

AGENDA

NICOLLET SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Wednesday, March 4th, 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 January 7th, 2026 Meeting
- VI. Bills Paid: January & February 2026
- VII. Treasurer's Report: February & March 2026
- VIII. Old Business
- IX. New Business
 - 1. 2026 South Central Technical Service Area Grant Match Contribution
 - 2. Cost Share
 - 3. Update on RCCP Soil Health Program
 - 4. Legislative Briefing /Day at the Capitol – March 17 & 18
 - 5. Water Storage Grant St. Peter Wellhead Area
 - 6.
 - 7.
- X. MN Department of Ag. Water Quality Certification Program – Herman Bartsch
- XI. NRCS Report
- XII. FSA Report
- XIII. 1W1P Reports
- XIV. Supervisor & Staff Report
- XV. Other Business
- XVI. Next Meeting
- XVII. 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,
March 4th, 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
 Secretary, Eric Annexstad
 Member, John Luepke

Others Present: District Manager, Kevin Ostermann - Absent
 District Technician, Blake Honetschlager
 District Technician, Mackenzie Bratsch
 County Commissioner, Kurt Zins - Absent
 NRCS, Brandon Berndt
 FSA, Brad Flatin
 Herman Bartsch – MAWQCP Area 6
 Adriene Matthews - MAWQCP Area 5 & 6

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

Upon a motion by Luepke and seconded by Kral, it was moved to approve the minutes of the
January 7th, 2026 meeting. Ayes Annexstad, Braun, Hermanson, Kral, Luepke. Carried.

Upon a motion by Braun, and seconded by Luepke, it was moved to approve paid bills for
January 2026 & February 2026. Ayes Annexstad, Braun, Hermanson, Kral, Luepke. Carried.

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

Old Business: None

New Business:

TSA Grant Cash Match: Upon a motion by Luepke and seconded by Braun, it was moved to approve payment of \$3,550.00, which is the Nicollet SWCD's share of the 10% grant match charged to the 11 districts in the TSA area. Ayes Annexstad, Braun, Hermanson, Kral, Luepke. Carried.

Conservation Contracts

The Board was asked to approve Conservation Contracts CC1(26), seeking financial assistance of \$645.00 for well decommissioning. Upon a motion by Luepke and seconded by Kral, it was moved to approve Conservation Contract CC1(26) for assistance of \$645.00. Ayes Hermanson, Kral, Braun, Annexstad, Luepke. Carried.

RCPP: Staff gave an update on the approved contracts for the RCPP.

2026 Clean Water Grant: Staff present agreement between Houston Engineering and the SWCD to complete the CD33-A Water Storage and Treatment Modeling Project. Total estimate cost to complete the Modeling Project is \$61,000. Upon a motion by Kral and seconded by Luepke, it was moved to accept the bid of \$61,000 from Houston Engineering and to sign the agreement to complete the CD33-A Modeling Project. Ayes Annexstad, Braun, Hermanson, Kral, Luepke. Carried.

Minnesota Department of Ag Water Quality Certification Program: Herman Bartsch presented information on the certification program. He stated the focus is on: BMP's, Equipment Grants, Nutrient Management, Credits for BMP's.

Supervisor & Staff Report: Staff reports are attached.

NRCS Report: EQIP deadline of March 20th. CSP Deadline May 1st. Presented the Civil Rights checklist and was signed at the meeting.

FSA Report: Farmer bridge assistance, ARCPLC was delayed, 2026 Farm Program Signup will be in the Summer, CRP Contracts 18 are expiring, 4 new contracts and the General signup will be in March

Other Business: None

Next Meeting: April 1st 2026, at 8:30 A.M.

Adjourn: A motion was made by Braun and seconded by Luepke to adjourn the meeting. Meeting Adjourned at 10:10 A.M. Ayes Annexstad, Braun, Hermanson, Kral, Luepke. Carried

Approved: 5/6/26

Secretary Eric Annexstad