



Le Sueur County Soil & Water Conservation District

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Minutes from April 4, 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 Technician, Joe Jirik
District Manager, Mike Schultz
Le Sueur County Commissioner, Steve Rohlring
BWSR Board Conservationist, Shane Bugeja
Ditch Specialist, Nik Kadel
NRCS Soil Con, Kim Scheffler
Program Specialist, Sue Prchal

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Secretary's report for March 10, 2026, was read and approved.

Treasurer's report for March 31, 2026, 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 Rohlring discussed finalizing the draft comprehensive land use plan, allowing rifles for deer hunting, future road projects, public safety plans and county ditches.

Kim Scheffler discussed the decrease of EQIP funded applications, CSP applications, 90 accepted CRP contracts and the local workgroup meeting June 9, 2026.

Shane Bugeja discussed RCPP dollars, multipurpose drainage management grant, clear water legacy funds and Middle MN watershed funding.

Updates

Legislative Days attended by Mike Schultz, Karl Schmidtke, Ken Mader and Jim Struck. SWCD funding needs were discussed, wells and water testing education, water storage and 1 on 1 tours with legislatures.

RCPP encumbered contracts-

40-4-1	Cover Crops	279.1 acres	\$16,746.00
40-4-2	Cover Crops	1535 acres	\$92,100.00

PRAP

Draft report will be discussed today, and the board will go over final report at May meeting.

Motion by Thelemann, second by Traxler to take out a \$120,000 CD at First National Bank of Le Center at 3.9% interest for 7 months (**RCPP grant #6**).

Affirmative: All

Opposed: None

Motion carried

Motion by Traxler, second by Thelemann to work with Kibble Equipment in Belle Plaine to purchase a 15' drill.

Affirmative: All

Opposed: None

Motion carried

The John Deere gator's power steering isn't working. The gator is being checked out at Kibble Equipment in Belle Plaine.

Supervisor filing period is May 19 – June 2, 2026. Entinger and Traxler are up for election.

Motion by Traxler, second by Struck to accept a project survey quote from ISG in the amount of \$11,000.

Affirmative: Entinger, Traxler, Struck

Opposed: Thelemann

Motion carried

Motion by Thelemann, second by Struck to approve Gibbs change order #2 to increase the project cost by \$55,110.10 due to additional excavation. Total project cost \$172,842.50.

Affirmative: All

Opposed: None

Motion carried

Motion by Thelemann, second by Traxler to pay \$65,995.55 to Brunz Construction for Gibbs water storage project. **(FY25 water quality grant)**

Affirmative: All

Opposed: None

Motion carried

Cannon River Road water storage project request for professional service proposals for survey, design and installation.

Personnel committee updates

- Motion by Thelemann, second by Struck to terminate the Ditch Inspector position effective 7/1/2026.

Affirmative: All

Opposed: None

Motion carried

- Motion by Thelemann, second by Traxler to hire Steve Breaker as a temporary employee at \$25.00/hour with a maximum of 400 hours to use between April 20, 2026 through September 30, 2026.

Affirmative: All

Oppose: None

Motion carried

Entinger discussed the Pikal/Shambour drainage issue of Pikal CREP.

1W1P

Cannon – PRAP review, Preliminary Investment feasibility report update, Lake Francis surface water assessment grant update

LoMRE – Motion by Thelemann, second by Struck to encumber Bruce McKay cost-share contract 2026-LSC-LoMRE-01 for a grade stabilization structure in the amount of \$46,233.00.

Affirmative: All

Opposed: None

Motion carried

Middle – Motion by Traxler, second by Thelemann to sign the approved Comprehensive Watershed Management plan JPA.

Affirmative: All

Opposed: None

Motion carried

The board recognized Sue Prchal for her 35 years of service.

5.12.26

Date



District Secretary