

**Wabasha Soil and Water Conservation  
District Regular Board Meeting  
May 28, 2026  
8:15 am  
County Conference Room  
625 Jefferson St.**

**I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

*Lynn Zabel, Chair called the meeting to order at 8:15am.*

*Supervisors Present: Lynn Zabel, Chair, Chet Ross, Co-Chair, Sharleen Klennert,  
Treasurer, Dag Knudsen, Member*

*Staff Present: Terri Peters, District Manager*

*Others Present: Christina Taylor, NRCS, Frank Klennert, Citizen*

**II. PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE**

**III. AGENDA**

*Motioned by Klennert and seconded by Ross to approve the agenda as presented.*

*Affirmative: Ross, Klennert, Knudsen, 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. Mark Lehnertz Contract# 2026-WIC319-1 in the amount of \$1,272.00 for Practice 590 – Nutrient Management. Complete by date 7/15/2026.  
(Funding source – FY26 319 Focus Watershed -West Indian Creek)

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

***Affirmative: Ross, Klennert, Knudsen, Zabel***

***Opposed: None***

***Motion Carried***

ii. **Canceled Contracts:**

- A. Cancel Gareth & Mary Lou Hager Contract#25-CC-10 in the amount of \$300.00 for Practice 314 Brush Management. Install by date was 4/30/2026.
- B. Cancel June E Ratz Trust Contract# 24-CC-5 in the amount of \$423.00 for Practice 314 Brush Management. Install by date was 5/01/2026.

**Motioned by Klennert and seconded by Ross to approve the Consent Agenda – Canceled Contracts.**

**Affirmative: Ross, Klennert, Knudsen, Zabel**

**Opposed: None**

**Motion Carried**

iii. **Vouchers**

- A. Richard Oeckler Voucher for Contract# 25-SHD-5 in the amount of \$2,520.00 for 327 Conservation Cover.  
(Funding source – FY25 Soil Health Delivery)
- B. Warren Craig Beighley Voucher for Contract# 25-SHD-7 in the amount of \$1,050.00 for Practice 327 Conservation Cover.  
(Funding source – FY25 Soil Health Delivery)

**Motioned by Klennert and seconded by Ross to approve the Consent Agenda - Vouchers**

**Affirmative Ross, Klennert, Knudsen, Zabel**

**Opposed: None**

**Motion Carried**

VI. **SECRETARY'S REPORT**

- A. April 23, 2026, Meeting Minutes – **Board Action**

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

**Affirmative: Ross, Klennert, Knudsen, Zabel**

**Opposed: None**

**Motion Carried**

VII. **TREASURER'S REPORT – Board Action**

- A. April District Financial Statements  
Included for your review

**Motioned by Klennert and seconded by Ross to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented and to the best of our ability, until the Auditors' review.**

**Affirmative: Ross, Klennert, Knudsen, Zabel**

**Opposed: None**

**Motion Carried**

**VIII. PAYMENT OF MONTHLY BILLS**

- A. Monthly Bills in the amount of \$53,398.26 - **Board Action**
- B. Note: Southeast Service Cooperative – Health Insurance June premium will be paid on 6/1/2026 in the amount of \$5,234.34 by automatic withdrawal.  
**Motioned by Klennert and seconded by Ross to approve Payment of the Monthly Bills in the amount of \$53,398.26 and approve the 6-1-2026 automatic payment of \$5,234.34 to Southeast Service Cooperative for June Health Insurance.**  
**Affirmative: Ross, Klennert, Knudsen, Zabel**  
**Opposed: None**  
**Motion Carried**

**IX. DISTRICT REPORTS**

- A. Chair Report – Lynn Zabel  
**Attended JPB Meeting in Stockton. Is settled.**
- B. County Commissioner – Bob Walkes
- C. District Manager Report – Terri Peters  
**Tree Sales**  
**5<sup>th</sup> Grade Conservation Day**  
**Keaton Tollakson started 5/11/2026**  
**Preparing for LWG meeting**  
**Developed targeted project for WIC**  
**Rain Barrel program**  
**Technical Advisory meeting for WinLaC**  
**WAGZ meeting**  
**Working with NRCS on EQIP available. Project piggyback. One project did not get funded, checking on funding to help move some other projects along.**  
**Vacation 6/6 – 6/21/2026**
- D. NRCS Report – Christina Taylor – (in the packet) **Presented report at the meeting.**
- 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 –

**X. OLD BUSINESS**

- A. Conservation Project – Lynn (open to any Supervisor for ideas)
- B. Discuss RCPP existing no-till contract# 79-1-05. Funding payback question and options on their 3-year no-till contract & potential no-till policy revision (current policy asks for 3 years of no-till on the same ground) – **Discussion**  
**Moved to end of the Meeting.**

**XI. NEW BUSINESS**

- A. Approve Vicki Arendt Contract# 2026WAGZ-WC-09 in the amount of \$1,743.75 for Practice 351 Well Decommissioning. Installed by date 4/30/2027 – **Board Action** (Funding source – FY26 WAGZ)  
**Motioned by Klennert and seconded by Ross to approve Vicki Arendt Contract# 2026WAGZ-WC-09 in the amount of \$1,743.75 for Practice 351 Well Decommissioning. Installed by date 4/30/2027.**  
**Affirmative: Ross, Klennert, Knudsen, Zabel**  
**Opposed: None**  
**Motion Carried**
- B. Approve Jodi Flynn Contract# 2026WAGZ-WC-10 in the amount of \$2,118.75 for Practice 351 Well Decommissioning. Installed by date 4/30/2027– **Board Action** (Funding source – FY26 WAGZ)  
**Motioned by Klennert and seconded by Ross to approve Jodi Flynn Contract# 2026WAGZ-WC-10 in the amount of \$2,118.75 for Practice 351 Well Decommissioning. Installed by date 4/30/2027.**  
**Affirmative: Ross, Klennert, Knudsen, Zabel**  
**Opposed: None**  
**Motion Carried**
- C. Area 7 Resolutions Meeting - SWCD Supervisors, Staff.  
June 9<sup>th</sup> at the Stewartville American Legion. Registration at 9:00 am.  
Resolutions need to be sent to Randy Smith by June 2<sup>nd</sup>. [Rssmith567@gmail.com](mailto:Rssmith567@gmail.com)  
Lynn & Sharleen are attending– **Discussion**
- D. Nutrient Management Technical Assistance Grant. Funds 25% of Deanna’s position - **Discussion**  
i. Wabasha County SWCD Work Plan  
ii. Wabasha County SWCD Deliverables Schedule and Budget  
iii. Winona County SWCD Work Plan  
iv. Winona County SWCD Deliverables Schedule and Budget  
**Extending the program funding. The grant we have now expires June 30,2026. The grant extension will go through June 2028**
- E. Approval for Terri to accept the Nutrient Management Technical Assistance Grant and sign the grant when it arrives – **Board Action**  
**Motioned by Klennert and seconded by Ross to approve for Terri to accept the Nutrient Management Technical Assistance Grant and sign the grant when it arrives.**  
**Affirmative: Ross, Klennert, Knudsen, Zabel**  
**Opposed: None**  
**Motion Carried**

- F. Approve Larry Mischke Contract# 2026WAGZ-WC-07 in the amount of \$46,573.00 for Practice 410 Grade Stabilization. Installed by date 6/01/2027.  
Funding source – FY26 WAGZ (Watershed Alliance for the Greater Zumbro)  
Old structure, it will fail. Piggyback with NRCS.  
**Motioned by Klennert and seconded by Ross to approve Larry Mischke Contract# 2026WAGZ-WC-07 in the amount of \$46,573.00 for Practice 410 Grade Stabilization. Installed by date 6/01/2027.**  
**Affirmative: Ross, Klennert, Knudsen, Zabel**  
**Opposed: None**  
**Motion Carried**
- G. Approve Marty Heins Contract# 2026WAGZ-WC-08 in the amount of \$14,481.00 for Practice 410 Grade Stabilization. Installed by date 7/31/2027.  
Funding source – FY26 WAGZ (Watershed Alliance for the Greater Zumbro)  
**Motioned by Klennert and seconded by Ross to approve Marty Heins Contract# 2026WAGZ-WC-08 in the amount of \$14,481.00 for Practice 410 Grade Stabilization. Installed by date 7/31/2027.**  
**Affirmative: Ross, Klennert, Knudsen, Zabel**  
**Opposed: None**  
**Motion Carried**
- H. West Indian Creek Rain Barrel Program. Program that provides up to 90% cost share on rain barrel purchase up to \$100 dollars. Program targets a portion of Plainview, in the watershed. Applicants can apply through a survey as well as certify the rain barrel purchase on a survey, making the enrollment process for the program easy for the applicants. – **Informational**  
Water comes off urban areas.
- I. Upcoming Events:
  - i. Friday June 9, 2026, A7 Resolutions Meeting
  - ii. Friday, June 19, 2026, Juneteenth Holiday – Office Closed
  - iii. Thursday, June 25, 2026, Board Meeting

**XII. Board Reports**

- A. Zumbro 1W1P – Dag  
**Policy Advisory Committee for the year. Presented financials for 2024-2025 and 2026-2027. Approved \$250,000.00 that Wabasha had but couldn't use for lack of additional funding, will allocate to others.**  
**Dodge and Olmsted showcased some of their projects.**  
**New equipment that moves across the crops, run by solar that detects weeds and sprays that area. Moves once every 7 days. Savings on herbicide.**  
**Alan Krause, Rice County SWCD demonstration on reducing nitrogen. Collecting data.**
- B. WinLaC 1W1P – Lynn  
**Technical Advisory Meeting.**
- C. SE SWCD Technical Support JPB - Dag
- D. County Board Meeting – Sharleen

**From Old Business – Letter B – Moved to end of the meeting**

Discuss RCPP existing no-till contract# 79-1-05. Funding payback question and options on their 3-year no-till contract & potential no-till policy revision (current policy asks for 3 years of no-till on the same ground) – **Discussion**

**Motioned by Knudsen and seconded by Ross to have staff come back next month with a report and recommendations for future policy revisions.**

**Affirmative: Ross, Klennert, Knudsen, Zabel**

**Opposed: None**

**Motion Carried**

**Note:** If meeting is not finished by 10:00 am, we will need to recess the regular meeting and start the Local Work Group meeting at 10:00 am.

**Motioned by Klennert and seconded by Ross to recess the regular meeting at 9:51 am. to go into the Local Work Group meeting at 10:00 am.**

**Affirmative: Ross, Klennert, Knudsen, Zabel**

**Opposed: None**

**Motion Carried**

**Motioned by Klennert and seconded by Ross to Reopen Regular Board Meeting at 11:41 am.**

**Affirmative: Ross, Klennert, Knudsen, Zabel**

**Opposed: None**

**Motion Carried**

**Adjourn – Board Action**

**Motioned by Klennert and seconded by Ross to Adjourn the meeting at 11:41 am.**

**Affirmative: Ross, Klennert, Knudsen, Zabel**

**Opposed: None**

**Motion Carried**

**Respectively Submitted by:**



**Seth Tentis, Secretary**