



Le Sueur County Soil & Water Conservation District

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Minutes from March 10, 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
PR&I, Ken Mader

Others present: District Manager, Mike Schultz
BWSR Board Conservationist, Shane Bugeja
Outreach Specialist, Kourtney Spitzack
Resource Technician, Karl Schmidtke
Ditch Specialist, Nik Kadel
NRCS Soil Conservationist, Kim Scheffler
Le Sueur County Commissioner, Dave Preisler
Le Sueur County Commissioner, Steve Rohlfig
Program Specialist, Sue Prchal

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Secretary's report for January 13, 2026, was read and approved.

Treasurer's report for January 31, 2026, was read. Motion by Mader, second by Traxler to approve.

Affirmative: All
Opposed: None
Motion carried

Treasurer's report for February 28, 2026, was read. Motion by Struck, second by Traxler to approve as read and to pay bills.

Affirmative: All
Opposed: None
Motion carried

Le Sueur County Commissioners discussed the following:

- Visit to Capitol to discuss funding
- Computer system update
- Comprehensive Plan hearings & updating ordinances
- Grant application for water storage projects
- Shotgun/rifle zones in MN
- Road projects
- Highway department equipment purchases
- Staffing updates
- Final ROB's will be completed

Shane discussed the following:

- RCPP grants dollars available
- Grant opportunities
- Future of MN Lakes conference

Kim discussed the following:

- EQIP planning, changes and training
- Summer intern in Le Center office
- Future Local Work Group meeting

Le Sueur County SWCD has been providing conservation for 80 years this year. Board recommended celebrating this accomplishment at the summer tour, posting on social media and reaching out to KCHK radio station to publicize this achievement.

RIM program – landowners who originally paid for updating their abstracts, when enrolling into the RIM program, will receive reimbursement from the SWCD for that cost. The State of MN has deposited funds in the SWCD account to do this.

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| - Mary Dvorak | \$750.00 |
| - Steve Stangler | \$550.00 |
| - Ivan Maas | \$725.00 |
| - Blake Dirks | \$725.00 |
| - James Nytes | \$725.00 |
| - Tim Krenik | \$725.00 |
| - Reeder Family Farms | \$725.00 |

Le Sueur Co. SWCD is currently going through a PRAP review. This process assesses the functions, operations and policies of the SWCD. The review recommended the SWCD update 2 policies.

- Operating Rules, Guidelines and By-Laws policy was handed out to the board. Motion by Traxler, second by Mader to sign the pledge to carry out their role as a board member.
Affirmative: All
Opposed: None
Motion carried
- Data Practices policy was handed out to the board. Motion by Traxler, second by Struck to approve the updated policy.
Affirmative: All
Opposed: None
Motion carried

Motion by Struck, second by Traxler to pay TSA dues in the amount of \$3550.00.

Affirmative: All
Opposed: None
Motion carried

Legislative Days will be March 17/18, 2026. Ken, Karl and Mike will attend.

Motion by Traxler, second by Mader to publish the required accessibility statement and privacy policy on the SWCD website.

Affirmative: All
Opposed: None
Motion carried

Mike gave the following manager updates:

- Prevailing wage requirements on jobs receiving dollars from the State of MN
- \$340,000 grant submitted for Fox Hollow Road project
- \$423,154 Grant awarded for Cannon River Road water storage project
- Motion by Traxler, second by Mader to request ISG to survey the Lake Washington drainage project.
Affirmative: All
Opposed: None
Motion carried
- Gibbs project update
- MDM grant reconciliation complete
- MCIT claim for F250 broken headlight
- RCPP update

Motion by Thelemann, second by Traxler to approve the Le Sueur County Water Storage Policy update.

Affirmative: All
Opposed: None
Motion carried

Motion by Thelemann, second by Mader to take out a 5 month CD at First National Bank Le Center at a rate of 3.9% in the amount of \$564,113.

Affirmative: All
Opposed: None
Motion carried

Motion by Thelemann, second by Struck to pay off the SWCD building loan at First National Bank LeCenter, approximate payoff is \$138,705.

Affirmative: All
Opposed: None
Motion carried

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Cannon - flood study match request discussed

LoMRE – Motion by Thelemann, second by Mader to pay dues in the amount of \$4000.

Affirmative: All
Opposed: None
Motion carried

Motion by Mader, second by Struck to approve the LoMRE funding policy.

Affirmative: All
Opposed: None
Motion carried

The Le Sueur Co. SWCD 2025 Annual Report was handed out and discussed.

There being no further business, meeting adjourned at 11:19 am.

4.14.26

Date



District Secretary