2026 mileage rate is \$.725/mile.

Board member assignments (committees served or board representation) for 2026 will remain the same.

The board reviewed the options by which they can be elected. A motion by Thelemann, second by Traxler to maintain the current election framework being Supervisors elected at *large* - Minnesota Statue 103C.311 Subd.1.

Affirmative: All

Opposed: None

Motion carried

Motion by Traxler, second by Struck to pay the following dues:

MASWCD \$7654.59

Area 6 \$400.00

CRWP \$2625.00

MACDE \$150.00

Affirmative: All

Opposed: None

Motion carried

Kim gave an NRCS report and discussed EQIP AND CSP, a regenerative pilot program training and applications they are currently working on.

Motion by Mader, second by Struck to make an RCPP contract payment for \$1380.00 on cover crop contract #40-1-6. (**RCPP grant #1**)

Affirmative: All

Opposed: None

Motion carried

There will be an Area 6 Chairman's meeting on February 3, 2026.

District Manager Mike Schultz:

- read the Lake Washington Drainage response letter to the board.
- discussed the Blue Earth public water update.

Motion by Struck, second by Traxler to hire Peterson Company for the SWCD's 2025 audit.

Affirmative: All

Opposed: None

Motion carried

Motion by Thelemann, second by Mader to purchase a 15' John Deere no-till drill for \$96,047.31 from Midwest Machinery in Northfield, MN.

Affirmative: All

Opposed: None

Motion carried

Motion by Thelemann, second by Traxler to pay Le Sueur County Drainage Authority \$50,528.26 for cost-share contract #MDM-2025-01. (**drainage grant FY24**)

Affirmative: All

Opposed: None

Motion carried

Motion by Struck, second by Mader to pay Scott Pexa \$1451.00 for cost-share contract #1-25. (**conservation contracts FY25**)

Affirmative: All

Opposed: None

Motion carried

Motion by Struck, second by Mader to pay Scott Pexa \$17,115.25 for cost-share contract #2-24. (**conservation contracts FY24**)

Affirmative: All

Opposed: None

Motion carried

Motion by Thelemann, second by Mader to pay \$8451.00 to Wayne Schanus for contract #25-LS-003. (**LoMRE**)

Affirmative: All

Opposed: None

Motion carried

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Cannon - preliminary engineering reports for Kilkenny road and Cannon River road.

Motion by Thelemann, second by Struck to pay Francis Budin \$500 CRP incentive for contract #25-LSC-CRP-14.

Affirmative: All

Opposed: None

Motion carried

Motion by Thelemann, second by Struck to pay Francis Budin \$500 CRP incentive for contract #25-LSC-CRP-13.

Affirmative: All

Opposed: None

Motion carried

Middle – Motion by Mader, second by Struck to submit resolution to adopt and implement comprehensive watershed management plan.

Affirmative: All

Opposed: None

Motion carried

LoMRE – Motion by Struck, second by Thelemann to pay Schoenbauer Farms \$500.00 CRP incentive payment for contract #25-LSC-CRP-027.

Affirmative: All

Opposed: None

Motion carried

Motion by Struck, second by Thelemann to pay Josh Thelemann \$500.00 CRP incentive payment for contract #25-LSC-CRP-011.

Affirmative: All

Opposed: None

Motion carried

Motion by Struck, second by Thelemann to pay Luke Simon \$1500.00 CRP incentive payment for contract #25-LSC-CRP-032.

Affirmative: All

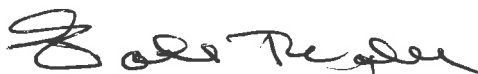
Opposed: None

Motion carried

There being no further business, meeting adjourned 11:00 am. The SWCD board and staff met the 2025 Outstanding Conservationists, Jerry and Lori Beckel, (Jim not present) for lunch and presented them with an Outstanding Conservationist sign.

3-10-26

Date



District Secretary