

**Wabasha Soil and Water Conservation
District Regular Board Meeting
February 26, 2026
8:15 am
611 Broadway Ave. Suite 10B**

I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

II. PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE

III. AGENDA

IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Comments limited to 5 minutes per speaker

V. CONSENT AGENDA -Board Action

Items on the Consent Agenda are considered to be routine by the Board and may be enacted through one motion. Any item on the Consent Agenda may be removed by any of the Board members for separate consideration

i. Contract Agreement

- A. SE SWCD Technical Support JPB sub-agreement for MAWQCP funds in the amount of \$50,000.00. Contract 01/01/2026 – 12/31/2027.
- B. Freeborn SWCD sub-agreement for MAWQCP funds in the amount of \$2,500.00. Contract 01/01/2026 -12/31/2027.
- C. Freeborn SWCD-PT Employee sub-agreement for MAWQCP funds in the amount of \$2,500.00. Contract 01/01/2026 – 12/31/2027.

ii. Contract Amendment

- A. Contract for Services Amendment to TTT LSR Project Contract with Lindberg Ekola. (Turkey Trout and Timber – Landscape Scale Restoration: Protecting Forestlands in the Driftless Area.) Amend end date to 6/30/2026. \$10,000.00 remaining at amendment.
- B. FY23 State of Minnesota Board of Water and Soil Resources 2023 Competitive Grant – Wabasha SWCD Grant Amendment. West Indian Creek Watershed Restoration and Protection Grant’s new expiration date is 12/31/2026. Grant ID# C23-3363. Original agreement amount of \$178,725.00.

iii. Vouchers

iv. Grants

- A. FY2026 State of Minnesota Board of Water and Soil Resources Buffer Implementation Program Grant Agreement. Grant ID# P26-0146 Buffer Law (Wabasha SWCD) in the amount of \$20,000.00. Expiration date 12/31/2028.
- B. FY 2026 State of Minnesota Board of Water and Soil Resources Soil Health Delivery Program Grant Agreement. Grant ID# P26-0841 in the amount of \$30,000.00. Expiration Date 12/31/2028.

VI. SECRETARY’S REPORT

- A. January 22, 2026, Meeting Minutes – **Board Action**

VII. TREASURER'S REPORT – Board Action

- A. January District Financial Statements
Included for your review
- B. January Program Record

VIII. PAYMENT OF MONTHLY BILLS

- A. Monthly Bills in the amount of \$17,207.63 - **Board Action**
- B. Note: Southeast Service Cooperative – Health Insurance March premium will be paid on 3/1/2026 in the amount of \$5,234.34 by automatic withdrawal.

IX. DISTRICT REPORTS

- A. Chair Report – Lynn Zabel
- B. County Commissioner – Bob Walkes
- C. District Manager Report – Terri Peters
- D. NRCS Report – Christina Taylor – (In the packet)
- E. Natural Resources Technician Report– Katelyn Abts – (In the packet)
- F. Soil Health/Nutrient Management Tech Report – Deanna Pomije (in the packet)
- G. Conservation Planning & Outreach Technician – Ella Jurgerson (In the packet)
- H. BWSR Report –
- I. FSA – Colleen Pawlenty

X. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Conservation Project – Lynn (open to any Supervisor for ideas)

XI. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Approve Richard Heil Contract# 26-CC-2 in the amount of \$454.42 for Practice 314 Brush Management and Practice 612 Tree/Shrub Establishment.
Installed by date 11/30/2026.
(Funding source – FY26 Conservation Contracts)
- B. Southeast Minnesota Safe Drinking Water for Private Well Users updated Sub-agreement between Olmsted SWCD and Wabasha SWCD.
End date 04/01/2027.
- C. Cancel Eversman Brothers Farms Contract# 23-CWF-WIC-2 in the amount of \$6,357.67, for 410 Grade Stabilization. Bringing this to the board's attention that the contract expired on 11/30/2024. No response from the Eversman Brothers Farms – **Board Action**
(Funding source – FY23 WIC Watershed Restoration & Protection)
- D. Cancel Eversman Brothers Farms Contract# 23-CWF-WIC-3 in the amount of \$8,370.38, for 410 Grade Stabilization. Bringing this to the board's attention that the contract expired on 11/30/2024. No response from the Eversman Brothers Farms — **Board Action**
(Funding source – FY23 WIC Watershed Restoration & Protection)

- E. February Soil Health RCPP 2026 Ranking/Batching – **Board Action**
- F. Approval of hiring a replacement for Matt's position. – **Board Action**
- G. Approval for Terri to write Letter of Support for Research Opportunity through University of Minnesota – **Board Action**
- H. 2026 Budget – **Board Action**

- I. Upcoming Events
 - i. MASWCD Legislative Briefing and Day at the Capitol – March 17-18
 - ii. Area 7 Spring Meeting – Tuesday, March 24th
 - iii. March 26th Regular Board Meeting

XII. Board Reports

- A. Whitewater JPB – Lynn
- B. Zumbro 1W1P – Dag
Dag's report for the Feb. 12th meeting is included in the board packet.
- C. WinLaC 1W1P – Lynn
- D. SE SWCD Technical Support JPB - Dag
- E. County Board Meeting – Sharleen

XIII. Adjourn – Board Action

WABASHA COUNTY SWCD
MINNESOTA AGRICULTURAL WATER QUALITY CERTIFICATION PROGRAM
REQUEST FOR TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AND PROMOTION FUNDS

General Information

Governmental unit SE SWCD Technical Support JPB	Contact name Beau Kennedy	Requested amount of funding <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> \$50,000.00
Address 104 East 3 rd Avenue	City/State Goodhue, MN	Zip code 55027

Contract Information

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Effective date period

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Wabasha, MN 55981
Or
Email: terri.peters@mn.nacdnet.net and/or susan.cerwinske.wabashaswcd@gmail.com

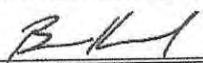
Contract Date 01-01-2026 to 12-31-2027. The Governmental Unit may neither assign nor transfer any rights or obligations under this agreement. This agreement may be terminated by either party with or without cause, upon (30) thirty days' written notice directed to the other party. This is a Reimbursable Fund and funds will not be distributed until expended.

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Applicant Signatures

Board or Authorized Representative Signature 	Board meeting date 1/1/2026	Total Amount Requested <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> \$50,000.00
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Southeast Area Certification Specialist

Name 	Date 01/01/2026
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Wabasha SWCD Authorization

Board or Authorized Representative Signature	Board Meeting Date	Total Amount Authorized \$
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(Starting with \$50,000.00 for funding with additional funds that can be added.)

Amount Added: \$ _____

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WABASHA COUNTY SWCD
MINNESOTA AGRICULTURAL WATER QUALITY CERTIFICATION PROGRAM
REQUEST FOR TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AND PROMOTION FUNDS

General Information

Governmental unit Freeborn SWCD	Contact name Lindsey Cornell	Requested amount of funding <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> \$2,500.00
Address 1400 West Main Street	City/State Albert Lea, MN	Zip code 56007

Contract Information

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Wabasha, MN 55981

Or

Email: terri.peters@mn.nacdnet.net and/or susan.cerwinske.wabashaswcd@gmail.com

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Board or Authorized Representative Signature <i>Shirley O'Connell</i>	Board meeting date 11/1/2026	Total Amount Requested <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> \$2,500.00
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Southeast Area Certification Specialist

Name <i>[Signature]</i>	Date 01/01/2026
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General Information

Governmental unit Freeborn SWCD	Contact name Lindsey Cornell	Requested amount of funding <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> \$ 2,500.00
Address 1400 West Main Street	City/State Albert Lea, MN	Zip code 56007

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Board or Authorized Representative Signature <i>Lindsay Annell</i>	Board meeting date 1/1/2026	Total Amount Requested <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> \$2,500.00
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Southeast Area Certification Specialist

Name <i>[Signature]</i>	Date 01/01/2026
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Wabasha SWCD Authorization

Board or Authorized Representative Signature	Board Meeting Date	Total Amount Authorized \$
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WABASHA SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
AMENDMENT TO CONTRACT FOR SERVICES
For
Turkey Trout and Timber –
Landscape Scale Restoration: Protecting Forestlands in the Driftless Area

This contract is between Wabasha Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD), 611 Broadway Ave., Suite 10, Wabasha, MN 55981 (SWCD) and Lindberg Ekola 434 7th Street NE, Melrose, MN 56352 (Contractor)

Contract

1 Term of Contract

1.1 **Effective grant period:** May 15, 2025, or as soon as contract is signed (whichever is later) to

1. June 30th, 2025 for Purpose 1. From “Exhibit A”: WinLac 1W1P Forestry Implementation Grant

a. Project 3: PFM Coordination/Technical Assistance Forestry Programs Inventory **Completed**

1.1.1 ~~November 30, 2025~~ for the Turkey Trout and Timber: *Landscape Scale Restoration: Protecting Forestlands in the Driftless Area* (TTT LSR Project) **Amended end date to 06/30/2026**

2 Contingency

Award of this contract is contingent upon the SWCD obtaining and continuing to receive funds awarded by the Commissioner of Natural Resources (DNR) acting for the State of Minnesota for a federal award of \$295,000.00 received on August 12, 2024 for Cooperative Forestry Assistance

3 Certification

By entering into this contract, the CONTRACTOR certifies that it will comply with the conditions of the applicable provisions of the contractor invoicing requirements for the Landscape Scale Restoration: Protecting Working Forestlands in the Driftless Area and the “Scope of Work/Budget and Technical Assistance Subcontract”

4 Scope of Work

Contractor’s Responsibilities and Deliverables for work completed as noted in Exhibit A and under the supervision of “The Project Team with fiscal and contract administration under the supervision of Terri Peters, SWCD District Manager.

5 Payment

The SWCD will be invoiced by the CONTRACTOR for services performed by the CONTRACTOR under this contract at a rate of \$100.00 per hour up to maximum identified in 1.1 (total of \$20,000.00, **\$10,000 remaining at amendment**). Payment will be made when invoices are presented by the CONTRACTOR as the work is completed and following receipt of grant funds to the SWCD from DNR. Invoices should itemize costs separated by tasks identified for work.

Requesting Payments: To request payment, complete an invoice and present it to the Wabasha SWCD.

A. Invoices

Identify the name and address of the party to receive the payment from Wabasha SWCD

B. Project Information

Identify the program and specific work completed. Work completed should be itemized including dates and who completed the work. Enter the date the work was fully completed.

C. Cost Information

Include specific Item costs (ie.1 item @ \$xxx each or x hours @ \$x.xx per hour) Vendor may include a copy of the bid schedule.

Requests submitted for work which is fully completed should have "Final" written on the invoice.

6 Authorized Representatives

The SWCD's Authorized Representatives are Terri Peters, Wabasha SWCD District Manager, 611 Broadway Ave., Suite 10, Wabasha, MN 55981, (651) 565-4673, or her successor. The CONTRACTOR'S Authorized Representative is **Lindberg Ekola 434 7th Street NE, Melrose, MN 56352, (320)-429-1555.**

7 Independent Contractor

The CONTRACTOR is an independent contractor and not an employee of the SWCD and is responsible for providing their own transportation and insurance.

8 Amendments, Waiver, and Contract Complete

8.1 **Amendments.** Subject to prior written approval by the SWCD, the CONTRACTOR may modify the Scope of Work listed under item 4 above. Modifications to the Scope of Work and any other amendments to this contract must be in writing and will not be effective until it has been executed and approved by the same parties who executed and approved the original contract, or their successors in office.

8.2 **Waiver.** If the CONTRACTOR fails to enforce any provision of this contract, that failure does not waive the provision or his right to enforce it.

8.3 **Contract Complete.** This contract contains all negotiations and agreements between the CONTRACTOR and the SWCD. No other understanding regarding this contract, whether written or oral, may be used to bind either party.

9 Liability

The Contractor must indemnify, save, and hold the SWCD, its agents, and employees harmless from any claims or causes of action, including attorney's fees incurred by the SWCD, arising from the performance of this grant agreement by the Contractor.

10 Government Data Practices

The SWCD must comply with the Minnesota Government Data Practices Act, Minn. Stat. Ch. 13, as it applies to all data provided by the CONTRACTOR under this contract. The civil remedies of Minn. Stat. § 13.08 apply to the release of the data referred to in this clause by either the SWCD or the CONTRACTOR.

If the SWCD receives a request to release the data referred to in this Clause, the SWCD must immediately notify the CONTRACTOR. The CONTRACTOR will give the SWCD instructions concerning the release of the data to the requesting party before the data is released. The CONTRACTOR will provide digital copies of all documents, datasets, and files prepared for this grant contract using Microsoft and/or other products.

11 Publicity

Any publicity regarding the subject matter of this contract must not be released without prior written approval from both the SWCD and the CONTRACTOR.

12 Audit

Under Minn. Stat. § 16C.05, subd. 5, the SWCD's books, records, documents, and accounting procedures and practices relevant to this contract are subject to examination by the State and/or the State Auditor or Legislative Auditor, as appropriate, for a total of six years.

13 Governing Law, Jurisdiction, and Venue

Minnesota law, without regard to its choice-of-law provisions, governs this contract. Venue for all legal proceedings out of this contract, or its breach, must be in the appropriate state or federal court with competent jurisdiction in Wabasha County, Minnesota.

14 Termination

Either party may terminate this contract at any time, with or without cause, upon 30 days' written notice to the other party. Contracted duties already in progress will be completed and all eligible project costs incurred for the economic analyses already in progress at termination will be reimbursed.

15 Conflict-of-Interest

Consultant, while performing services under contract shall not have, directly or indirectly, any current or promised future financial interests in the services for which the consultant is engaged.

1. WABASHA SWCD

By: Terri Peters
Title District Manager
Date: 02/20/2026

2. CONTRACTOR

By: Lindberg Ekola
Title: Consultant
Date: 02/17/2026

3. WABASHA SWCD

By: Lynn Zabel
Title Board Chair
Date: 02/17/2026

Exhibit A

Scope of Work/Budget

Lindberg Ekola – Technical Assistance Subcontract TTT LSR Project

Scope of Work:

Purpose

The purpose of the subcontract is to provide technical assistance in completing tasks in

1. the WinLac 1W1P Forestry Implementation Grant
 - a. Project 3: PFM Coordination/Technical Assistance Forestry Programs Inventory
2. and the TTR LSR grant project in Phase 2: Capacity Development and the convening of the Four-State Workshop.

Project Team

The project team to support this work with the contractor will include the SE MN LFT coordinator, Jen Wahls; DNR Forestry Gary Michael and John/or John Carlson; and SE Committee David Ruff.

Scope of Work

Task 1. PFM Program Survey / Interviews.

- Gather relevant information about each state private forest management (PFM) program (Wisconsin, Iowa, Illinois, and Minnesota) and specific PFM programs and projects in the Blufflands region and how it ties to the watershed-based work and water quality.
- Develop a draft survey on the delivery of PFM programs in the four state PFM programs. Review and refine with the project team.
- Send the survey to state DNR PFM program and field staff. Compile a summary report of the survey results.
- Interview survey participants from state DNR PFM program and field staff. Ask for specific insights on what aspects of the state programs work well specific to the Blufflands region as well as areas needing improvement. Discuss and explore staff capacity, collaboration and cooperation, and budget needs (short term and longer term).

Task 2. Virtual Workshop.

- Organize, convene, and facilitate the Forest Conservation Workshop with partners in Bluffland states (MN, WI, IA, IL) in a virtual format.
- The workshop will provide opportunities for PFM program managers and field staff to present their approaches to delivering services to private woodland owners, lessons learned and progress made. It will also provide opportunities for participants to discuss how the private forestry programs in each state help landowners promote and protect water quality, enhance wildlife habitat, support forest economics, and help to mitigate climate issues.
- Summary report documenting input gathered from the workshop.

Task 3. Final Report.

- Develop a report that summarizes the PFM programs and services provided to private landowners in each of the four states, results from the survey and interviews, and the workshop.

Budget

- \$7,500.00 for Project 3: PFM Coordination/Technical Assistance Forestry Programs Inventory **Completed**
- \$12,500.00 for labor relating to the TTR LSR grant project in Phase 2: Capacity Development and the convening of the Four-State Workshop **\$10,000 remaining**
- Expenses (copying, postage, mileage, lodging) are separate and to be approved by the SE MN LFT coordinator in advance of any expenditures.

Deliverables

- Draft and final survey.
- Compiled survey results and summary report.
- Report compiling input gathered from the interviews.
- Workshops agenda and information packet.
- Report summarizing input gathered from the workshop.
- Final project report.

Timeline

- All deliverables for this project will be completed by ~~November 30, 2025~~, **June 30, 2026** or as agreed to by the SE MN LFT coordinator and the contractor.



Completed Document Audit Report
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**FY 2023 STATE OF MINNESOTA
BOARD OF WATER and SOIL RESOURCES
2023 Competitive Grant - Wabasha SWCD
GRANT AMENDMENT**

Grant Agreement Start Date:	02/03/2023
Original Grant Agreement Expiration Date:	12/31/2025
Original Agreement Amount:	\$178,725.00

This amendment is by and between the State of Minnesota, through its Board of Water and Soil Resources (“Board”) and Wabasha SWCD, 611 Broadway Avenue, Suite 10 B, Wabasha MN 55981 (“Grantee”).

Recitals

1. The Board has a Grant Agreement with the Grantee identified as the **2023 Competitive Grant - Wabasha SWCD**, PO # 3000015662, for the following grants:

Grant ID	Grant Title	Previous Expiration Date	Amended Expiration Date	Previous Award Amount	Amended Award Amount
C23-3363	2023 West Indian Creek Watershed Restoration and Protection	12/31/2026		\$178,725.00	

2. The Wabasha SWCD requests an amendment to the grant agreement for the purposes of adding a Livestock Waste Management grant Activity and shifting some funds to provide a budget for the new Activity in the Work Plan.
3. The Board and Wabasha SWCD are willing to amend the Original Contract as stated below.

Contract Amendment

REVISION 1. 2. Grantee’s Duties

2.1: IMPLEMENTATION is amended as follows: The Grantee will implement their revised work plan, which is incorporated into this Grant Agreement by reference.

Except as amended herein, the terms and conditions of the Original Grant Agreement remain in full force and effect.

APPROVED:

Wabasha SWCD

Terri Peters

By: DocuSigned by:
Terri Peters
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(signature)

District Manager

Title: _____

2/17/2026

Date: _____

Board of Water and Soil Resources

Adam Beilke

By: Signed by:
Adam Beilke
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(signature)

Land and Water Programs Supervisor

Title: _____

2/18/2026

Date: _____



**FY 2026 STATE OF MINNESOTA
BOARD OF WATER and SOIL RESOURCES
BUFFER IMPLEMENTATION PROGRAM
GRANT AGREEMENT**

Vendor:	0000205683
PO#:	3000019898

This Grant Agreement is between the State of Minnesota, acting through its Board of Water and Soil Resources (Board) and Wabasha SWCD, 611 Broadway Avenue, Suite 10 B, Wabasha MN 55981 (Grantee).

Grant ID	Grant Title	Awarded Amt
P26-0146	2026 - Buffer Law (Wabasha SWCD)	\$20,000.00

Total Grant Awarded: \$20,000.00

Recitals

1. The Laws of Minnesota 2025, Regular Session, Chapter 36, Article 2, Section 6(e) appropriated funds to the Board for the FY 2026 and 2027 Buffer Implementation Program.
2. The Board adopted Board Order #25-46 to authorize and allocate funds for the FY 2026 Buffer Implementation Program.
3. The Grantee has submitted a Board approved work plan for this Program, referenced in 2.1.
4. The Grantee represents that it is duly qualified and agrees to perform all services described in this Grant Agreement to the satisfaction of the Board.

Authorized Representative

The State’s Authorized Representative is Adam Beilke, Land and Water Programs Supervisor, BWSR, 2118 Campus Drive SE, Suite 100, Rochester, MN 55904, (507) 766-9820, or his successor, and has the responsibility to monitor the Grantee’s performance and the authority to accept the services and performance provided under this Grant Agreement.

The Grantee’s Authorized Representative is:

TITLE District Manager
ADDRESS 611 Broadway Ave Ste 10
CITY wabasha
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The Grantee certifies that it is in compliance with Minn. Stat. § 176.181, Subd. 2, pertaining to workers' compensation insurance coverage. The Grantee's employees and agents will not be considered State employees. Any claims that may arise under the Minnesota Workers' Compensation Act on behalf of these employees and any claims made by any third party as a consequence of any act or omission on the part of these employees are in no way the State's obligation or responsibility.

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Minnesota law, without regard to its choice-of-law provisions, governs this Grant Agreement. Venue for all legal proceedings out of this Grant Agreement, or its breach, must be in the appropriate State or federal court with competent jurisdiction in Ramsey County, Minnesota.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have caused this Grant Agreement to be duly executed intending to be bound thereby.

Approved:

Wabasha SWCD

Terri Peters

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Board of Water and Soil Resources

Adam Beilke

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Title: _____

1/6/2026

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Land and Water Programs Supervisor

Title: _____

1/7/2026

Date: _____

**Grant Program Requirements:
FY 2026 Buffer Implementation Grant Program**

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No match is required.

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BOARD OF WATER and SOIL RESOURCES
SOIL HEALTH DELIVERY PROGRAM
GRANT AGREEMENT**

Vendor:	0000205683
PO#:	3000020145

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Grant ID	Grant Title	Awarded Amt
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Total Grant Awarded: \$30,000.00

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 - 6.2.7.2. It is determined there is only one reasonably able and available source for such materials or services and that grantee has established a fair and reasonable price.
 - 6.2.8. The Grantee and any subrecipients must comply with prevailing wage rules per [Minnesota Statutes §§ 177.41 through 177.50](#), as applicable.
 - 6.2.9. The Grantee and any subrecipients must not contract with vendors who are suspended or debarred by the State of Minnesota or the federal government: [Suspended and Debarred Vendors, Minnesota Office of State Procurement](#).

7. **Assignment, Amendments, Work Plan Revisions, Waiver, and Contract Complete.**

- 7.1. **Assignment.** The Grantee may neither assign nor transfer any rights or obligations under this Grant Agreement without the prior consent of the Board and a fully executed Assignment Agreement, executed and approved by the same parties who executed and approved this Grant Agreement, or their successors in office.
- 7.2. **Amendments and Work Plan Revisions.** Any amendments to this Grant Agreement must be in writing and will not be effective until approved and executed by the same parties who approved and executed the original Grant Agreement, or their successors in office. Amendments must be executed prior to the expiration of the original Grant Agreement or any amendments thereto. All work plan revisions must be documented. The Board reserves the right to require a work plan revision or grant agreement amendment for changes in the scope of the grant.
- 7.3. **Waiver.** If the Board fails to enforce any provision of this Grant Agreement, that failure does not waive the provision or its right to enforce it.
- 7.4. **Contract Complete.** This Grant Contract Agreement contains all negotiations and agreements between the Board and the Grantee. No other understanding regarding this Grant Contract Agreement, whether written or oral, may be used to bind either party.

8. **Subcontracting and Subcontract Payment.**

- 8.1. A subrecipient is a person or entity that has been awarded a portion of the work authorized by this Grant Contract Agreement by Grantee. The Grantee must document any subaward through a formal legal agreement. The Grantee must provide timely notice to the State of any subrecipient(s) prior to the subrecipient(s) performing work under this Grant Contract Agreement.
- 8.2. Activities identified in the sub-agreement must fit within the scope of the agreement between the Board and the recipient and include shared responsibilities for liability, fund distribution, implementation, and reporting.
- 8.3. The Grantee must monitor the activities of the subrecipient(s) to ensure the subaward is used for authorized purposes; is in compliance with the terms and conditions of the subaward, [Minnesota Statutes § 16B.97, Subd.4 \(a\) \(1\)](#) and other relevant statutes and regulations; and that subaward performance goals are achieved.
- 8.4. During this Grant Contract Agreement, if a subrecipient is determined to be performing unsatisfactorily by the State's Authorized Representative, the Grantee will receive written notification that the subrecipient can no longer be used for this Grant Contract Agreement.

- 8.5. No sub-agreement shall serve to terminate or in any way affect the primary legal responsibility of the Grantee for timely and satisfactory performances of the obligations contemplated by the Grant Contract Agreement.
- 8.6. The Grantee must pay any subrecipient in accordance with Minnesota Statutes § 16A.1245.
- 8.7. The Grantee and any subrecipients must not contract with vendors who are suspended or debarred by the State of Minnesota or the federal government.

9. Liability.

The Grantee must indemnify, save, and hold the State, its agents, and employees harmless from any claims or causes of action, including attorney's fees incurred by the State, arising from the performance of this Grant Agreement by the Grantee or the Grantee's agents or employees. This clause will not be construed to bar any legal remedies the Grantee may have for the State's failure to fulfill its obligations under this Grant Agreement.

10. State Audits.

Under Minn. Stat. § 16B.98, Subd. 8, the Grantee's books, records, documents, and accounting procedures and practices of the Grantee or other party relevant to this Grant Agreement or transaction are subject to examination by the Board and/or the State Auditor, the Attorney General, or Legislative Auditor, as appropriate, for a minimum of six years from the end of this Grant Agreement, receipt and approval of all final reports, or the required period of time to satisfy all State and program retention requirements, whichever is later.

10.1. The books, records, documents, accounting procedures and practices of the Grantee and its designated local units of government and contractors relevant to this grant, may be examined at any time by the Board or Board's designee and are subject to verification. The Grantee or delegated local unit of government will maintain records relating to the receipt and expenditure of grant funds.

11. Government Data Practices.

The Grantee and State must comply with the Minnesota Government Data Practices Act, Minn. Stat. Ch. 13, as it applies to all data provided by the State under this Grant Agreement, and as it applies to all data created, collected, received, stored, used, maintained, or disseminated by the Grantee under this Grant Agreement. The civil remedies of Minn. Stat. § 13.08 apply to the release of the data referred to in this clause by either the Grantee or the State.

12. Workers' Compensation.

The Grantee certifies that it is in compliance with Minn. Stat. § 176.181, Subd. 2, pertaining to workers' compensation insurance coverage. The Grantee's employees and agents will not be considered State employees. Any claims that may arise under the Minnesota Workers' Compensation Act on behalf of these employees and any claims made by any third party as a consequence of any act or omission on the part of these employees are in no way the State's obligation or responsibility.

13. Publicity and Endorsement.

13.1. **Publicity.** Any publicity regarding the subject matter of this Grant Agreement must identify the Board as the sponsoring agency. For purposes of this provision, publicity includes notices, informational pamphlets, press releases, research, reports, signs, and similar public notices prepared by or for the Grantee individually or jointly with others, or any subcontractors, with respect to the Program, publications, or services provided resulting from this Grant Agreement.

13.2. **Endorsement.** The Grantee must not claim that the State endorses its products or services.

14. Governing Law, Jurisdiction, and Venue.

Minnesota law, without regard to its choice-of-law provisions, governs this Grant Agreement. Venue for all legal proceedings out of this Grant Agreement, or its breach, must be in the appropriate State or federal court with competent jurisdiction in Ramsey County, Minnesota.

15. Termination.

15.1. The Board may cancel this Grant Agreement at any time, with or without cause, upon 30 days' written notice to the Grantee. Upon termination, the Grantee will be entitled to payment, determined on a pro rata basis, for services satisfactorily performed.

15.2. The Board may immediately terminate this Grant Agreement if the Board finds that there has been a failure to comply with the provisions of this Grant Agreement, that reasonable progress has not been made or that the purposes for which the funds were granted have not been or will not be fulfilled. The Board may take action to protect the interests of the State of Minnesota, including the refusal to disburse additional funds and requiring the return of all or part of the funds already disbursed.

15.3. The Commissioner of Administration may immediately and unilaterally terminate this Grant Contract Agreement if further performance under the agreement would not serve agency purposes or performance under the Grant Contract Agreement is not in the best interest of the State.

15.4. The Board may immediately terminate this Grant Contract Agreement if it does not obtain funding from the Minnesota Legislature, or other funding source; or if funding cannot be continued at a level sufficient to allow for the payment of the services addressed within this Grant Contract Agreement. Termination must be by written notice to the Grantee. The Board is not obligated to pay for any services that are provided after notice and effective date of termination. However, the Grantee will be entitled to payment, determined on a pro rata basis, for services satisfactorily performed to the extent that dedicated funds are available.

In the event of temporary lack of funding or appropriation, the Board may pause its obligations under this Grant Contract Agreement without terminating it. This pause will be for the duration of the lack of funding or appropriation and shall not be considered a termination of the Grant Contract Agreement. The Grantee will be notified in writing of the temporary pause, and the Grantee's ability to provide services may be temporarily suspended during this period. The Board will provide reasonable notice to the Grantee of the lack of funding or appropriation and shall notify the Grantee once funding is restored or appropriated, at which point the provision of services under the Grant Contract Agreement may resume. The Board will not be assessed any penalty if the Grant Contract Agreement is terminated due to insufficient funding. The Board must provide the Grantee notice of the lack of funding within a reasonable time of the Board's receiving notice.

16. Data Disclosure.

Under Minn. Stat. § 270C.65, Subd. 3, and other applicable law, the Grantee consents to disclosure of its social security number, federal employer tax identification number, and/or Minnesota tax identification number, already provided to the State, to federal and State tax agencies and State personnel involved in the payment of State obligations. These identification numbers may be used in the enforcement of federal and State tax laws which could result in action requiring the Grantee to file State tax returns and pay delinquent State tax liabilities, if any.

17. Constitutional and Statutory Compliance.

It is the responsibility of the Grantee to comply with requirements of the Minnesota Constitution and state statute regarding the use of Clean Water Funds to supplement traditional sources of funding. Grantee must meet Clean Water Fund expenditure and accountability requirements as defined in [Subd.4](#) of [Minnesota Statute § 114D.50](#).

18. Signage.

It is the responsibility of the Grantee to comply with requirements for project signage as provided in Minnesota Laws 2010, Chapter 361, Article 3, Section 5(b) for Clean Water Fund projects.

19. Intellectual Property Rights.

The State owns all rights, title, and interest in all of the intellectual property rights, including copyrights, patents, trade secrets, trademarks, and service marks in the Works and Documents *created and paid for under this grant*. Works means all inventions, improvements, discoveries, (whether or not patentable), databases, computer programs, reports, notes, studies, photographs, negatives, designs, drawings, specifications, materials, tapes, and disks conceived, reduced to practice, created or originated by the Grantee, its employees, agents, and subcontractors, either individually or jointly with others in the performance of this grant. Work includes "Documents." Documents are the originals of any databases, computer programs, reports, notes, studies, photographs, negatives, designs, drawings, specifications, materials, tapes, disks, or other materials, whether in tangible or electronic forms, prepared by the Grantee, its employees, agents or subcontractors, in the performance of this grant. The Documents will be the exclusive property of the State and all such Documents must be immediately returned to the State by the Grantee upon completion or cancellation of this grant at the State's request. To the extent possible, those Works eligible for copyright protection under the United State Copyright Act will be deemed to be "works made for hire." The Grantee assigns all right, title, and interest it may have in the Works and the Documents to the State. The Grantee must, at the request of the State, execute all papers and perform all other acts necessary to transfer or record the State's ownership interest in the Works and Documents.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have caused this Grant Agreement to be duly executed intending to be bound thereby.

Approved:

Wabasha SWCD

Terri Peters

By: _____
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(signature)

Board of Water and Soil Resources

Adam Beilke

By: _____
Signed by:

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(signature)

District Manager

Title: _____

2/18/2026

Date: _____

Land and Water Programs Supervisor

Title: _____

2/20/2026

Date: _____

**Grant Program Requirements:
FY 2026 Soil Health Delivery**

1. Match

A non-state match equal to at least 10% of the amount of the grant received is required. The anticipated source(s) for the match shall be identified in the grant work plan. Match can be provided by a landowner, land occupier, private organization, local government or other non-state source and can be in the form of cash or the cash value of services or materials contributed to the accomplishment of grant objectives. State funded loans repaid with non-state funds may be used for the match. Funds used for match for this program cannot be used as match for any other state grant program.

2. Grant Work Plan

A work plan shall be developed in eLINK and must be approved before execution of the grant agreement. The work plan shall reflect each eligible activity that will be implemented, a description of the anticipated activity outcomes or accomplishments, and grant funding amounts to accomplish each of the activities.

3. District Financial Assistance Policy

If contracts will be awarded to landowners for project implementation, a local SWCD financial assistance policy must be attached within eLINK. Financial Assistance Policies should describe local program information such as payment rates, contract terms, and inspection schedules.

4. Eligible Activities

Funding may be used broadly for financial assistance, educational efforts, and technical support activities needed to promote and facilitate the enhanced adoption of soil health practices and systems to achieve water quality and drinking water benefits. Funding for the following core soil health practices are eligible statewide:

- Alley Cropping
- Conservation Cover
- Contour Buffer Strips
- Cover Crop
- Critical Area Planting
- Field Border
- Filter Strip
- Forest Farming
- Forest Stand Improvement
- Pasture and Hay Planting
- Prescribed Grazing
- Residue and Tillage Management (No Till)
- Riparian Forest Buffer
- Silvopasture
- Tree/Shrub Establishment
- Windbreak/Shelterbelt Establishment and Renovation

Eligible practices are **not** limited to those above. In addition, local priority, or other supporting soil health practices may be eligible but grantees need to identify those activities in the approved work plan.

Non-Structural Activities

Non-structural activities that supplement or exceed current minimum state requirements or procedures for protection, enhancement, and restoration of water quality in lakes, rivers, and streams and to protect groundwater and drinking water sources from degradation are eligible. Any projects proposing to provide financial assistance for installing or adopting non-structural land management practices for a duration longer than three years must be reviewed by BWSR staff and approved by the Assistant Director of Regional Operations prior to workplan approval.

Technical and Administrative Assistance

Soil Health Delivery Funds may be used for actual technical and administrative expenses to advance project implementation. Eligible expenses include the following activities: grant administration, site investigations and assessments, design and cost estimates, construction supervision, and construction inspections. Technical and administrative expenditures must be appropriately documented according to the Grants Administration Manual.

Project Support

Eligible activities include public participation and engagement, equipment, and other activities necessary for the implementation of soil health practices consistent with the purposes of these funds. Refer to procedure within the Grants Administration Manual for Capital Equipment Purchases.

5. Ineligible Activities

Funds may not be used for the purchase of equipment that will be used to establish, improve, or accelerate soil health. Examples of equipment include, but are not limited to, no till drills, air seeders, high boys, variable rate equipment, and retrofit projects to convert corn detasslers to high boys.

6. Native Vegetation

Projects that involve vegetation restoration or establishment must use native vegetation and seed and plant sources consistent with BWSR's Native Vegetation Establishment and Enhancement Guidelines, with the exceptions listed below. Use of plant species on the Minnesota [Noxious Weed List](#) is prohibited for all projects. Non-native species used for projects must not pose a risk to native plant communities. The maximum distance for sources of herbaceous species seed and plants is 200 miles; and for tree and shrubs seed and plants the distance is 300 miles.

Exceptions

- Non-native, non-invasive perennial crops, hay crops or forage crops may be used:
 - As part of a drinking water protection strategy in a vulnerable or highly vulnerable DWSMA as designated by the Department of Health or in a Township Well Testing high-priority area as determined by the Department of Agriculture;
 - In buffers, borders, grass waterways or other areas likely to be exposed to pesticides or part of agricultural production;
 - For soil stabilization, erosion prevention and carbon sequestration in an agricultural production setting;
 - On fields that will be hayed, grazed or harvested.
- For the exceptions above, if the project area is under 20 acres in size, the exception may be approved by local conservation staff. If the project area is 20 acres or larger, or for any exceptions not listed here, grantees must request approval from the BWSR Grant Manager.
- Cover crops used to improve soil health and/or water quality are allowed without a maximum acreage limit.
- Temporary cover is allowed without a maximum acreage limit when needed to stabilize project sites prior to the construction of structural conservation practices.

- Cultivars of native species may be used in urban stormwater plantings if they accomplish similar or greater ecological functions, help achieve aesthetic goals and do not pose an invasive or other environmental risk.

6. **Allowable and Unallowable Costs**

Allowable costs are costs solely incurred through project activities that are directly related to and necessary for producing the project outcomes described in the work plan. Grantee is required to account for the staff time charged to BWSR grants in order to track the expenditure of grant funds and match to ensure the use of the funds is consistent with applicable State and BWSR requirements.

Unallowable costs include but are not limited to:

- Bad debts, monetary settlements and judgements, late payment fees, and investment management fees
- Donations, fundraising, sponsorships, and acknowledgements
- Entertainment, gifts, prizes, and decorations
- Alcohol
- Interest on loans not authorized under state statute
- Loans of BWSR grant funds
- Lobbying, lobbyists, and political contributions
- Merit awards and bonuses

7. **Technical Quality Assurance**

Practices and projects must meet the following requirements to ensure long-term public benefit:

- **Technical Assistance Provider.** The grantee must designate technical assistance provider(s) that have appropriate credentials for investigation, design, and construction.
- **Practice Standards.** Practices and projects must use appropriate standards for design, construction, effective life, operation, and maintenance.
- **Practice Certification.** Technical assistance provider(s) must certify that the practice or project was installed or constructed in accordance with the applicable plans and specifications, including approved modifications, prior to authorization for payment.
- **Operation and Maintenance.** Technical Assistance Provider(s) must prepare an operation and maintenance (O&M) plan specific to the site and practice(s) implemented.
- **Periodic Practice/Project Inspection.** Inspections shall confirm that the operation and maintenance plan is being followed and the project has not been altered or removed.

8. **Project and Practice Assurances**

A written agreement is required to ensure program requirements are met when installing projects and practices or providing financial assistance to a land occupier. Project and Practice Assurances must include technical and financial obligations and requirements for the installation, operation, and maintenance of the practice or project, including a plan for failures or noncompliance.

9. **Permitting**

The grantee is responsible for obtaining and complying with all permits necessary to execute the project.

10. **Providing Financial Assistance to Land Occupiers**

All BWSR funds used by a recipient to provide financial assistance to a landowner or land occupier requires adequate project assurances.

Project Application and Agreements

Work completed prior to the signing of the agreement is not eligible.

Conservation Practice Contract Noncompliance

Failure to complete, maintain, or repair a conservation practice or unauthorized alteration is considered non-compliance with an executed conservation practice agreement. If the organization discovers noncompliance, they must take action to resolve and notify BWSR.

11. Grant Management and Reporting

Eligible activities include grant administration, management, and reporting that are directly related to and necessary for implementing the project or activity associated with the grant. Grantee is required to report on the outcomes, activities, and accomplishments.

**Wabasha Soil and Water Conservation
District Regular Board Meeting
January 22, 2026
8:15 am
611 Broadway Ave. Suite 10B**

I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

*Meeting called to order at 8:15 am by Lynn Zabel, Chair.
Supervisor's Present: Lynn Zabel, Chair, Chet Ross, Co-Chair, Sharleen Klennert,
Treasurer, Seth Tentis, Secretary, Dag Knudsen, Member.
Staff Present: Terri Peters, District Manager*

II. PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE

III. AGENDA

*Motioned by Klennert and seconded by Ross to approve the Agenda as presented.
Affirmative: Ross, Klennert, Tentis, Knudsen, Zabel
Opposed: None
Motion Carried*

IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Comments limited to 5 minutes per speaker

Mark Miller, DNR

* Doughnut and Door Prize Resolution for 2026 Wabasha County Forestry Day at the Front Porch in Kellogg on February 13th starting at 8:30 am- Board **Action**

Motioned by Knudsen and seconded by Ross to approve the Doughnut and Door Prize Resolution for the 2026 Wabasha County Forestry Day on February 13th at the Front Porch in Kellogg starting at 8:30 am.

Affirmative: Ross, Klennert, Tentis, Knudsen, Zabel

Opposed: None

Motion Carried

V. CONSENT AGENDA -Board Action

Items on the Consent Agenda are considered to be routine by the Board and may be enacted through one motion. Any item on the Consent Agenda may be removed by any of the Board members for separate consideration

- A. 2026 Data Practice Policy for Data Subjects
- B. 2026 Data Practice Policy for Members of the Public
- C. 2026 Request for release of data to government agency
- D. 2026 Request for release of data
- E. 2026 Wabasha County Soil and Water Conservation District Data Practices Policy Fee Schedule

Motioned by Klennert and seconded by Ross to approve the 2026 Wabasha County Soil and Water Conservation District Data Practice Policy, Letters A-E.

Affirmative: Ross, Klennert, Tentis, Knudsen, Zabel

Opposed: None

Motion Carried

i. **Contracts**

A.

ii. **Contract Amendment**

A. Gary & Mary Lou Hager Amendment# 1 to Contract# 25-CC-10 to change the Install by Date to 4/30/2026 from 12/31/2025. Practice 314 Brush Management.

Motioned by Klennert and seconded by Ross to approve Gary & Mary Lou Hager Amendment# 1 to Contract# 25-CC-10 to change the Install by Date to 4/30/2026 from 12/31/2025. Practice 314 Brush Management.

Affirmative: Ross, Klennert, Tentis, Knudsen, Zabel

Opposed: None

Motion Carried

iii. **Vouchers**

A. Voucher payment for Richard Heil for Contract# 25-CC-1 in the amount of \$298.70. Practice 314 Brush Management.
(Funding source – FY25 Conservation Contracts)

Motioned by Klennert and seconded by Ross to approve the Voucher payment for Richard Heil for Contract# 25-CC-1 in the amount of \$298.70 for Practice 314 Brush Management.

Affirmative: Ross, Klennert, Tentis, Knudsen, Zabel

Opposed: None

Motion Carried

WAGZ – Continuous CRP Incentives:

B. Jacob Suckow Contract# 2024-WAGZ-WC-CRP6, \$250.00 and Voucher payment for \$250.00.

(Funding source – FY24-FY25 WAGZ)

C. Phyllis Sprick Contract# 2024-WAGZ-WC-CRP5, \$250.00 and Voucher payment for \$250.00.

(Funding source – FY24-FY25 WAGZ)

WINLAC – Continuous CRP Incentives:

D. Gorman Creek LLC Contract# 2025WinLaC-Wab-CRP9, \$1,000.00 and Voucher payment for \$1,000.00.

(Funding source – FY25 WinLaC)

E. Gertrude B. Schurhammer Contract# 2025WinLaC-Wab-CRP4, \$1,000.00 and Voucher payment for \$1,000.00.

(Funding source – FY25 WinLaC)

F. Alan Jostock Voucher payment for Contract# 2024WAGZ-WC-02 in the amount of \$1,237.50 for 27.5 acres Cover Crops.

(Funding source – FY24-FY25 WAGZ)

G. Alan Jostock Voucher payment for Contract# 2024WAGZ-WC-03 in the amount of \$628.00 for 15.7 acres Cover Crops.

(Funding source – FY24 -FY25 WAGZ)

- H. Hunter Farms LLC Voucher payment for Contract# 2024WAGZ-WC-13 in the amount of \$500.00 for Woodland Stewardship Plan.
(Funding source – FY24 (WAGZ) Watershed Based Funding)

Motioned by Klennert and seconded by Ross to approve the Consent Agenda iii. Voucher payments, including the Continuous CRP Incentive Contracts and Voucher Payments.

Affirmative: Ross, Klennert, Tentis, Knudsen, Zabel

Opposed: None

Motion Carried

iv. Grants

- A. FY 2026 State of MN BWSR Buffer Implementation Program Grant Agreement. Grant ID P26-0146 2026-Buffer Law (Wabasha SWCD) for \$20,000.00. Expiration date: December 31, 2028.
- B. State or MN Joint Powers Agreement between State of Minnesota, acting through its Commissioner of Agriculture (State) and Wabasha Soil & Water Conservation District (Governmental Unit) for MAWQCP. Agreement effective date January 1, 2026, and expiration date December 31, 2027.
- C. Wabasha SWCD MAWQCP Building Lease Agreement for Greg Klinger from County of Olmsted to use portion of the building at 1188 50th St. SE Rochester, MN for office space for the MN Dept of Agriculture. Lease period is January 1, 2026, through December 31, 2026. Monthly payment \$129.28

Motioned by Ross and seconded by Tentis to approve the iv. Consent Agenda Grants.

Affirmative: Ross, Klennert, Tentis, Knudsen, Zabel

Opposed: None

Motion Carried

VI. SECRETARY'S REPORT

- A. December 18, 2025, Meeting Minutes – **Board Action**

Motioned by Klennert and seconded by Ross to approve the Secretary's Report as reviewed earlier.

Affirmative: Ross, Klennert, Tentis, Knudsen, Zabel

Opposed: None

Motion Carried

VII. TREASURER'S REPORT – Board Action

- A. December District Financial Statements

Included for your review

- B. December Program Record

Budget vs Actual Report

Motioned by Klennert and seconded by Knudsen to approve the Treasurer's Report subject to audit approval.

Affirmative: Ross, Klennert, Tentis, Knudsen, Zabel

Opposed: None

Motion Carried

VIII. PAYMENT OF MONTHLY BILLS

- A. Monthly Bills in the amount of \$49,285.51- **Board Action**
- B. Note: Southeast Service Cooperative – Health Insurance January premium paid 1/2/2026 \$5,234.34 automatic withdrawal.
February 2026 premium, automatic withdrawal on February 2, 2026, \$5,234.34.
Motioned by Klennert and seconded by Ross to approve Payment of the Monthly Bills in the amount of \$49,285.51.
Affirmative: Ross, Klennert, Tentis, Knudsen, Zabel
Opposed: None
Motion Carried

IX. DISTRICT REPORTS

- A. Chair Report – Lynn Zabel
- B. County Commissioner – Bob Walkes
- C. District Manager Report – Terri Peters
Year-end reporting.
HR end of year.
Elink year-end reporting
RCPD reporting – staff time, separate for each project.
- D. NRCS Report – Christina Taylor – **Terri read off Christina’s report.**
- E. Natural Resources Technician Report– Katelyn Abts – (In the packet)
- F. Soil Health/Nutrient Management Tech Report – Deanna Pomije (in the packet)
- G. Conservation Planning & Outreach Technician – Ella Jurgerson (In the packet)
- H. BWSR Report –
- I. Other agencies –

X. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Conservation Project – Lynn (open to any Supervisor for ideas)

XI. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Election of SWCD Board Officers for 2026 – **Board Action**
 - i. Chairman – Lynn Zabel
 - ii. Vice Chairman – Chet Ross
 - iii. Secretary – Seth Tentis
 - iv. Treasurer – Sharleen Klennert**Short discussion on positions.**
Motioned by Knudsen and seconded by Klennert to approve keeping the SWCD Board Officers for 2026 the same as they were in 2025.
Affirmative: Ross, Klennert, Tentis, Knudsen, Zabel
Opposed: None
Motion Carried

- B. 2026 Committee Appointments – **Board Action**
- i. Personnel Committee (Lynn, Chet)
 - ii. Finance Committee (Sharleen,
 - iii. Whitewater JPB (Lynn)
 - iv. Zumbro 1W1P (Dag)
 - v. WinLac 1W1P (Lynn)
 - vi. SE SWCD Technical Support JPB (Dag)
 - vii. County Board Meeting Representative (Sharleen)
This is a member of our board who will go to county meetings
- Short discussion on committees.**
Motioned by Klennert and seconded by Ross to approve keeping the Committee appointments for 2026 the same as they were for 2025.
Affirmative: Ross, Klennert, Tentis, Knudsen, Zabel
Opposed: None
Motion Carried
- C. 2026 Board Policy, Operating Rules, Guidelines and Bylaws – **Board Action/**
Each Sign separate last page attached.
Motioned by Klennert and seconded by Ross to approve the 2026 Board Policy, Operating Rules, Guideline and Bylaws.
Affirmative: Ross, Klennert, Tentis, Knudsen, Zabel
Oppose: None
Motion Carried
- D. ELink Grant Reporting Signature Authority Resolution 01222026-1 – **Board Action**
Motioned by Klennert and seconded by Ross to approve the ELink Grant Reporting Signature Authority Resolution 01222026-1.
Affirmative: Ross, Klennert, Tentis, Knudsen, Zabel
Opposed: None
Motion Carried
- E. Designation of Official Newspaper Resolution 01222026-2 (The Lake City Graphic) – **Board Action**
Motioned by Knudsen and seconded by Klennert to approve the Designation of Official Newspaper Resolution 01222026-2 (The Lake City Graphic)
Affirmative: Ross, Klennert, Tentis, Knudsen, Zabel
Opposed: None
Motion Carried
- F. Designation of Official Bank Depositories Resolution 01222026-3 – **Board Action**
Motioned by Knudsen and seconded by Ross to approve the Designation of Official Bank Depositories Resolution 01222026-3.
Affirmative: Ross, Klennert, Tentis, Knudsen, Zabel
Opposed: None
Motion Carried
- G. Designation of Signatories for Bank Accounts Resolution 01222026-4 – **Board Action**
Motioned by Knudsen and seconded by Ross to approve the Designation of Signatories for Bank Accounts Resolution 01222026-4.
Affirmative: Ross, Klennert, Tentis, Knudsen, Zabel
Opposed: None
Motion Carried

- H. Per Diem rates \$125.00 and Mileage .725 for 2026 Resolution 01222026-5 – **Board Action**
Motioned by Klennert and seconded by Ross to approve the Per Diem rates \$125.00 and Mileage .725 for 2026 Resolution 01222026-5.
Affirmative: Ross, Klennert, Tentis, Knudsen, Zabel
Opposed: None
Motion Carried
- I. Approve Annual Resolutions Authorizing Terri Peters Signature Authority for:
- i. Resolution 01222026-6 Approve Grant agreements from BWSR as they come in. -**Board Action**
 - ii. Resolution 01222026-7 Approve Contracts and Amendments, including Cover Crops and Well Sealing Contracts and Extension Signature Authority - **Board Action**
 - iii. Resolution 01222026-8 Approve AgBMP Loan Applications up to \$200,000.00 -**Board Action**
 - iv. Resolution 01222026-9 Approve Designating Signature Authority to Terri Peters for RCPP Contracts that are timely and, only if needed to be done before the monthly board meeting. -**Board Action**
- Motioned by Klennert and seconded by Knudsen to approve the Annual Resolutions Authorizing Terri Peters Signature Authority for: i. Resolution 01222026-6, ii. Resolution 01222026-7, iii. Resolution 01222026-8 and iv. Resolution 01222026-9.**
Affirmative: Ross, Klennert, Tentis, Knudsen, Zabel
Opposed: None
Motion Carried
- J. Resolution to Terminate the Whitewater Joint Powers Board and Terminate and Withdraw from the Whitewater Joint Powers Board Agreement – **Board Action**
Any property or money left will be distributed.
Motioned by Knudsen and seconded by ross to approve Resolution to Terminate the Whitewater Joint Powers Board and Terminate and Withdraw from the Whitewater Joint Powers Board Agreement.
Affirmative: Ross, Klennert, Tentis, Knudsen, Zabel
Opposed: None
Motion Carried
- K. Wabasha SWCD Sponsorship for Cow Calf Days February 12, 2026, in Oronoco at Rossman Farm in the amount of \$100.00 payable to the University of Minnesota - **Board Action**
Motioned by Ross and seconded by Tentis to approve Wabasha SWCD Sponsorship for Cow Calf Days February 12, 2026, in Oronoco at Rossman Farm in the amount of \$100.00 payable to the University of Minnesota.
Affirmative: Ross, Klennert, Tentis, Knudsen, Zabel
Opposed: None
Motion Carried

- L. Agreement between the Wabasha County Soil and Water Conservation District and the Olmsted County Soil and Water Conservation District for the Minnesota Agricultural Water Quality Certification Program (MAWQCP) through MDA. Term January 1, 2026, to December 31, 2027 – **Board Action**
Motioned by Klennert and seconded by Ross to approve the Agreement between Wabasha County Soil and Water Conservation District and Olmsted County Soil and Water Conservation District for the Minnesota Agricultural Water Quality Certification Program (MAWQCP) through the MDA. The term is January 1, 2026, to December 31, 2027.
Affirmative: Ross, Klennert, Tentis, Knudsen, Zabel
Opposed: None
Motion Carried
- M. Employee Handbook with Updates -**Board Action**
Motioned by Klennert and seconded by Ross to approve the Employee Handbook with Updates.
Affirmative: Ross, Klennert, Tentis, Knudsen, Zabel
Opposed: None
Moton Carried
- N. Approve Daniel H. Miller Contract# 2026WinLaC-Wab001 in the amount of \$350.00 for Woodland Stewardship Plan – **Board Action**
(Funding source – FY26 WinLaC)
Motioned by Klennert and seconded by Tentis to approve Daniel H. Miller Contract# 2024WinLaC-Wab001 in the amount of \$350.00 for Woodland Stewardship Plan. Installed by date 11-30-2026.
Affirmative: Ross, Klennert, Tentis, Knudsen, Zabel
Opposed: None
Motion Carried
- O. Approve Allen & Janet Rahman Contract# 2025WAGZ-WC-01 in the amount of \$500.00 for Woodland Stewardship Plan. Install by date 11-30-2026 – **Board Action**
(Funding source – FY26 (WAGZ) Watershed Based Funding)
Motioned by Klennert and seconded by Ross to approve Allen & Janet Rahman Contract# 2025WAGZ-WC-01 in the amount of \$500.00 for Woodland Stewardship Plan. Installed by date 11-30-2026.
Affirmative: Ross, Klennert, Tentis, Knudsen, Zabel
Opposed: None
Motion Carried
- P. January RCPP Batching – **Board Action**
Motioned by Ross and seconded by Tentis to approve the January RCPP Batching.
Affirmative: Ross, Klennert, Tentis, Knudsen, Zabel
Opposed: None
Motion Carried
- Q. Upcoming Events
- i. Cow Calf Days – Thursday, February 12th
 - ii. Wabasha Forestry Day – Friday, February 13th
 - iii. February 16, Washington’s Birthday – Offices Closed
 - iv. February 26th Regular Board Meeting

XII. Board Reports

- A. Whitewater JPB – Lynn
- B. Zumbro 1W1P – Dag
- C. WinLaC 1W1P – Lynn
- D. SE SWCD Technical Support JPB – Dag
(Meeting next week/meet biannually)
- E. County Board Meeting – Sharleen

Terri brought up BALMM meeting on March 11. Board members could attend and option for Zoom. Meet quarterly.

Local Work Group – Scheduling it for May 28th instead of in June.

Prep work- get information for ranking sheet so that it's filled out in advance of the meeting.

XIII. Adjourn – Board Action

Motioned by Ross and seconded by Klennert to Adjourn the meeting at 10:28 am.

Affirmative: Ross, Klennert, Tentis, Knudsen, Zabel

Opposed: None

Motion Carried

Respectively Submitted By:

Seth Tentis, Secretary

Wabasha Soil and Water Conservation District

Balance Sheet

02/19/26

As of January 31, 2026

Accrual Basis

	Jan 31, 26
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
Money Market- Bank of Alma	405,639.16
Money Market WNB Financial	7,491.63
Peoples State Bank Money Market	338,963.28
Petty Cash	76.79
WNB Financial	43,495.40
Total Checking/Savings	795,666.26
Accounts Receivable	
11000 · Accounts Receivable	120,542.96
Total Accounts Receivable	120,542.96
Other Current Assets	
12000 · Undeposited Funds	257.64
Total Other Current Assets	257.64
Total Current Assets	916,466.86
Fixed Assets	
15000 · Furniture and Equipment	
Computer	12,406.19
Laptops for Distrct Techs (2)	3,149.22
Right of Use Asset - Building	91,827.28
Samsung Tablets	1,548.69
15000 · Furniture and Equipment - Other	147,513.54
Total 15000 · Furniture and Equipment	256,444.92
17000 · Accumulated Depreciation	
Accum. Amortization-Building	-9,182.73
17000 · Accumulated Depreciation - Other	-133,075.43
Total 17000 · Accumulated Depreciation	-142,258.16
Total Fixed Assets	114,186.76
TOTAL ASSETS	1,030,653.62
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Accounts Payable	
20000 · Accounts Payable	5,463.91
Total Accounts Payable	5,463.91
Other Current Liabilities	
Compensated Absences Payable	27,036.08
Deferred Revenue	
FY23 CWF - WIC	1,387.09
FY24 BWSR Soil Health Staffing	211,202.15
FY24 Conservation Contracts	423.00
FY25-26 Easement Delivery (RIM)	950.04
FY25-FY28 Soil Health RCPP Rnd1	106,577.00
FY25-FY28 Soil Health RCPP Rnd2	93,363.05
FY25-FY28 Soil Health RCPP Rnd3	120,000.00
FY25 Buffer Law Implementation	12,760.98
FY25 BWSR Soil Health Delivery	-1,810.90
FY25 Conservation Contracts	2,690.25
FY25 LWM	-9,941.85
FY25 WCA	-5,782.37
FY26-27 Conservation Contracts	36,380.00
FY26-FY27 Conservation Delivery	39,238.00
FY26 Buffer Law Implementation	20,000.00
FY26 LWM	14,177.00

Wabasha Soil and Water Conservation District

Balance Sheet

02/19/26

As of January 31, 2026

Accrual Basis

	<u>Jan 31, 26</u>
FY26 WCA	12,118.00
Total Deferred Revenue	653,731.44
Deposit on Tree Sales	11,618.78
24000 · Payroll Liabilities	245.12
25500 · Sales Tax Payable	268.43
Total Other Current Liabilities	692,899.85
Total Current Liabilities	698,363.76
Long Term Liabilities	
Long Term Liability	
Right of Use Asset-Lease Liabil	85,406.87
Total Long Term Liability	85,406.87
Total Long Term Liabilities	85,406.87
Total Liabilities	783,770.63
Equity	
Fund Balance- Unrestricted	196,013.31
Investment in Capital Assets	28,779.89
32000 · Owners Equity	121,095.33
Net Income	-99,005.54
Total Equity	246,882.99
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	<u>1,030,653.62</u>

Wabasha Soil and Water Conservation District
Profit & Loss
 January 2026

	Jan 26
Ordinary Income/Expense	
Income	
Charges for Services	
Native Seed & Plant Sales	118.01
Tree Sales	0.00
Truax No-Till Drill Rental	200.00
Total Charges for Services	318.01
Intergovernmental Revenues	
Federal	
FY25-29 TTT LSR Project-MN DNR	4,425.00
Total Federal	4,425.00
Local / General Funds	
County Regular Allocation	3,591.20
FY25 Septtic Systems Upgrade	272.48
Total Local / General Funds	3,863.68
State	
FY23-FY26 SE Landscape - MN DNR	765.55
FY24-FY25 WAGZ	24,993.34
FY25-FY27 DNR Forestry	5,400.00
Total State	31,158.89
Total Intergovernmental Revenues	39,447.57
Total Income	39,765.58
Gross Profit	39,765.58
Expense	
District Operations	
Other Services and Charges	
Advertising Expense	200.00
Building Rent	1,650.00
Education and Information	2,224.31
Employee Education and Training	0.00
Employee Expenses	8.26
Fees and Dues	7,954.59
Insurance Expenses	6,200.00
Internet Expense	105.04
Postage	89.60
Professional Expenses	416.81
Vehicle Expenses	
Chevrolet Silverado Vehicle Exp	76.38
Hyundia Tucson Vehicle Expense	37.01
Total Vehicle Expenses	113.39
Total Other Services and Charges	18,962.00
Personnel Services	
Employee Salary Permanent	45,825.90
Employer Health Insur (Opt Out)	1,366.30
Employer HSA contributions	375.00
Employer Life and Health	
66000 · Payroll Expenses	217.96
Employer Life and Health - Other	5,089.54
Total Employer Life and Health	5,307.50
Employer Share FICA	2,948.36
Employer Share Medicare	689.54
Employer Share PERA	3,266.56

Wabasha Soil and Water Conservation District
Profit & Loss
 January 2026

	Jan 26
MSRS (457b) Match Contribution	777.72
Worker's Comp Insurance	4,315.00
Total Personnel Services	64,871.88
Supplies	
Office Supplies	39.72
Total Supplies	39.72
Total District Operations	83,873.60
Project Expenditures	
District	
Tree Expense	2.67
Total District	2.67
Federal	
319 Focus Small Wtrshd-W.Indian	1,818.22
FY25-29 TTT LSR Project-MN DNR	4,425.00
Total Federal	6,243.22
State	
FY24-FY25 WAGZ	2,365.50
FY24 WinLaC WRAPS Proj-MPCA	2,763.93
FY25 BWSR Soil Health Staffing	20.00
FY25 Conservation Contracts	298.70
MAWQCP Administration	13,010.77
RIM / CREP Expenses	1,923.75
Total State	20,382.65
Total Project Expenditures	26,628.54
Total Expense	110,502.14
Net Ordinary Income	-70,736.56
Other Income/Expense	
Other Income	
Interest Income	
Interest Earnings MM's	1,203.57
Total Interest Income	1,203.57
Total Other Income	1,203.57
Net Other Income	1,203.57
Net Income	-69,532.99

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02/25/26

Cash Basis

Wabasha Soil and Water Conservation District Monthly Bills Listing February 26, 2026

Type	Date	Num	Name	Memo	Account	Paid Amount
Feb 26, 26						
Liability Check	02/26/2026	12592	QuickBooks Payroll Service	Created by Payroll Service on 02/25/2026	WNB Financial	-9,534.06
Bill Pmt -Check	02/26/2026	12593	Auditor/Treasurer of Wabasha County	Don't List Long Term Disability/Feb	WNB Financial	-512.78
Bill Pmt -Check	02/26/2026	12594	Dennis Shea	Jan. 1, 2026 - Dec 31, 2025 Storage and Trailer Rental	WNB Financial	-350.00
Bill Pmt -Check	02/26/2026	12595	Goodhue County SWCD	Phylliss Sprick 2024-WAGZ-WC-CRP5	WNB Financial	-250.00
Bill Pmt -Check	02/26/2026	12596	HBC	Internet charges 2-02-2026 to 3-01-2026	WNB Financial	-105.04
Bill Pmt -Check	02/26/2026	12597	Insty-Prints of Winona	Mailing - Notice to Private Well Owners	WNB Financial	-2,088.42
Bill Pmt -Check	02/26/2026	12598	Jennifer Wahls-C	DNR LSR TTT Grant FY27/JAN	WNB Financial	-6,712.50
Bill Pmt -Check	02/26/2026	12599	Mittel Schulte, Inc.	March 2026 Rent	WNB Financial	-1,650.00
Bill Pmt -Check	02/26/2026	12600	Office Depot	Labels, Card Stock, Copier Paper	WNB Financial	-151.91
Bill Pmt -Check	02/26/2026	12601	Olmsted SWCD	Revised Labor Rate Difference - WinLac WRAPS billing	WNB Financial	-9.84
Bill Pmt -Check	02/26/2026	12602	Paul Busch Auto Center, Inc.	Silverado Oil Change	WNB Financial	-88.81
Bill Pmt -Check	02/26/2026	12603	SE SWCD Technical Support JPB	Annual Membership Dues - 2026	WNB Financial	-4,000.00
Bill Pmt -Check	02/26/2026	12604	Seth Tentis	Jan 1, 2026 to December 31, 2026 Storage of No-fill Drill	WNB Financial	-150.00
Bill Pmt -Check	02/26/2026	12605	Terri Peters (Expenses)	Mileage Jan TSA-Feb SELC, WAGZ, Forestry Days	WNB Financial	-203.37
Bill Pmt -Check	02/26/2026	12606	Wabasha County-v	2025 HR Services - 14 hrs @\$58.00/hr	WNB Financial	-812.00
Bill Pmt -Check	02/26/2026	12606	Wabasha County Herald	Local Delivery subscription for 2026	WNB Financial	-60.00
Liability Check	02/26/2026	EFT	VSP Vision Care	March - Vision Insurance	WNB Financial	-62.96

Feb 26, 26

-26,741.69

2/26/2026

Christina Taylor Soil Conservationist

CSP (Conservation Stewardship Program)

- 20 Active CSP contracts worth \$1,068,713.50; \$612,302.50 have been paid;
- In the process of going on site visits to certify CSP practices on active contracts and for planning on new applications
- 5 pending applications
- The sign-up deadline for applications was 31 October 2025 but was extended to January 15th
- Only applications received prior to 31 October will be ranked until further notice
- Assessment and Ranking deadline is April 24, 2026

EQIP (Environmental Quality Incentive Program)

- 20 Active EQIP contracts worth \$924, 489.44; \$630,603.44 have been paid.
- 19 Applications are pending status for FY 26;
- Only applications received prior to 1 August 2025 will be ranked until further notice
- Assessment and Ranking deadline is March 20th, cost list has not been finalized

RCPP-EQIP (Regional Conservation Partnership Program- EQIP)

- One active contract
- Application deadline is April 30, 2026

CRP

Reviews for Continuous Sign-up have begun

Other news:

If people are thinking about structures they need on their farms, now is the time to come in to talk to us and get site visits scheduled for any surveying that may be needed.

The Regenerative Pilot Program (RPP) is a fund pool for EQIP and CSP contracts that are geared toward soil health practices to measure results of the practices. The results will be measured with specific soil health testing twice in the contract

Report to the Wabasha SWCD Board – **Feb. 26, 2026**

Deanna Pomije, Soil Health Nutrient Management Specialist

Nutrient Management Work:

- The Comprehensive Nutrient Management Plan (CNMP) 390 acres for Ted & Colby Mehrkens has been approved, awaiting federal funding decision. Started their Manure Management Plan for 2027 as required by MPCA permitting. They are planning to build their new barn this spring. Later I'll plan to start their NRCS annual 2027 manure management plan, assuming they are funded.

Soil Health Work:

Cover Crops:

Two contracts yet to finalize the 2025 cover crop for certification and payment. One is awaiting spring growth, and another has been delayed due to health concerns. I obtained my Job Approval Authority for cover crops (340) level 3.

Continuing with 2026 cover crop planning and contracting as people are willing to plan ahead. This involves discussions with producers on their operation specifics and how cover crops fit into them to improve their soil health. USDA compliance reviews and NRCS program duplicate checks. Developing a contract and seeding plan. Working with clients to determine fields to be planted and make decisions on seed mixes.

Follow up on our RCPP quality control spot checks. Refresher training is being offered on RCPP grant management on 3/9. Also responded to follow-up reporting clarification on pollution reduction on a completed grant with BWSR.

2026 RCPP contract planning:

- **Feb. RCPP batching** - 2 cover crop applications, both multi-species
 - Batching to be finalized yet
- Jan. RCPP batching – 1 tree planting / conservation cover, 4.4 acres

Outreach & Meetings:

Composing a newsletter article on crop Nitrogen rates for our Mar./ April edition.

WAGZ is offering in-person contract training on 2/25.

BWSR is offering remote contract training on 2/24.

Winona SWCD is planning March 12 at their tech. college to host training for producers wanting to do their own manure management plans using the new MPCA online software. Sent out 2 sets of postcards (135 each) to targeted livestock producers. One postcard was

for the March 12th manure management planning training and another offering my assistance in nutrient management.

Cow-Calf Days 2/12 in Oronoco – Attended this with Ella, sponsored the event with a booth. Presentations and panel discussion on beef production, such as pests and minerals. Met Goodhue Supervisor, Ed McNamara. ~90+ attendees

Training:

Plan to attend and promote the upcoming Nitrogen Management in SE MN training offered in Zumbrota on 3/3 and Fountain on 3/2. This will cover the unique challenges that we face here in SE MN in managing nitrogen. They plan to explain the dynamics of groundwater recharge and review nitrogen best management practices.

I-90 Tour 2/5 – Attended this in Rochester, held every year as a joint effort between multiple partners promoting soil health. Great event. Heard a soils presentation on the basics of soil health. I was impressed with producer Phil Smith from Renville. His presentation asked the Why questions on soil health. If you understand Why the How to will come. He also shared some of his financials from his own farm and challenged the audience to look closer at their financial bottom line instead of concentrating on yields. At least a couple of local producers attended, ~90+ attendees.

Attended a Soil Health Training for Agronomists by Agronomists on 2/11 in Owatonna put on by the MN Soil Health Coalition. This was great to see this training being offered targeting agronomists, given their outreach potential. Agronomists presented on regenerative farming with importance on organic matter, herbicide resistance and the soil health Haney test. ~50+ attendees

Nitrogen (N) Conference online training 2/17 – This was a great full day of understanding nitrogen more in-depth, including such items as research on crop biologicals, evaluation of N inhibitors and organic matter in N sustainability.

Coffee 'n Conservation, coordination with Ella:

Next gathering is planned for March, details to come – Topic: Cover Crop Inter-Seeding

- 3 producers attended our Jan. 27 gathering on Manure Management
- 30 total to-date new producers / landowners in attendance
- Great conversation around a variety of conservation topics: erosion, nutrient management, cover crops, tillage, weed control & manure composting.
- Flyer review, call producers for attendance

February Board Report

Ella Jurgerson- Conservation Planner and Outreach Tech

Soil Health

- Continue work on new cover crop interest that have come in to the office

Outreach

- Work on March/April Newsletter
- Work on planning for 5th grade conservation day 2026- we plan on having it on May 13th, that works best for the schools and the presenters.
- Work on making schedule for conservation cubes
- Attend Cow/Calf days in Oronocco
- Attend Driftless Ag Alliance Meeting

Engineering Practices

- Work on contacting producer with upcoming spring projects to start ranking and working on contracts
- Work on contacting producers on a list Matt gave me about previous interest to see if they still want to pursue doing a structural project in the near future.

Wetland Conservation Act (WCA)

- Send out NOD for Wabasha Barge facility application
- Work on ongoing violation restoration order

Well Inventory

- Work on organizing incoming data
- Work on going through MN Well Index to map homes with no well, we are going to use this new contact list for targeted outreach to homeowners who do not have an inventoried well

Training

- Attend soil mechanic 1 training to learn about soil structure and its important for engineered practices
- Attend WAGZ contract training for contracting with new WAGZ mapping tool
- Attend Contract training with BWSR for updates/refresher on contract requirements
- Finish Conservation Planner 1 training, I now am a certified level 1 conservation planner, my goal was to complete this within one year of employment. I now will begin working towards my conservation planner level 2 certification. With level 2 I will be able to work on whole farm planning with the producer. After completing a plan I can try and get level 3 certification.

FLAT RATE BASED CONSERVATION PRACTICE ASSISTANCE CONTRACT

General Information

Organization: Wabasha SWCD	Contract Number: 26-CC-2	Other state or non-state funds? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	Amendment <input type="checkbox"/> Board Meeting Date(s):	Canceled <input type="checkbox"/> Board Meeting Date(s):
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*If contract amended, attach amendment form(s) to this contract.

Applicant

Land Occupier Name Richard Heil	Address 60502 273rd Ave	City/State Millville, MN	Zip code 55957
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* If a group contract, this must be filed and signed by the group spokesperson as designated in the group agreement and the group agreement attached to this form.

Conservation Practice Location

Township Name: Oakwood	Township No: 109	Range No.: 12	Section No. 11	1/4,1/4 NE, SW
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Contract Information

I (we), the undersigned, do hereby request cost share assistance to help defray the cost of installing the following practice(s) listed on the second page of this contract. It is understood that:

1. The land occupier is responsible for full establishment, operation, and maintenance of all practices and upland treatment criteria applied under this program to ensure that the conservation objective of the practice is met and the effective life, a minimum of 15 years, is achieved. The specific operation and maintenance requirements for the conservation practice listed are described in the operation and maintenance plan prepared for this contract by the technical assistance provider.
2. Should the land occupier fail to maintain the practice during its effective life, the land occupier is liable to the State of Minnesota for the amount up to 150% of the amount of financial assistance received to install and establish the practice unless the failure was caused by reasons beyond the land occupier's control, or if conservation practices are applied at the land occupier's expense that provide equivalent protection of the soil and water resources.
3. If title to this land is transferred to another party before expiration of the aforementioned life, it shall be the responsibility of the landowner who signed this contract to advise the new owner that this contract is in force and to notify other parties to the contract of the transfer.
4. Practice(s) must be planned and installed in accordance with technical standards and specifications of the:

NRCS Field Office Technical Guide
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5. Increases in the practice units or cost must be approved by the organization board through amendment of this contract as a condition to increase the cost-share payments.
6. This contract, when approved by the organization board or council, will remain in effect unless canceled or amended by mutual agreement, except where installations of practices covered by this contract have not been installed by 11/30/26, this contract will be automatically terminated on that date.
7. Reimbursement requests must be supported by a completed voucher.

Applicant Signatures

The land occupier's signature indicates agreement to:

1. Grant the organization's representative(s) access to the parcel where the conservation practice will be located.
2. Obtain all permits required in conjunction with the installation and establishment of the practice prior to starting construction of the practice.
3. Be responsible for the operation and maintenance of conservation practices applied under this program in accordance with an operation and maintenance plan prepared by the technical assistance provider.
4. Not accept any other state or federal funds for this practice.

Date	Land Occupier
1/20/26	Richard W. Heil
Date	Landowner, if different from applicant
	Address, if different from applicant information:

Conservation Practice

The primary practice for which cost-share is requested is **Brush Management 314 & Tree/Shrub Establishment 612**

Eligible Component Standard & Name	Engineered Practice: <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	Total Project Cost Estimate
	Ecological Practice: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	
Brush Management 314 & Tree/Shrub Establishment 612		\$454.42

Technical Assessment and Cost Estimate

I have the appropriate technical expertise and have reviewed the site where the above-listed practice is to be installed and find it is needed and that the estimated quantities and costs are practical and reasonable.

Date	Technical Assistance Provider
1-27-26	<i>Kathy MS</i>

Amount Authorized for Financial Assistance

\$786.05/Acre - 314

50% + \$1 - 612

The organization board or council has authorized the following for financial assistance, total not to exceed a rate of: \$1/Tree Protector -612

Amount	Program Name	Fiscal Year
\$452.42	Conservation Contracts	2026

Date	Authorized Signature	Total Amount Authorized
		\$454.42



314 Brush Management Implementation Requirements

Producer: Richard Heil

Project or Contract: 26-CC-2

Location: Twp 109 - R012 - Sec 11

County: Wabasha

Farm Name: 952

Tract Number: 798



Photo by Minnesota Department of Agriculture

Glossy Buckthorn-Rhamnus frangula



Photo by USDA-NRCS

Japanese Barberry - Berberis thunbergii DC.



Photo by USDA-NRCS (WSI)

Gray Alder – Alnus incana (L.) Moench



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Photo by USDA-NRCS (WSI)

Multiflora Rose – Rosa multiflora Thunb.

This practice applies to all lands except active cropland where removal, reduction, or manipulation of woody (non-herbaceous or succulent) plants is desired.

Gopher State One Call Utility Services 651-454-0002 or 800-252-1166

Practice Purpose (check all that apply)

- Create the desired plant community consistent with the ecological site or a desired state within the site description.
- Restore or release desired vegetative cover to protect soils, control erosion, reduce sediment, improve water quality or enhance hydrology.
- Maintain, modify, or enhance fish and wildlife habitat.
- Improve forage accessibility, quality, and quantity for livestock and wildlife.
- Manage fuel loads to achieve desired results.
- Control pervasive plant species to a desired level of treatment that will ultimately contribute to creation or maintenance of an ecological site description “steady state,” addressing the need for forage, wildlife habitat and water quality.

Producer’s Goals and Objectives

Clear buckhorn and other woody invasive species to allow more sunlight to penetrate and promote regeneration of native trees and bushes.

**314 – Brush Management
Implementation Requirements**

Practice Specifications Approval and Completion Certification

Provided Practice Cost information

Site-specific cost estimate, or specifications for the producer to develop a cost estimate or obtain the bid themselves.

Job Class Information (List Practice Job Class)

[314 ESJAA Fact Sheet](#) Job Class: II

Design Installation and Layout Approval

Designed By: Katelyn Abts	Date: 1/20/2026	Designer's Job Approval Authority: II <input type="text"/>
Approved By: Katelyn Abts	Date: 1/20/2026	Approver's Job Approval Authority: II <input type="text"/>

Record of Completion and Check Out Certification

Treated Acres	Date Completed by Client	Date Certified	Approver's Initials

Additional documentation to support practice certification is in the Case File.

Certification Statement

I certify that implementation of this conservation practice is complete, meets criteria for the stated purpose(s), and meets the NRCS conservation practice standard and specifications.

Printed Name:	Date:
Title:	Certifier's Job Approval Authority (JAA):
Signature:	

Notes:

612 – Tree/Shrub Establishment
Implementation Requirements



United States
Department of
Agriculture

612 – Tree/Shrub Establishment
Implementation Requirements

Producer/Landowner:	Richard Heil	Project or Contract #:	26-CC-2
Location (TRS):	Twp 109 R012 Sec 11	County:	Wabasha
Farm Number:	952	Tract Number:	798



Tree/Shrub Establishment can be applied on any site capable of growing woody plants. Select one or more species that are suited to soil and site conditions, and appropriate for the planned purpose(s). Use tree/shrub planting to accomplish or supplement forest stand regeneration in locations where natural regeneration of desired species is not possible or will not meet objectives.

Gopher State One Call Utility Service 651-454-0002 or 800-252-1166

Practice Purpose (Check all that apply)

- Maintain or improve desirable plant diversity, productivity, and health by establishing woody plants.
- Improve water quality by reducing excess nutrients and other pollutants in runoff and ground water.
- Restore or maintain native plant communities.
- Control erosion.
- Create or improve habitat for target wildlife species, beneficial organisms, or pollinator species compatible with ecological characteristics of the site.
- Sequester and store carbon.
- Conserve energy.
- Provide livestock shelter.

Landowner Goals & Objectives

Plant and establish trees to repress invasive species regeneration.

612 – Tree/Shrub Establishment
Implementation Requirements

Tree/Shrub Establishment General Information

Planting Stock: Bare-root Planting Date: April 2026

Care of Stock/Storage Requirements: Stored adequately in cool shady environment and roots kept moist

Avg. Spacing between rows: 20 Avg. Spacing within rows: 20

Avg. Stems per Acre: 125 Avg. Seedling Size/Type: 6 - 12 in

Protection: Solid Tree Tubes

Species Composition

Used MN-EC-002

Selected the desired Conservation Tree/Shrub Group and Windbreak Suitability (CTSG/WS) type. (For a more detailed selection, see the CTSG spreadsheet for the subzones at FOTG section II >>”Soils – Statewide Official Data & County Reports” >> “Conservation Tree and Shrub Groups”

CTSG 7

WS B

Species	Form	Kind of Stock ¹	Plants per Acre	Total Plants
1. White Oak	Tree <input type="text"/>	Bare-root <input type="text"/>	125	50
2.	Choose one <input type="text"/>	Choose one <input type="text"/>		
3.	Choose one <input type="text"/>	Choose one <input type="text"/>		
4.	Choose one <input type="text"/>	Choose one <input type="text"/>		
5.	Choose one <input type="text"/>	Choose one <input type="text"/>		
6.	Choose one	Choose one		
7.	Choose one	Choose one		
8.	Choose one	Choose one		
9.	Choose one	Choose one		
10	Choose one	Choose one		

¹ Bare-root, Plugs, Container, Balled & Burlapped, Cutting (including whips, poles, and stakes); include size, caliper, height, and age as appropriate.

612 – Tree/Shrub Establishment
Implementation Requirements

Operation & Maintenance

Post-planting Weed Control

(For information only – include weed control in plan as separate conservation practice: Mulching (484), Herbaceous Weed Control (315), etc.)

Method: None



Date(s) Planned:

Additional Information:

Additional Specifications & Operation/Maintenance

Provide additional practice installation information necessary to complete the practice, including information about herbivore protection, and other techniques needed for the practice to succeed.

- Trees and shrubs should be planted in Spring.
- White Oak has a minimum spacing of 20 ft.
- Trees and shrub species in rows may be alternated by species or planted in groups.
- Bare root stock at least 6" in height is the smallest stock allowed, but larger stock including potted, or b&b is appropriate. Ensure wildlife protection is appropriate for stock size.
- Landowner is responsible for ensuring area is clear of underground utilities prior to digging for tree planting. Call 811 prior to digging

The following actions are required after completion of initial practice installation to ensure the practice functions correctly during its 15-year practice lifespan:

- Burn or mow the area periodically, if needed to maintain the health of the plant community. Do not conduct maintenance practices and activities during the primary reproductive period of wildlife. Exceptions can be considered to maintain the health of the vegetative community if such exceptions do not conflict with agency requirements.
- Control access by vehicles and/or equipment during or after tree/shrub establishment to protect new plants and minimize erosion, compaction, and other site impacts.
- Inspect the site at an appropriate time following planting, seeding, an/or natural regeneration to determine whether the survival rate for tree and shrubs meets practice and client objectives. Replant or provide supplemental planting when survival falls below 80% of the original planting rate.
- Control plant species on the Federal or State invasive species and noxious weed lists. Apply nutrients to maintain vigor of desirable trees/shrubs.

612 – Tree/Shrub Establishment
Implementation Requirements

Practice Specifications Approval and Completion Certification

Provided Practice Cost Information

Site-specific cost-estimate, or specifications for the producer to develop a cost estimate or obtain the bid themselves.

Job Class Information (List Practice Job Class)

612 ESJAA Fact Sheet	Job Class:II
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Design Installation and Layout Approval

Designed by: Katelyn Abts	Date: 1/20/26	Designer's JAA: II
Approved by: Katelyn Abts	Date: 1/20/26	Approver's JAA: II

Record of Completion and Check-out Certification

Treated Acres	Date Completed by Client	Date Certified	Approver's Initials

Additional documentation to support practice certification is in the Case File.

Certification Statement

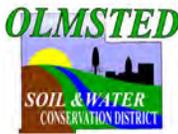
I certify that implementation of this conservation practice is complete, meets criteria for the stated purpose(s), and meets the NRCS conservation practice standard and specifications.

Printed Name: _____ Date: _____

Title: _____ Job Approval Authority: _____

Signature: _____

Notes:



SOUTHEAST MINNESOTA SAFE DRINKING WATER FOR PRIVATE WELL USER SUB-AGREEMENT

This **AGREEMENT** is between the Olmsted Soil and Water Conservation District (hereinafter referred to as "the District"), 1188 50th Street SE, Rochester MN 55904 and Wabasha Soil & Water Conservation District (hereinafter referred to as "the Subrecipient").

I. STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

The purpose of this **AGREEMENT** is to clarify the roles and responsibilities of the parties regarding the project entitled, "SE MN Safe Drinking Water for Private Well Users Program" (hereinafter referred to as "the Project") made possible through a grant received from the Minnesota Department of Health (MDH).

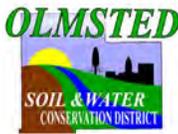
II. SCOPE OF SERVICES AND SPECIFIC DUTIES

The District has agreed to provide funding to the Subrecipient for implementation of the Project. The Subrecipient will complete the duties described in "Exhibit A". Subject to approval by the authorized representative of the District, the Subrecipient may modify this Exhibit through a written addendum to this Agreement which is signed by both parties. Some changes may require approval of the grantor, MDH.

The Subrecipient also agrees to adhere to the provisions of the attached State of Minnesota Grant Agreement, including "Exhibit A" (Project Workplan MDH).

III. PAYMENT TERMS AND REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

- A. REPORTING.** The Sub-recipient will submit invoices to the District documenting progress toward completion of deliverables/activities outlined in Exhibit A.
- B. TERM.** The Sub-recipient may expend grant funds toward completion of deliverables/activities in Exhibit A from the final signing of this agreement by all parties to **April 1, 2027** or until all work under these exhibits are completed and payments made, whichever occurs first, unless earlier terminated by law or according to the provisions of this Agreement.
- C. AMOUNT.** During the term of this agreement, the Sub-recipient may bill the District for work completed as described in Exhibit A for expenses incurred toward completion of their portion of the MDH work plan. This amount will be allocated initially to each sub-recipient. Once expended, need for further funds may be reevaluated on a regional basis with consideration to priorities described as the levels of priority in Exhibit A and available funds will be redistributed accordingly.



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D. PAYMENT SCHEDULE. All payments will be a quarterly reimbursement. Upon execution of this Agreement the Sub-recipient may present itemized invoices to the District for work actually performed and the supporting documentation. The District will provide a copy of the invoice to be completed for all reimbursement requests, including cost-share for private well owners.

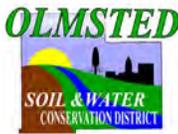
The District will process reimbursement to the Sub-recipient upon receipt of a qualifying invoice. There may be delays in payment from waiting for the District approval and reimbursement requests to MDH. Invoices for payment will be sent to: (or his/her successor)

Caitlin Meyer, Water Resources Supervisor
caitlin.meyer@olmstedcounty.gov
1188 50th Street SE
Rochester MN 55904

IV. CONTRACT CLAUSES

- A. Ownership of Project Materials.** All materials prepared or developed by the Subrecipient hereunder, including documents, notes, reports, data, and samples shall become the property of the District when prepared, whether delivered to the District or not, and shall be delivered to the District upon request. The District will be responsible for responding to any data practices requests pertaining to this data.
- B. Changes.** The District may at any time issue written directions requiring additional work within the Work Plan and any amendments thereto, or directing the addition of, omission of, or variation in Work. If such direction results in a material change in the amount or character of Work, Subrecipient will prepare a scope of Work and cost estimate and forward it to District's representative. District may issue the Subrecipient notice to proceed with this change or request an alteration in the scope of Work, or not authorize the Work.
- C. Indemnity and Hold Harmless.** Subrecipient shall indemnify the District, its directors, officers, employees, and agents against damages, penalties, costs, or expenses incurred in connection with any alleged violation of any federal, state, or local law or regulation regulating the Work performed hereunder or any part thereof.

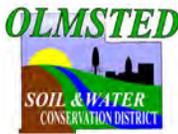
Subrecipient agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the District, its directors, officers, employees, and agents against and from loss, claims, or suits, including costs and attorney's fees, for, or on account of injury, bodily or otherwise, or death, of persons, or damage to or destruction of property belonging to the District or others arising out of the negligent performance of the Work hereunder by the Subrecipient. Subrecipient shall, in no event, be liable for loss or damage attributable to District or its representatives or agents. Subrecipient's liability shall be limited by the provisions of Minnesota Statutes Chapter 466 or other applicable



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law. Nothing herein shall be construed to limit either party from asserting against third parties any defenses or immunities (including common law, statutory and constitutional) it may have or be construed to create a basis for a claim or suit when none would otherwise exist.

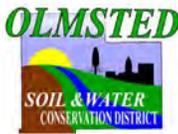
- D. Non-assignment.** Subrecipient shall not assign this Agreement nor delegate or subcontract any of the Work to be performed without the District's written consent. If assignment, delegation, or subcontract is done with such consent, it shall not relieve Subrecipient from its responsibility for the performance of any of its obligations hereunder.
- E. Complete Agreement.** This Agreement constitutes the final expression of the parties' agreement, and the complete and exclusive statement of the terms agreed upon. This Agreement supersedes all prior negotiations, understandings, agreements and representations. There are no oral or written understandings, agreements or representations not specified herein.
- F. Independent Contractor Status.** Subrecipient is an Independent Contractor. Nothing contained in this Agreement is intended or should be construed as creating the relationship of co-partners or joint ventures between the parties. Subrecipient will be responsible for any federal or state taxes applicable to this payment. No tenure or any rights or benefits, including workers' compensation, unemployment insurance, medical care, sick leave, vacation leave, severance pay, Public Employment Retirement Association or other benefits available to Subrecipient employees, shall accrue to the District or its employees performing services under this Agreement.
- G. Worker Health, Safety and Training.** Subrecipient shall be solely responsible for the health and safety of its employees in connection with the work performed under this Contract. Subrecipient shall make arrangements to ensure the health and safety of all subcontractors and other persons who may perform work in connection with this Contract. Subrecipient shall ensure all personnel of Subrecipient and subcontractors are properly trained and supervised and, when applicable, duly licensed or certified appropriate to the tasks engaged in under this Contract. Subrecipient shall comply with federal, state and local occupational safety and health standards, regulations and rules promulgated pursuant to the Occupational Health and Safety Act which are applicable to the work to be performed by Subrecipient
- H. Legal Compliance.** Subrecipient and the District shall comply with all applicable federal and state statutes and regulations as well as local ordinances now in effect or hereafter adopted.
- I. Data Privacy.** For purposes of this Contract all data created, collected, received, stored, used, maintained, or disseminated by Subrecipient in the performance of



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this Contract is subject to the requirements of the Minnesota Government Data Practices Act, Minn. Stat. Chapter 13 and the Minnesota Rules implementing the Act now in force or hereafter adopted as well as the federal laws on data privacy.

- J. Business Records.** Subrecipient shall keep such business records pursuant to this Agreement as would be kept by a reasonably prudent practitioner of Subrecipient's profession. Subrecipient shall maintain such records for at least 6 years from the date services or payment were last provided or made or longer if any audit in progress requires a longer retention period. All accounting records shall be kept in accordance with generally accepted accounting practices. The District shall have the right to audit and review all such documents and records at any time during Subrecipient's regular business hours or upon reasonable notice. These records are subject to examination, duplication, transcription and audit by the District and either the Legislative or State Auditor of the State of Minnesota pursuant to Minnesota Statute § 16C.05, subd 5. Such evidences are also subject to review by the Comptroller General of the United States, or a duly authorized representative, if federal funds are used for any work under this Contract.
- K. Force Majeure.** Neither party shall be held responsible for delay or failure to perform caused by fire, flood, epidemic, strikes, riot, acts of God, unusually severe weather, terrorism, war, acts of public authorities other than Wabasha County or delays or defaults caused by public carriers which was beyond a party's reasonable control, provided the defaulting party gives notice as soon as possible to the other party of the inability to perform.
- L. Waiver.** The failure of the District or Subrecipient to enforce one or more of the terms or conditions of the Contract or to exercise any of its rights or privileges, or the waiver by either party of any breach of such terms or conditions, shall not be construed as thereafter waiving any such terms, conditions, rights, or privileges, and the same shall continue and remain in force and effect as if no waiver had occurred.
- M. Notices.** All official notices, shall be sufficiently given when delivered or mailed, certified mail, postage prepaid, to the parties at their respective places of business as set forth below or at a place designated hereafter in writing by the parties
- For the District: 1188 50th Street SE Rochester MN 55904
For SWCD:
- Wabasha Soil and Water Conservation District
Terri Peters or successor, District Manager
611 Broadway Ave #10
Wabasha, MN 55981
- N. Interpretation, Jurisdiction and Venue.** All contractual agreements shall be subject to, governed by, and construed and interpreted solely according to the laws



of the State of Minnesota. Both parties hereby consent and submit to the jurisdiction of the appropriate courts of Minnesota or of the United States having jurisdiction in Minnesota for adjudication of any suit or cause of action arising under or in connection with the contract documents, or the performance of such contract, and agrees that any such suit or cause of action may be brought in any such court.

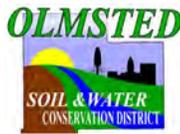
- O. Severability.** The parties agree that if any term or provision of this contract is declared by a court of competent jurisdiction to be illegal or in conflict with any law, the validity of the remaining terms and provisions shall not be affected, and the rights and obligations of the parties shall be construed and enforced as if the contract did not contain the particular term or provision held to be invalid.
- P. Agreement to Mediate Disputes.** In the event that any dispute arises between the parties in relation to this Agreement, or out of this Agreement, and the dispute is not resolved by negotiation, the parties may agree to submit the dispute to mediation. The parties further agree that their participation in mediation is a condition precedent to any party pursuing any other available remedy in relation to the dispute.

Any party to the dispute may give written notice to the other party of his or her desire to commence mediation, and a mediation session must take place within [30] days after the date that such notice is given.

The parties must jointly appoint a mutually acceptable mediator. If the parties are unable to agree upon the appointment of a mediator within [7] days after a party has given notice of a desire to mediate the dispute, any party may apply to any organization or person agreed to by the parties in writing, for appointment of a mediator.

The parties further agree to share equally the costs of the mediation, which costs will not include costs incurred by a party for representation by counsel at the mediation.

- Q. Default and Termination.** Either party by written notice of default (including breach of contract) to the other party may terminate the whole or any part of this agreement if the other party fails to perform any of the provisions of this contract, and after receipt of written notice from the first party, fails to correct such failures a period of 10 days or such longer period as the first party may authorize in writing after receipt of notice from the first party specifying such failure.
- R. Merger Clause.** This agreement constitutes the final expression of the parties' agreement, and the complete and exclusive statement of the terms agreed upon. This agreement supersedes all prior negotiations, understanding, agreements, and representations. There are no oral or written understandings, agreements or representations not specified herein. Furthermore, no waiver, consent,



modification, or change of terms of this agreement shall bind either party unless in writing and signed by both parties. Such waiver, consent, modification, or change shall be effective only in the specific instance and for the specific purpose given.

V. AGREEMENT EFFECTIVE DATE

This agreement is effective upon execution by all parties.

Approved and accepted for:

THE OLMSTED SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

DocuSigned by:
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2/18/2026 | 12:33 PM PST

Olmsted Soil & Water Conservation District
Board Chair

Date

FOR THE SUBRECIPIENT

Terri Peters

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Name

Date

District Manager

Title



Work Plan and Funding Eligibility Policy
TAP- IN, SE MN Safe Drinking Water for Private Well Users Program
MN Department of Health FY 2025 - 2027

Exhibit A – Safe Drinking Water for Private Well Users Phase II

I. Objective

Regional groundwater monitoring networks and a recent petition to the Environmental Protection Agency have elevated concern from the public on the nitrate contamination issue for private well owners in the karst region of SE MN.

Groundwater and Drinking Water Protection have risen to the top of priorities in each comprehensive watershed management plan developed in the SE region based on concern from local units of government, state agency recommendations, and concern from the public and other stakeholder groups. The Counties and Soil & Water Conservation Districts in the TAP-IN collaborative recognize a need to continue building on the regional messaging on Safe Drinking water developed through the TAP-IN Collaborative.

II. Grantee Goals

- A. Continue to improve public health knowledge and awareness regarding monitoring results, geologic controls on contamination, and pollution prevention through the TAP-IN, Safe Drinking Water for SE MN program. Offer outreach and education to rural residents in the 9-County area through social media campaigns, nitrate screening events, WIC clinics, and access to regional points of contact for technical assistance.
- B. Provide private well owners with drinking water testing opportunities and technical assistance in understanding results and recommended testing frequency for the top five contaminants. Provide testing kits to residents who do not have knowledge of their water quality with no cost nitrate (full anion scan), coliform bacteria, manganese, arsenic, and lead testing. To date, very little monitoring has been conducted to assess the incidence of arsenic and manganese in SE MN groundwater. Test results will build on our baseline understanding of the incidence of these top five contaminants in our 9-county region.
- C. Assist private well users in protecting their drinking water quality by promoting installation of appropriate and effective drinking water treatment systems and technical assistance to troubleshoot well damage. Provide cost-share for mitigation measures to



provide safe drinking water for private well owners with specific attention to those well owners with infants and children, pregnant mothers, well owners over the age of 65, and those experiencing financial hardship in targeted areas as outlined below. Technical assistance from local lead staff will be provided to guide property owners with contaminant concentrations over the health risk limit to make an educated decision on their treatment system or well mitigation. Eligibility and cost share criteria was developed in the pilot phase of the TAP-IN program which will ensure consistency in programming across the 9 counties. Applicants will utilize licensed well drillers and/or licensed water conditioning experts or plumbers for well repair, new well construction, and water treatment system installation. Agreements will be administered through the local SWCD office or designated County department. Guidance will be offered to well owners that installed a treatment system and reduced cost testing will be provided post installation to ensure the system is functioning properly.

Participating counties include: Dodge, Fillmore, Goodhue, Houston, Mower, Olmsted, Rice, Wabasha & Winona

Total Grant: \$ 600,000 Grant Period: May 1, 2024 – April 30th, 2027

III. Program Guidelines

A. Administration and Coordination: Olmsted Soil & Water Conservation District will provide all administrative responsibilities on this program including grant reporting, financial responsibilities, and sub-agreement development.

B. Grant Policy

Reference the 2024-2027 Safe Drinking Water for Private Well Users Grant Program for complete grant eligibility requirements, required documentation, and approval process.

IV. Regional Sub-recipient Guidelines

A. Each sub-recipient will be provided a sub-agreement to assist well owners in their county. Each sub-recipient will be allocated the following on a reimbursement basis initially, to be reevaluated as funds are expended and requested according to priorities outlined below and in the MDH Workplan.

1. Workplan Objective 1 – for reimbursable time and expenses to develop and execute the regional public health messaging campaign, improve public health knowledge and awareness through education, outreach, technical assistance on mitigation and contract development, and nitrate screening clinics (Not to exceed \$2,000)



2. Workplan Objective 3 – To provide financial assistance to well owners eligible for water treatment, well repair, or new well construction for water quality contaminant mitigation. Request on a per project basis while grant funding remains.
 3. Workplan Task D-E to provide technical assistance to well owners eligible for water treatment, well repair, or new well construction for nitrate mitigation as outlined in Task D-E of the amended MDH workplan. (Not to exceed \$5,000)
- B. Subrecipients will be responsible for prioritizing and providing documentation to the Olmsted SWCD as described below. Given the shortened time frame of the grant, counties may submit projects as encumbered to Olmsted SWCD as identified on as frequent as a monthly basis for approval based on priorities. This method will allow regional tracking of spending on an ongoing basis and ability to route funds to other partners.
- C. The LGU Board can delegate their authority to enter into contracts and provide payment on the contracts to the Manager, Administrator, or appropriate Department Head. However, the approval of the expenditure of grant funds must be documented.
- D. Cost-share contracts with private well owners for bacteria, arsenic, manganese or lead contamination will be developed through the local SWCD office or designated County department and will require local board (or designee) approval for contracting and final reimbursements to assure proper documentation of funding occurs and for proof a licensed well driller, pump installer, or water conditioning expert conducted the work (as described in Attachment 1 - 2024-2027 Policy). The private well owner will be responsible for all projects costs to the contractor directly.
- E. Contracts will be developed directly through Olmsted County for well owners that meet financial hardship eligibility and qualify for the alternate nitrate mitigation funds to construct a new well or repair an existing well. Project costs will be reimbursed to the contractor directly for these contracts.

PERCENT BASED CONSERVATION PRACTICE ASSISTANCE CONTRACT

General Information

Organization: Wabasha SWCD	Contract Number: 23CWF-WIC-2	Other state or non-State funds? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> No	Amendment <input type="checkbox"/> Board Meeting Date(s):	Canceled <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Board Meeting Date(s): 2/26/2026
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*If contract amended, attach amendment form(s) to this contract.

Applicant

Land Occupier Name Eversman Brothers Farms	Address 21990 595th St	City/State Kellogg, MN	Zip Code 55945
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*If a group contract, this must be filed and signed by the group spokesperson as designated in the group agreement and the group agreement attached to this form

Conservation Practice Location

Township Name: Highland (Site 1)	Township No: 109	Range No.: 11	Section No.: 15	1/4, 1/4 NE 1/4
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Contract Information

I (we), the undersigned, do hereby request cost share assistance to help defray the cost of installing the following practice(s) listed on the second page of this contract. It is understood that:

1. The land occupier is responsible for full establishment, operation, and maintenance of all practices and upland treatment criteria applied under this program to ensure that the conservation objective of the practice is met and the effective life, a minimum of **15 years**, is achieved. The specific operation and maintenance requirements for the conservation practice listed are described in the operation and maintenance plan prepared for this contract by the technical assistance provider.
2. Should the land occupier fail to maintain the practice during its effective life, the land occupier is liable to the State of Minnesota for the amount up to 150% of the amount of financial assistance received to install and establish the practice unless the failure was caused by reasons beyond the land occupier's control, or if conservation practices are applied at the land occupier's expense that provide equivalent protection of the soil and water resources.
3. If title to this land is transferred to another party before expiration of the aforementioned life, it shall be the responsibility of the landowner who signed this contract to advise the new owner that this contract is in force and to notify other parties to the contract of the transfer.
4. Practice(s) must be planned and installed in accordance with technical standards and specifications of the:

NRCS Field Office Technical Guide (FOTG) 410 - Grade Stabilization Structure Practice Standard
5. Increases in the practice units or cost must be approved by the organization board through amendment of this contract as a condition to increase the cost-share payments.
6. This contract, when approved by the organization board or council, will remain in effect unless canceled or amended by mutual agreement, except where installations of practices covered by this contract have not been installed by **11-30-2023**, this contract will be automatically terminated on that date.
7. Items of cost for which reimbursement is claimed are to be supported by invoices/receipts for payments and will be verified by the organization board as practical and reasonable. The invoices must include the name of the vendor; materials, labor or equipment used; the component unit costs and the dates the work was performed. The organization board has the authority to make adjustments to the costs submitted for reimbursement. Pre-Construction Cover is exempt from having the required invoices/receipts.

Applicant Signatures

The land occupier's signature indicates agreement to:

1. Grant the organization's representative(s) access to the parcel where the conservation practice will be located.
2. Obtain all permits required in conjunction with the installation and establishment of the practice prior to starting construction of the practice.
3. Be responsible for the operation and maintenance of conservation practices applied under this program in accordance with an operation and maintenance plan prepared by the technical assistance provider.

4. Not accept cost-share funds, from state sources in excess of 90.%, or state and non-state sources that when combined are in excess of 90.% of the total cost to establish the conservation practice. Pre-construction Cover is exempt from the percent reimbursement rate limitations when utilizing the flat rate payment option.
5. To provide copies of all forms and contracts pertinent to any other state or non-state programs that are contributing funds toward this project.

Date	Land Occupier
Date	Landowner, if different from applicant
	Address, if different from applicant information

Conservation Practice

The primary practice for which cost-share is requested is: 410 - Grade Stabilization Structure

Eligible Component Standards & Names 410 - Grade Stabilization Structure, 460 - Land Clearing, 342 Critical Area Planting	Engineered Practice: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	Total Project Cost Estimate \$14,292.00
	Ecological Practice: <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	

Technical Assessment and Cost Estimate

I have the appropriate technical expertise and have reviewed the site where the above-listed practice is to be installed and find it is needed and that the estimated quantities and costs are practical and reasonable.

Date	Technical Assistance Provider	<small>NRCS engineered project with appropriately signed and documented plans available upon request NRCS-CPA-1245 (Practice Approval and Payment Worksheet) can be utilized as the certification of practice completion. An attached completed, and signed NRCS-CPA-1245 and the submittal can be used as the Technical Certification on the "Voucher and Certification"</small>
4-20-2023	<i>Matthew Karpinsky</i>	

Pre-Construction Cover

Is allowed when temporary cover is necessary for the future installation of structural conservation practices. A flat rate payment of up to \$150 per acre, not to exceed 10 acres, is allowed as part of a state cost-share contract for the installation of structural practice(s).

Amount / Acre (NTE \$150/acre)	Number of Acres (NTE 10 Acres)	Total Amount

Amount Authorized for Financial Assistance

The organization board or council has authorized the following for financial assistance, total not to exceed 90.0% of the total cost to establish the conservation practice plus the pre-construction cover total amount if utilizing the flat rate payment option.

Amount	Program Name	Fiscal Year
\$6,357.67	2023 West Indian Creek Watershed Restoration and Protection	2023

<i>Land Occupier</i>		Total Amount Authorized
Date	Authorized Signature	\$6,357.67
4-21-2023	<i>Ronald E. ...</i>	

Date	Authorized Signature	Total amount authorized \$6,357.67
4-27-2023	<i>Lynne Tubel</i>	

Contract Amendment Form

Organization: Wabasha SWCD	Contract Number: 23CWF-WIC-2	Amendment Number: 1	Amendment Type
		Board Meeting Date: 11/16/2023	Date <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Amount <input type="checkbox"/> Land Occupier <input type="checkbox"/> Practice <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/>

Amendment requests that are received outside the executed State grant agreement date, outside the contract practice install date, or grant program policies BWSR staff must be consulted and a grant agreement amendment may be required.

State Grant Agreement Expiration Date: 12/31/2025 Original Contract Install Date: 11/30/2023

Amended Contract Install Date (If applicable): 11/30/2024

Original Total Amount Authorized: \$6,357.67 Amended Total Amount Authorized: \$6,357.67

The Parties whose names are signed below hereby agree that the above-referenced Conservation Practice Assistance Contract is amended as follows:

This amendment extends the install date by 1 year from 11/30/2023 to 11/30/2024. The landowner was not able to get a contractor who was able to complete the project this season but is looking to get it completed next year. The total amount authorized is not being amended.

The original contract, as numbered, shall remain in full force and effect, except for those changes made necessary by the amendment.

This Amendment is to take affect on the date of the last signature hereto.

Date 11/15/2023	Land Occupier Donald J. Ericsson
Date	Landowner, if different from applicant

Technical Assessment and Cost Estimate

I have viewed the site where the above listed are to be installed and find that they are needed, and that the amended estimated quantities, costs, or completion date described above are practical and reasonable.

Date 11-15-2023	Technical Assistance Provider Matti Korpimäki	<small>NRCS engineered project with appropriately signed and documented plans available upon request. NRCS-CPA-1245 (Practice Approval and Payment Worksheet) can be utilized as the certification of practice completion. An attached completed, and signed NRCS-CPA-1245 and the asbuilt can be used as the Technical Certification on the "Voucher and Certification"</small>
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Organizational Approval

Date 11-16-23	Authorized Signature Lynn Zabel
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*Attach this form to the Conservation Practice Assistance Contract

PERCENT BASED CONSERVATION PRACTICE ASSISTANCE CONTRACT

General Information

Organization: Wabasha SWCD	Contract Number: 23CWF-WIC-3	Other state or non-State funds? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> No	Amendment <input type="checkbox"/> Board Meeting Date(s):	Canceled <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Board Meeting Date(s): 2/26/2026
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*If contract amended, attach amendment form(s) to this contract.

Applicant

Land Occupier Name Eversman Brothers Farms	Address 21990 595th St	City/State Kellogg, MN	Zip Code 55945
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* If a group contract, this must be filed and signed by the group spokesperson as designated in the group agreement and the group agreement attached to this form.

Conservation Practice Location

Township Name: Highland (Site 2)	Township No: 109	Range No.: 11	Section No.: 15	1/4, 1/4 NE 1/4
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Contract Information

I (we), the undersigned, do hereby request cost share assistance to help defray the cost of installing the following practice(s) listed on the second page of this contract. It is understood that:

1. The land occupier is responsible for full establishment, operation, and maintenance of all practices and upland treatment criteria applied under this program to ensure that the conservation objective of the practice is met and the effective life, a minimum of **15 years**, is achieved. The specific operation and maintenance requirements for the conservation practice listed are described in the operation and maintenance plan prepared for this contract by the technical assistance provider.
2. Should the land occupier fail to maintain the practice during its effective life, the land occupier is liable to the State of Minnesota for the amount up to 150% of the amount of financial assistance received to install and establish the practice unless the failure was caused by reasons beyond the land occupier's control, or if conservation practices are applied at the land occupier's expense that provide equivalent protection of the soil and water resources.
3. If title to this land is transferred to another party before expiration of the aforementioned life, it shall be the responsibility of the landowner who signed this contract to advise the new owner that this contract is in force and to notify other parties to the contract of the transfer.
4. Practice(s) must be planned and installed in accordance with technical standards and specifications of the:

NRCS Field Office Technical Guide (FOTG) 410 - Grade Stabilization Structure Practice Standard
5. Increases in the practice units or cost must be approved by the organization board through amendment of this contract as a condition to increase the cost-share payments.
6. This contract, when approved by the organization board or council, will remain in effect unless canceled or amended by mutual agreement, except where installations of practices covered by this contract have not been installed by **11-30-2023**, this contract will be automatically terminated on that date.
7. Items of cost for which reimbursement is claimed are to be supported by invoices/receipts for payments and will be verified by the organization board as practical and reasonable. The invoices must include the name of the vendor; materials, labor or equipment used; the component unit costs and the dates the work was performed. The organization board has the authority to make adjustments to the costs submitted for reimbursement. Pre-Construction Cover is exempt from having the required invoices/receipts.

Applicant Signatures

The land occupier's signature indicates agreement to:

1. Grant the organization's representative(s) access to the parcel where the conservation practice will be located.
2. Obtain all permits required in conjunction with the installation and establishment of the practice prior to starting construction of the practice.
3. Be responsible for the operation and maintenance of conservation practices applied under this program in accordance with an operation and maintenance plan prepared by the technical assistance provider.

- Not accept cost-share funds, from state sources in excess of 90.%, or state and non-state sources that when combined are in excess of 90.% of the total cost to establish the conservation practice. Pre-construction Cover is exempt from the percent reimbursement rate limitations when utilizing the flat rate payment option.
- To provide copies of all forms and contracts pertinent to any other state or non-state programs that are contributing funds toward this project.

Date	Land Occupier
Date	Landowner, if different from applicant
	Address, if different from applicant information

Conservation Practice

The primary practice for which cost-share is requested is: 410 - Grade Stabilization Structure

Eligible Component Standards & Names 410 - Grade Stabilization Structure, 460 - Land Clearing, 342 Critical Area Planting, 412 Grassed Waterway, 484 Mulching	Engineered Practice: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	Total Project Cost Estimate \$20,343.00
	Ecological Practice: <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	

Technical Assessment and Cost Estimate

I have the appropriate technical expertise and have reviewed the site where the above-listed practice is to be installed and find it is needed and that the estimated quantities and costs are practical and reasonable.

Date 4-20-2023	Technical Assistance Provider <i>Matthew Henjira</i>	NRCS engineered project with appropriately signed and documented plans available upon request NRCS-CPA-1245 (Practice Approval and Payment Worksheet) can be utilized as the certification of practice completion. An attached completed, and signed NRCS-CPA-1245 and the asbuilt can be used as the Technical Certification on the "Voucher and Certification"
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Pre-Construction Cover

Is allowed when temporary cover is necessary for the future installation of structural conservation practices. A flat rate payment of up to \$150 per acre, not to exceed 10 acres, is allowed as part of a state cost-share contract for the installation of structural practice(s).

Amount / Acre (NTE \$150/acre)	Number of Acres (NTE 10 Acres)	Total Amount

Amount Authorized for Financial Assistance

The organization board or council has authorized the following for financial assistance, total not to exceed 90.0% of the total cost to establish the conservation practice plus the pre-construction cover total amount if utilizing the flat rate payment option.

Amount	Program Name	Fiscal Year
\$8,370.38	2023 West Indian Creek Watershed Restoration and Protection	2023

Date 4-21-2023	Land Occupier Authorized Signature <i>Donald Eversman</i>	Total Amount Authorized \$8,370.38
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Date 4-27-2027	Authorized Signature <i>Lynn Fubel</i>	Total Amount Authorized \$8,370.38
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Contract Amendment Form

Organization: Wabasha SWCD	Contract Number: 23CWF-WIC-3	Amendment Number: 1	Amendment Type
		Board Meeting Date: 11/16/2023	Date <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Amount <input type="checkbox"/> Land Occupier <input type="checkbox"/> Practice <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/>

Amendment requests that are received outside the executed State grant agreement date, outside the contract practice install date, or grant program policies BWSR staff must be consulted and a grant agreement amendment may be required.

State Grant Agreement Expiration Date: 12/31/2025 Original Contract Install Date: 11/30/2023
 Amended Contract Install Date (if applicable): 11/30/2024
 Original Total Amount Authorized: \$8,370.38 Amended Total Amount Authorized: \$8,370.38

The Parties whose names are signed below hereby agree that the above-referenced Conservation Practice Assistance Contract is amended as follows:

This amendment extends the install date by 1 year from 11/30/2023 to 11/30/2024. The landowner was not able to get a contractor who was able to complete the project this season but is looking to get it completed next year. The total amount authorized is not being amended.

The original contract, as numbered, shall remain in full force and effect, except for those changes made necessary by the amendment.

This Amendment is to take affect on the date of the last signature hereto.

Date 11/15/2023	Land Occupier <i>Donald G. Evensen</i>
Date	Landowner, if different from applicant

Technical Assessment and Cost Estimate

I have viewed the site where the above listed are to be installed and find that they are needed, and that the amended estimated quantities, costs, or completion date described above are practical and reasonable.

Date 11-15-2023	Technical Assistance Provider <i>Walter Koenig</i>	NRCS engineered project with appropriately signed and documented plans available upon request. NRCS-CPA-1245 (Practice Approval and Payment Worksheet) can be utilized as the certification of practice completion. An attached completed, and signed NRCS-CPA-1245 and the asbuilt can be used as the Technical Certification on the "Voucher and Certification"
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Organizational Approval

Date 11-16-2023	Authorized Signature <i>Lynn Jabel</i>
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*Attach this form to the Conservation Practice Assistance Contract

Soil Health RCPP 2026 Ranking / Batching							2/26/2026
Contract #	Total Ranking Points	Practice (code)	Funding Request	Acres	Contracted Years	Rate	Comments
79-3-35	20	Cover Crop (340)	\$10,422	57.9	3	\$60	multi-species cover crops
79-3-42	25	Cover Crop (340)	\$18,000	100	3	\$60	multi-species cover crops

Pending contract signatures, technical sign-off and eligibility reviews

Board Chair Signature

Notes on Approval:

Date



Susan Cerwinske <susan.cerwinske.wabashaswcd@gmail.com>

FW: Letter of Support for Research Opportunity through University of Minnesota

1 message

Peters, Terri - FPAC-NRCS, MN <terri.peters@mn.nacdnet.net>
To: Susan Cerwinske <susan.cerwinske.wabashaswcd@gmail.com>

Wed, Feb 25, 2026 at 12:07 PM

Sue, would you add this email and the attachments to New Business in the board meeting. Action for approval for me to write the LOS. Thanks

Terri Peters

District Manager/Water Planner

Wabasha SWCD

(651) 560 -2044



From: LeClaire, Paul (He/Him/His) (DNR) <Paul.LeClaire@state.mn.us>
Sent: Monday, February 23, 2026 7:45 AM
To: Peters, Terri - FPAC-NRCS, MN <terri.peters@mn.nacdnet.net>
Subject: Letter of Support for Research Opportunity through University of Minnesota

Hi Terri,

I'm reaching out to see if the Wabasha County SWCD might have interest in providing a letter of support for an interesting research opportunity that has come up. Last year, the River Ecology Unit was approached by Saint Anthony Falls Laboratory (SAFL) staff through the University of Minnesota to see if we'd be interested in a joint research effort funded by LCCMR. We've worked with them over the past several months on developing an idea to move forward with and are now at a point where we're getting close to submitting a proposal for the grant.

The proposed research will be on toe-wood installation for streambank stabilization and stream restoration projects. It'll be a fairly comprehensive look at the hydraulics and sediment transport mechanics around toe-wood structures to help improve installation techniques and gain general knowledge about the structures. The information on toe-wood that is out there now is fairly limited (as you may know). We're hoping that the research can be used as a tool to help local water resource managers sell the idea of toe-wood to citizens that are in need of streambank stabilization measures.

A colleague informed me that the Wabasha County SWCD has been involved with projects that included toe-wood installation. Do you think there would be interest from your SWCD in supporting this research

effort? SAFL staff recommended getting as many letters of support as possible to submit with our proposal. We are providing one from the DNR already and have received some interest from other SWCDs across the state. If there is interest in providing a letter of support, we would look to have that letter by March 10th if possible. This is a fairly tight turnaround, so I understand if you don't think you'll be able to make this work for your timeline.

If you have any specific questions, feel free to reach out. I've attached our draft "Motivation" section that will be used in our proposal for your reference and an example support letter that we received from South St. Louis County SWCD.

Thank you in advance.

Paul LeClaire, PE

Stream Restoration Engineer | River Ecology Unit | Ecological and Water Resources Division

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RE: SAFL & MNDNR River Ecology Unit – mutual research proposal concepts

Jeff Marr, Michele Guala, Jess Kozarek, Paul LeClaire

Title: Improving toe-wood design and installation in stream restoration projects.

Motivation: The DNR's preferred method for streambank stabilization is referred to as toe-wood, which involves the installation of logs, root wads, brush, and sod matting on the outside bends of streams. In addition to short-term stabilization of stream banks that are actively eroding or in jeopardy of failing, it also promotes natural, long-term stability in the stream (applicable in stream restoration projects). Properly installed toe-wood will improve water quality and in-stream habitat.

Toe-wood has been the subject of little hydraulic modelling and research. The advantages of toe-wood over traditional streambank stabilization methods – such as riprap armoring – are primarily based on practitioner experience. This project aims to provide valuable insight to local water resource managers on toe-wood structure impacts on channel hydraulics and geomorphology. It will provide water managers with reference material that they can then pass along to project proposers that wish to implement streambank stabilization measures. Guidance will be developed for streamlining installation techniques, which will be a valuable resource for stream restoration practitioners. The proposed research will serve to make stream restoration and stabilization projects more likely to succeed long-term and will result in improved efficiency for permit acquisition and implementation.

February 17, 2026

TO: WSWCD Board
From: Dag Knudsen
Subject: February 12, 2026 Watershed Alliance for the Greater Zumbro (WAGZ) Joint Policy Advisory Committee meeting.

Chair and vice chair were reelected: Ed McNamara a chair, John Allen as vice Chair. All committee assignments remain unchanged except for one who is joining the Finance Committee. I remain on that committee.

Reviewed 24' - 25' Grant Progress financial summary.
The grant was \$1,897,768.00 BWSR 2nd payment should come soon.

The 26' - 27' Watershed Based Implementation funding request was reviewed.
The total request is for \$1,910,367.00 which has a required match of \$191,036.70

WSWCD presented a Wabasha County Manure Storage Project Funding Request – Section 9, Highland Township for the Little Red Dairy in the amount of \$200,000.00. Approved. This almost \$1,000,000 project depends on additional funding from EQUIP and others. The landowner's share is approximately \$500,000.

Goodhue and Wabasha counties showcased projects.

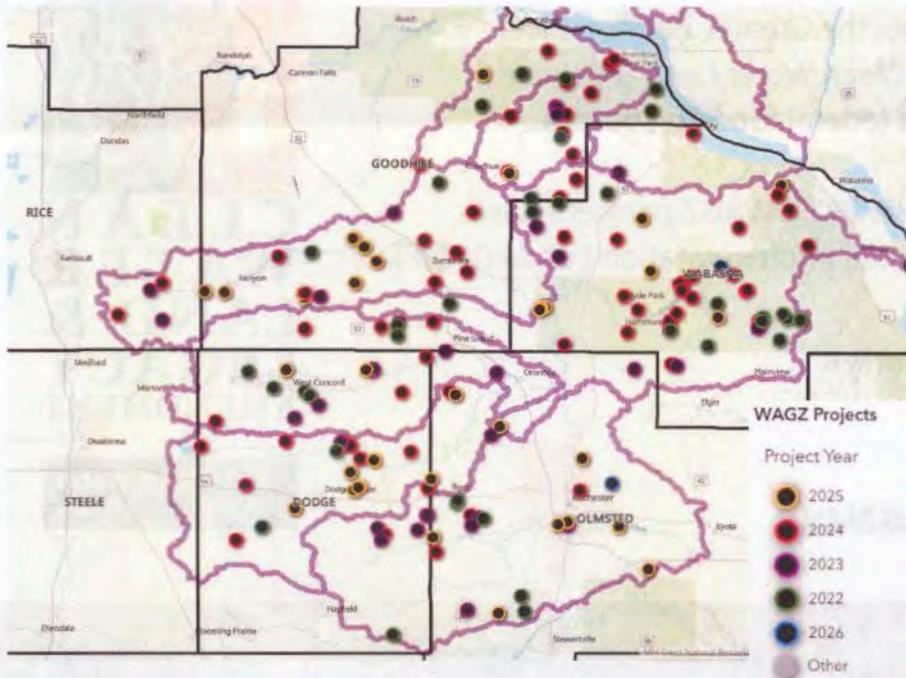
A summary of watershed results from 2022 to 2025 was presented. A copy is included herewith.



Watershed Alliance for the Greater Zumbro

2025 was the fourth year implementing the action Plan in the Greater Zumbro River Watershed utilizing the state's Watershed Based Implementation Funding (WBIF). The graphic on the right illustrates the core conservation practices provided funding through our WAGZ partners from 2022-2025.

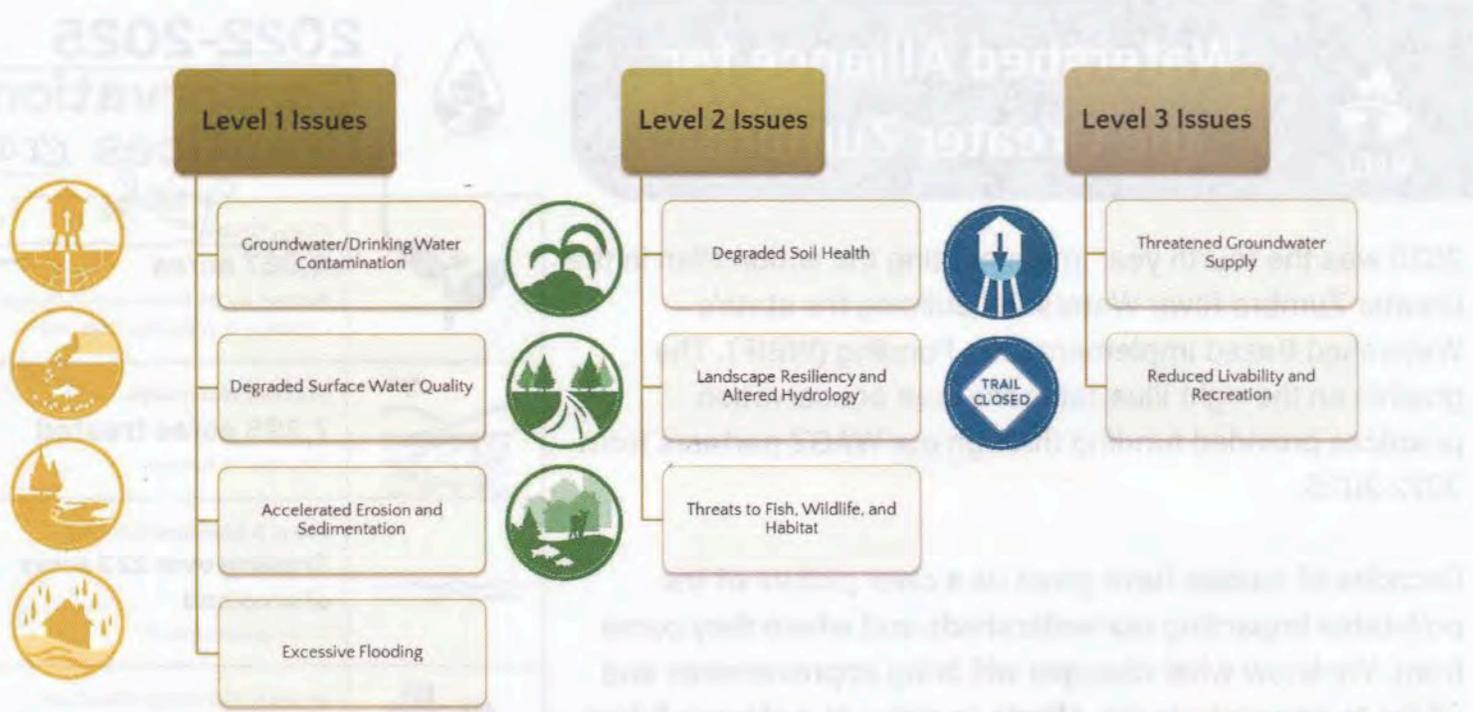
Decades of studies have given us a clear picture of the pollutants impacting our watersheds and where they come from. We know what changes will bring improvements and where to concentrate our efforts to arrive at a cleaner future for our watersheds.



2022-2025 Conservation Practices *exceeds goals*

	Cover Crops 4,967 acres Planted by 38 Producers in Dodge, Goodhue & Wabasha Counties
	Grassed Waterways 7,295 acres treated 40 projects funded
	Water & Sediment Control Treating over 223 acres of cropland 32 projects funded
	Grade Stabilization Structure Treating over 990 acres 30 Projects funded
	Waste Storage Facilities 8.7 million gallons of storage 3 Projects funded
	Well Sealing 27 Wells Sealed
	Prescribed Grazing Plans 57.7 acres of cropland converted
	Urban Stormwater & Forestry 100 rainbarrels 2 Forest Stewardship Plans - 199 acres





Funding

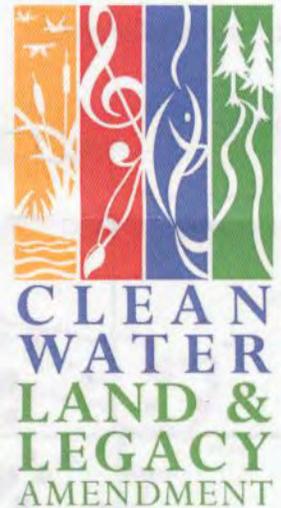
Funding for projects and activities within the Greater Zumbro River Watershed is sourced from the State's Clean Water Land & Legacy Amendment, and other local, state, and federal funding sources.

Since the start of Plan implementation in 2022, WAGZ partners have received nearly \$3.1M of Watershed Based Implementation Funds (WBIF).



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YOUR Clean Water Fund AT WORK



SOUTHEAST MINNESOTA ASSOCIATION OF CONSERVATION
DISTRICT EMPLOYEES

Area 7
SPRING MEETING

Tuesday, March 24, 2026

9:00 am Registration | 9:30am Meeting

Pottery Museum of Red Wing

240 Harrison St. Suite 4

Red Wing, MN

Register by **MARCH 17th, 2026**

to:

nikki.wheeler@fillmoreswcd.org

\$30 due day of meeting

{ \$20 meeting registration
\$10 Member Dues }

