



Le Sueur County Soil & Water Conservation District

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Minutes from August 12, 2026, regular 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.

Members present: Chairman, Greg Entinger
Vice-Chairman, Jim Struck
Secretary, Earle Traxler
Treasurer, Pete Thelemann

Members absent: PR&I, Ken Mader

Others present; District Manager, Mike Schultz
Outreach Specialist, Kourtney Spitzack
BWSR Board Con, Shane Bugeja
District Technician, Joe Jirik
Resource Technician, Karl Schmidtke
NRCS Intern, Katie Dirks
NRCS Soil Tech, Kim Scheffler
Program Specialist, Sue Prchal
Le Sueur Co. Commissioner, Dave Preisler
Le Sueur Co. Commissioner, Steve Rohlfig

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Secretary's report was read and approved.

Treasurer's report was read. Motion by Struck, second by Traxler to approve as read and to pay bills.

Affirmative: All

Opposed: None

Motion carried

Guest reports –

Commissioner Rohlfig complimented the SWCD on last month's outstanding conservationist tour. Road projects and staff updates were also given.

Commissioner Preisler discussed budget meetings and the preliminary levy, county ordinance work sessions, the Cannon tour and the work done in the watershed.

Kim Scheffler has been completing CRP plans and status reviews. Katie Dirks last day is Friday, August 14, 2026.

Shane Bugeja talked of RCPP projects being on the ground for 1 year with approximately 13,000 acres having positive impacts in Le Sueur Co. A reminder to turn in training requests to BWSR, grants open to apply for and 1W1P listening sessions.

Entinger, Schultz and Prchal met with the County Commissioners requesting the 2027 SWCD appropriation (3.5% increase).

The mileage rate increased to \$.76/mile effective July 1, 2026.

The Le Sueur County Fair begins Thursday, August 20, 2026. The SWCD will have an indoor booth. Board members are welcome to help staff the booth.

Motion by Traxler, second by Thelemann to choose Nick, John and James Krautkremer as the 2026 Le Sueur County SWCD Outstanding Conservationists.

Affirmative: All

Opposed: None

Motion carried

Motion by Struck, second by Thelemann to encumber the following RCPP soil health contracts:

40-4-3	\$13,254.50	378.7 acres	Strip-Till
40-5-5	\$24,667.45	705 acres	Strip-Till

Affirmative: All

Opposed: None

Motion carried

There is an Area 6 meeting and tour on September 1, 2026, in Fairmont.

CDs held at First National Bank of Le Center will automatically renew for 5 more months. If the SWCD needs to cash them out before the maturity date, there will be no penalty.

1W1P

Cannon – flood study review, Upper Cannon River Watershed flood risk reduction feasibility report

Motion by Traxler, second by Struck to pay William VanRyswyk cost-share contract #26-LS-002 \$500.00 for a native shoreline planting.

Affirmative: All

Opposed: None

Motion carried

Motion by Thelemann, second by Traxler to encumber \$9570.00 for Jason Stavenau cost-share contract #26-LS-009.

Affirmative: All

Opposed: None

Motion carried

Motion by Traxler, second by Struck to encumber \$5225.25 for Steve Stangler cost-share contract #26-LS-010.

Affirmative: All

Opposed: None

Motion carried

Motion by Thelemann, second by Traxler to encumber \$4072.50 for Donovan Schwichtenberg cost-share contract #26-LS-011.

Affirmative: All

Opposed: None

Motion carried

LoMRE – Voight farm soil health day recap

Middle – Hinton watershed wetland feasibility report complete, beaver trapper hired for activity on Patterson project

There being no further business, meeting adjourned at 10:24 am.

9-8-26

Date

Bob Traxler

District Secretary