

AGENDA

NICOLLET SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Wednesday, January 7th, 2026

8:30 A.M.

501 7th Street
Nicollet, MN 56074

- I. Call to Order
- II. Oath of Office
- III. Audience Participation
- IV. Review of agenda: Additions – Cancellations
- V. Minutes of December 10th, 2025 Meeting
- VI. Bills Paid: December 2025
- VII. Treasurer's Report: January 2026
- VIII. Old Business
- IX. New Business
 - 1. Board Reorganization
 - 2. 2026 Committee Assignments/2026 Meeting Dates
 - 3. 2026 Mileage Rate
 - 4. 2026 Authorization to Sign Checks
 - 5. Official Depository
 - 6. MCIT Renewals/MASWCD 2026 Dues/MACDE 2026 Dues/Area 6 Dues
 - 7. 2025 Audit
 - 8. Area VI Chairs Meeting
 - 9. Statement of Interest Reminder
 - 10. Legislative Briefing /Day at the Capitol – March 17 & 18
 - 11.
- X. NRCS Report
- XI. FSA Report
- XII. 1W1P Reports
- XIII. Supervisor & Staff Report
- XIV. Other Business
- XV. Next Meeting
- XVI. Adjourn



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MINNESOTA SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICTS

Minutes of the Nicollet Soil and Water Conservation District, 501 7th Street, Nicollet, Minnesota,
January 7, 2026.

Meeting was called to order by Chair – Hermanson at 8:30 A.M.

Members Present: Chair, Don Hermanson
 Vice Chair, John Kral
 Treasurer, Tim Braun - Absent
 Secretary, Eric Annexstad
 Member, John Luepke

Others Present: District Manager, Kevin Ostermann
 District Technician, Blake Honetschlager
 District Technician, Mackenzie Bratsch
 County Commissioner, Kurt Zins - Absent
 NRCS, Brandon Berndt - Absent
 FSA, Brad Flatin – Absent

Upon a motion by Luepke and seconded by Kral, it was moved to approve the agenda. Ayes Annexstad, Hermanson, Kral, Luepke. Carried.

Upon a motion by Luepke and seconded by Annexstad, it was moved to approve the minutes of the December 10th, 2025 meeting. Ayes Annexstad, Hermanson, Kral, Luepke. Carried.

Upon a motion by Annexstad and seconded by Luepke, it was moved to approve paid bills for December 2025 totaling \$316,258.65 (Checking Account). Ayes Annexstad, Hermanson, Kral, Luepke. Carried.

Upon a motion by Annexstad and seconded by Luepke, it was moved to approve the January 2026 Treasurers' Report, subject to audit. Ayes Annexstad, Hermanson, Kral, Luepke. Carried.

Old Business:

New Business:

Board Reorganziation: Upon a motion by Luepke and seconded by Annexstad it was moved to keep the board roles as the same in 2025. Ayes Hermanson, Kral, Luepke, Annexstad. Carried.

2026 Committee Assignments: Upon a motion by Luepke and seconded by Kral, it was moved to accept the 2026 Committee Assignments. Ayes Annexstad, Hermanson, Kral, Luepke. Carried.

<u>2026 Committee Assignments</u>			
<u>Committee</u>	<u>Alternate</u>		<u>Meetings</u>
South Central SWCD TSA	John Luepke	Eric Annexstad	Quarterly
Personnel Committee	Don Hermanson	Eric Annexstad	Once a Year
Legislative	Eric Annexstad	John Luepke	
Budget Committee	Tim Braun	Don Hermanson	Once a Year
EQIP Committee	Eric Annexstad		Once a Year
1W1P Rush River Lower MN	Eric Annexstad	Don Hermanson	Monthly
1W1P Middle MN Mankato	Don Hermanson	John Kral	Monthly

2026 Meeting Dates: A motion was made by Luepke and seconded by Kral to continue with the 2026 Meetings on the first Wednesday of the month. The dates will be published on the website. Ayes Annexstad, Hermanson, Kral, Luepke. Carried.

2026 Nicollet Board Meeting Dates

January 7th	July 1st
February 4th	August 5th
March 4th	September 2nd
April 1st	October 7th
May 6th	November 4th
June 3rd	December 2nd

2026 IRS Mileage Rate: The District received notice that the IRS Mileage Rate will be changed to 72.5 cents/mile, up from 70 cents/mile in 2025. Upon a motion by Luepke and seconded by Kral, it was moved to change the mileage rate to 72.5 cents/mile effective 01-7-2026. Ayes Annexstad, Hermanson, Kral, Luepke. Carried.

2026 Authorization to Sign Checks: Currently Braun, Ostermann & Honetschlager are authorized to sign checks. Upon a motion by Annexstad and seconded by Luepke, it was moved to continue to give Braun, Ostermann and Honetschlager authority to sign checks. Ayes Annexstad, Hermanson, Kral, Luepke. Carried.

Official Depository: Currently, Pioneer Bank is the Official Depository. Upon a motion by Kral and seconded by Annexstad, it was moved to continue with Pioneer Bank as the Official Depository. Ayes Annexstad, Hermanson, Kral, Luepke. Carried.

MCIT Renewal: The District received and reviewed the invoice for insurance coverage through the Minnesota Counties Insurance Trust (MCIT). Total amount for the insurance premiums due is \$9,737.00. Upon a motion by Annexstad and seconded by Kral, it was moved to approve payment to MCIT for \$9,737.00. Ayes Annexstad, Hermanson, Kral, Luepke. Carried.

2026 Dues: The Board also reviewed the MASWCD 2025 dues notice for \$7,654.59, MACDE Dues \$75.00, Area 6 Dues \$400.00. Upon a motion by Annexstad and seconded by Luepke, it was moved to approve payment for MASWCD 2025 dues \$7,431.37, MACDE Dues \$75.00, Area 6 Dues \$400.00. Ayes Annexstad, Hermanson, Braun, Kral, Luepke. Carried.

2025 Audit: A motion was made by Kral and seconded by Luepke to authorize the Chair and Manager to sign the agreement for the audit with Peterson & Company for the 2025 Financial Audit. Ayes Annexstad, Hermanson, Kral, Luepke. Carried.

Area VI Chairs Meeting: The 2026 Area VI Chair's Meeting will be held on February 3, 2026 in North Mankato. Hermanson will tentatively along with the District Manager. No motion needed.

Statement of Interest: Supervisors were reminded to fill out the Statement of Interest which is required for all public officials. No motion needed.

Legislative Briefing/Day at the Capitol March 17 & 18: A motion was made by Luepke and seconded by Kral to approve Supervisors and staff to attend and pay expenses for the Legislative Briefing and Day at the Capitol on March 17th and 18th. Ayes Annexstad, Hermanson, Kral, Luepke. Carried.

Resolution to Submit, Adopt, and Implement Minnesota River – Mankato Comprehensive Watershed Management Plan. A motion was made by Kral and seconded by Luepke, to adopt the resolution that was presented. Ayes Hermanson, Kral, Luepke, Annexstad. Carried.

1W1P Reports: Reported on Public Hearing that was held on December 15th, 2025

Supervisor & Staff Report: Staff reports are attached.

NRCS Report: None

FSA Report: None

Other Business: None

Next Meeting: February 4th 2026, at 8:30 A.M.

Adjourn: A motion was made by Luepke and seconded by Kral to adjourn the meeting. Meeting Adjourned at 10:00 A.M.

Approved: 3-4-2026

Secretary

