



Le Sueur County Soil & Water Conservation District

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Minutes from May 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
PR&I, Ken Mader

Members absent: Treasurer, Pete Thelemann

Others present: District Manager, Mike Schultz
District Technician, Joe Jirik
Outreach Specialist, Kourtney Spitzack
BWSR Board Conservationist, Shane Bugeja
NRCS Soil Tech, Kim Scheffler
Le Sueur Co. Commissioner, Steve Rohlffing
Le Sueur Co. Commissioner, Dave Preisler
Program Specialist, Sue Prchal

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Secretary's report for April 14, 2026, was read and approved.

Treasurer's report for April 30, 2026, was read. Motion by Mader, second by Struck to approve as read and to pay bills.

Affirmative: All

Opposed: None

Motion carried

Le Sueur County Commissioners discussed the following:

Ottawa mine

Unimin (now Covia)

Road projects

Data center ordinance

Comprehensive land use plan comments

Broadband almost complete in County

Kim Scheffler discussed the following:

Ranking CSP contracts (1 out of 7 funded)

Spring construction

Doing site visits and surveys

CRP accepted contracts and completing conservation plans

New intern beginning Monday, May 18, 2026

Shane Bugeja discussed the following:

Grant applications available

Presented Le Sueur County SWCD with 80 year plaque

Don Bajumpa discussed the findings of PRAP virtually. The Le Sueur County SWCD rated very highly according to the findings.

Motion by Traxler, second by Mader to designate WCA decision authority to the District Manager.

Affirmative: All

Opposed: None

Motion carried

Working with entities within Le Sueur County designating WCA representation.

Motion by Traxler, second by Mader to sign ISG \$77,000 project bid for Cannon River Road.

Affirmative: All

Opposed: None

Motion carried

Updates:

Motion by Traxler, second by Mader to table deciding on the John Deere Gator (fix power steering pump, trade in towards a side by side or sell outright).

Affirmative: All

Opposed: None

Motion carried

15' no till drill purchase agreement complete with Kibble Equipment, \$89,500 arrival Fall 2026.

Supervisor filing period – May 19-June 2, 2026 (Entinger and Traxler).

Tree program complete, approximately 8100 trees/shrubs planted.

The following RCPP contracts were approved by the District Manager:

40-5-1	\$67,788.00	1129.8 acres cover crops
40-5-2	\$2,679.60	76.56 acres no till/strip till
40-5-3	\$18,144.00	302.4 acres cover crops

1W1P

Cannon – flood storage, flood mitigations funds not funded

Motion by Mader, second by Traxler to sign Cletus Gregor cost-share amendment CG-2-2025 to increase total amount authorized from \$\$28,346.25 to \$29,319.75 due to additional shaping, rerouting of tile and additional tile connection.

Affirmative: All

Opposed: None

Motion carried

Motion by Mader, second by Struck to make payment to Cletus Gregor for cost-share contract #25-LS-001 in the amount of \$3412.50.

Affirmative: All

Opposed: None

Motion carried

Motion by Traxler, second by Struck that District Manager encumbered \$500 for William VanRyswyk cost-share contract LS-002 for native shoreline planting.

Affirmative: All

Opposed: None

Motion carried

LoMRE – Ravine grant, Lake Pepin Alliance

Motion by Traxler, second by Mader to make payment to Pete Thelemann cost-share contract #25-LS-001 in the amount of \$14,559.75.

Affirmative: All

Opposed: None

Motion carried

Middle – policy meeting, dues set at \$1000, ADA accessibility

Motion by Traxler, second by Mader to set a \$1000 budget to spend on the SWCD's 80 year anniversary for promotional items.

Affirmative: All

Opposed: None

Motion carried

The board congratulated Mike Schultz on 15 years of service.

There being no further business, meeting adjourned at 11:30 am.

6.9.2026
Date


District Secretary