

**Wabasha Soil and Water Conservation
District Regular Board Meeting
June 25, 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

Supervisors Present: Lynn Zabel, Chair, Sharleen Klennert, Treasurer, Seth Tentis, Secretary

Staff Present: Terri Peters, District Manager

Others were present: Bob Walkes, County Commissioner, Dave Copeland, BWSR and Frank Klennert, citizen.

II. PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE

III. AGENDA

Motioned by Klennert and seconded by Tentis to approve the Agenda as presented.

Affirmative: Klennert, Tentis, Zabel

Opposed: None

Motion Carried

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. Contracts

A. Emerald Spring Dairy Inc. (Maurice Young) Contract# 2026-WIC319-2 in the amount of \$1,262.00 for Practice 590 Nutrient Management.
(Funding source – FY26 319 Focus Watershed – West Indian Creek)

B. Michael Kenneth Granter Contract# 2026-WIC319-3 in the amount of \$3,390.00 for Practice 590 Nutrient Management.
(Funding source – FY26 319 Focus Watershed – West Indian Creek)

C. Isaac Holst Contract# 2026-WIC319-4 in the amount of \$1,648.00 for Practice# 590 Nutrient Management. Completed by date is 7/15/2026.
(Funding source - FY26 319 Focus Watershed – West Indian Creek)

Motioned by Klennert and seconded by Tentis to approve the Consent Agenda- Contracts.

Affirmative: Klennert, Tentis, Zabel

Opposed: None

Motion Carried

ii. Canceled Contracts:

- A. Cancel RCPP Contract# 79-25RCPP-05 in the amount of \$11,000.00.
Reason for cancellation: This contract had 1 year of cover crops which were completed and paid. 3 years of no-till, where none of the 3 yrs were paid out. They're cancelling due to seeking a change in their rotation that will require tillage. They are still dedicated to the use of no-till, so they may seek a future contract.
(Funding source was the FY25-FY28 Soil Health RCPP-Round 1))
- B. Cancel Kathy Henderson Contract# 23-CWF-WIC-06 in the amount of \$59,227.20 for Practice# 410 Grade Stabilization Structure.
Reason for cancellation: The project was cancelled due to insufficient material at the site to do the project.
(Funding source was FY23 WIC Watershed Restoration & Protection)

Motioned by Klennert and seconded by Tentis to approve the Consent

Agenda – Canceled Contracts.

Affirmative: Klennert, Tentis, Zabel

Opposed: None

Motion Carried

iii. Vouchers

- A. Nathan & Tina Schumacher Voucher for Contract# 26-CC-1 in the amount of \$106.95 for Practice 612 Tree/Shrub Establishment.
(Funding source – FY26 Conservation Contracts)
- B. Voucher for Contract# 79-3-14 in the amount of \$2,000.00 for Practice 329 No-Till. (First year payment of the 3-year contract)
(Funding source – FY25-FY28 Soil Health RCPP Round 3)
- C. JJD Land Co LLC Voucher for Contract# 26-CC-3 in the amount of \$669.12 for Prescribed Burning.
(Funder source – FY26 Conservation Contracts)
- D. Mark Lehnertz Voucher for Contract# 2026-WIC319-1 in the amount of \$1,246.00 for Practice 590 Nutrient Management.
(Funding source – FY26 319 Focus Watershed – West Indian Creek)
- E. Alan Jostock Voucher for Contract# 2024WAGZ-WC-02 in the amount of \$390.00 for Practice 329 Residue & Tillage Management. no-till.
(Funding source – FY24 WAGZ)
- F. Alan Jostock Voucher for Contract#2024WAGZ-WC-03 in the amount of \$116.00 for Practice 329 Residue & Tillage Management, no-till.
(Funding source FY24 WAGZ)
- G. Lawrence H & Eileen M Living Trust Voucher for Contract# 2026WAGZ-WC-06 in the amount of \$3,825.00 for partial payment of Practice# 638 for Water and Sediment Control Basin.
(Funding source – FY26 WAGZ)

Motioned by Klennert and seconded by Tentis to approve the Consent

Agenda – Vouchers.

Affirmative: Klennert, Tentis, Zabel

Opposed: None

Motion Carried

iv. Grant Amendment

- A. Amendment #4 for Grant Contract Agreement #229585 between the MN DNR and Wabasha SWCD, adding \$7,500.00 funds to previous contract.

Motioned by Klennert and seconded by Tentis to approve the Consent

Agenda – Grant Amendment.

Affirmative: Klennert, Tentis, Zabel

Opposed: None

Motion Carried

VI. SECRETARY'S REPORT

- A. May 28, 2026, Meeting Minutes – **Board Action**

Motioned by Klennert and seconded by Tentis to approve the Secretary's Report.

Affirmative: Klennert, Tentis, Zabel

Opposed: None

Motion Carried

VII. TREASURER'S REPORT – Board Action

- A. May District Financial Statements
Included for your review

- B. April and May Program Records, preliminaries.

Motioned by Klennert and seconded by Tentis to approve the Treasurer's Report to the best of our ability until the Auditor reviewal.

Affirmative: Klennert, Tentis, Zabel

Opposed: None

Motion Carried

VIII. PAYMENT OF MONTHLY BILLS

- A. Monthly Bills in the amount of \$44,865.95 - **Board Action**

- B. Note: Southeast Service Cooperative – Health Insurance July premium will be paid on 7/1/2026 in the amount of \$6,592.76 by automatic withdrawal. (Keaton added and Katelyn plan adjusted))

Motioned by Klennert and seconded by Tentis to approve Payment of the Monthly Bills in the amount of \$44,865.95 and the Southeast Service Cooperative payment on 7-1 for the July Health Insurance premium of \$6,592.76.

Affirmative: Klennert, Tentis, Zabel

Opposed: None

Motion Carried

IX. DISTRICT REPORTS

- A. Chair Report – Lynn Zabel

- B. County Commissioner – Bob Walkes

Working on 2027 Budget. No cuts for SWCD.

Starting space study needs and assessment on 6/25.

Positions filed for IT and Records Office

Pay study paid off, there was a good number of candidates applying for the positions. GIS position - contracted with a firm. Work remotely. IT is short-staffed. They can work together.

- C. District Manager Report – Terri Peters
Budget to the County before vacation, copied the board members.
Local Work Group working on follow-up.
319WIC funding – 2 projects not going forward. Have funding left, looking for projects.
7/8 Annual get together for West Indian Watershed at BJs. Fish shocking and trying to get Ag Partners to come and talk about nitrogen applications. Programs available.
Part of Plainview in WIC Watershed – Rain Barrel Program.
Do the same for Elgin to use WinLaC Watershed funds. Educational.
Current grant for Nutrient Management that covers Deanna's time expires 6/30/2026. In process of adding funds the that grant to extend it.
WinLaC work group meeting on 6/24. Finalized 2023 expenditures. Looking at budget.
SELC meeting. Questions about tracking land use changes. We can track what we put in State funds and Clean Water funds. BWSR maps projects.
Summary of questions. – first contact is St. Mary's for help with GIS project.
 NRCS Report – Christina Taylor – (in the packet)
- D. Natural Resources Technician Report– Katelyn Abts – (In the packet)
- E. Soil Health/Nutrient Management Technician Report– Deanna Pomije (in the packet)
- F. Conservation Planning & Outreach Technician Report – Ella Jurgerson (In the packet)
- G. District Technician Report – Keaton Tollakson (In the packet)
Terri went through all the reports.
- H. BWSR Report – Dave Copeland
BWSR board met on 6/24. Decision made to approve grant applications that scored high enough for the competitive Clean Water Grant. Fillmore SWCD submitted application for the Regional Nutrient Management grant, and it was awarded to them. Covers 11 counties and is a continuation from the grant 2-3 years ago.
Riley Buley, fiscal agent will work on Work plan for the grant. Sub-contracts. Grant may be executed by Sept.
WinLac planning work group. 2023 grant got extended and expires 12/31/2026. 2025 Watershed based implementation funding expires 12/31/2027.
Can apply for 2027 Watershed based implementation grant but should hold off until after the first of the year, until one expires.
Meeting with Keaton to go over questions on Conservation Contracts
Covering 8 counties until middle of September when Anne Gunness will be back.

X. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Conservation Project – Lynn (open to any Supervisor for ideas)
Attended Oat presentation at the Rochester Community College.
Lots of varieties, some too late, some too early. Oat milling process.
Talked about camelina. Diversity and finding somewhere to take it.
There will be an Oat Coop in Albert Lea.

XI. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Wabasha SWCD Cost-Share Policy 2026 (Draft) – **Board Action**
(Latest updates requested are in the red text)
BWSR Soil Health RCPP Process Approval, Suggested Revision – Wabasha SWCD Policy:
Residue & Tillage Management, No-Till (329) 100-acre cap
Rotational No-Till – \$15 /acre, 1–3-year option.
Continuous No-Till - \$20 /acre, on the same land for a minimum of 2-3 years
Terri went over the changes suggested.
Motioned by Klennert and seconded by Tentis to approve the Wabasha SWCD Cost-Share Policy 2026 with updates made and the BWSR Soil Health RCPP Process Approval, with suggested revision.
Affirmative: Klennert, Tentis, Zabel
Opposed: None
Motion Carried
- B. Approve Stelling Farms Inc. Contract# 2026WAGZ-WC-11 in the amount of \$1,980.00 for Practice 340 Cover Crops. Completed by date 12-01-2026. -**Board Action**
(Funding source – FY26 WAGZ)
Motioned by Klennert and seconded by Tentis to approve Stelling Farms Inc. Contract# 2026WAGZ-WC-11 in the amount of \$1,980.00 for Practice 340 Cover Crops. Completed by date 12-01-2026.
Affirmative: Klennert, Tentis, Zabel
Opposed: None
Motion Carried
- C. Approve Gerald and Tami Folkert Contract# 2026WAGZ-WC-12 in the amount of \$16,838.60 for Practice 410 Grade Stabilization, 412 Grassed Waterway, 484 Mulching, 342 Critical Area Planting. Installed by date 11/30/2026.-**Board Action**
(Funding source – FY26 WAGZ)
Motioned by Klennert and seconded by Tentis to approve Gerald and Tami Folkert Contract# 2026WAGZ-WC-12 in the amount of \$16,838.60 for Practice 410 Grade Stabilization, 412 Grassed Waterway, 484 Mulching, 342 Critical Area Planting. Installed by date 11/30/2026.
Affirmative: Klennert, Tentis, Zabel
Opposed: None
Motion Carried
- D. Approve Kenneth W & Mary C Schumacher Revocable Trust Contract# 2026WinLaC-Wab003 in the amount of \$2,355.00, MN Rules, Chapter 4714. Installed by date 5/20/2027.- **Board Action**
(Funding source – FY26 WinLaC 1W1P)
Motioned by Klennert and seconded by Tentis to approve Kenneth W & Mary C Schumacher Revocable Trust Contract# 2026WinLaC-Wab003 in the amount of \$2,355.00 for Practice# 351 Well Decommissioning. Installed by date 5/20/2027.
Affirmative: Klennert, Tentis, Zabel
Opposed: None
Motion Carried

- E. Approve Matthew Steffen Contract# 2026WinLaC-Wab002 in the amount of \$58,255.92 for Practice 410 Grade Stabilization. Installed by date 7/31/2027 –

Board Action

(Funding source – FY26 WinLaC 1W1P)

Motioned by Klennert and seconded by Tentis to approve Matthew Steffen Contract# 2026WinLaC-Wab002 in the amount of \$58,255.92 for Practice 410 Grade Stabilization. Installed by date 7/31/2027.

Affirmative: Klennert, Tentis, Zabel

Opposed: None

Motion Carried

- F. Letter of Support to the Clean Water Council - Southeast MN Groundwater Protection & Soil Health Initiative – **Discussion and Board Approval/Signature**
Motioned by Klennert and seconded by Tentis to approve the Letter of Support to the Clean Water Council – Southeast MN Groundwater Protection & Soil Health Initiative.

Affirmative:

Opposed: None

Motion Carried

- G. Wabasha SWCD 2027 Preliminary Budget submitted to Wabasha County Commissioners and Budget Committee – **Informational & Discussion**

- H. Upcoming Events:

- i. Friday, July 3, 2026, Independence Day Celebrated -Holiday – Office Closed
- ii. Wednesday, July 8, 2026, WIC Annual Gathering at BJs. 4:30 pm Fish Shocking.
- iii. Wabasha County Fair - Wednesday July 15 – Saturday July 18, 2026
- iv. Thursday, July 23, 2026, Board Meeting

XII. Board Reports

- A. Zumbro 1W1P – Dag
- B. WinLaC 1W1P – Lynn
- C. SE SWCD Technical Support JPB - Dag
- D. County Board Meeting – Sharleen

XIII. Adjourn – Board Action

Lynn Zabel, Chair adjourned the meeting at 9:47 am.

Respectfully submitted by:


Seth Tentis, Secretary