

AGENDA

NICOLLET SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Wednesday, September 10th, 2025

8:30 A.M.

501 7th Street

Nicollet, MN 56074

- I. Call to Order
- II. Audience Participation
- III. Review of agenda: Additions – Cancellations
- IV. Minutes of July 9th, 2025 Meeting
- V. Bills Paid: July 2025
- VI. Bills Paid: August 2025
- VII. Treasurer's Report: August 2025
- VIII. Treasurer's Report: September 2025
- IX. Old Business
- X. New Business
 - 1. Area VI Meeting Sept. 30th at Olivia Armory Community Center in Olivia
 - 2. MASWCD Annual Convention Dec. 1-3 in Bloomington
 - 3. Set Fall Tour Date
 - 4. 4-H Demonstration Awards
 - 5. Computer Firewall Purchase
 - 6. Well Testing Success
 - 7. RCPP Update/Contracts
 - 8. 2024 Financial Audit
- 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, September 10th, 2025.

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
 District Technician, Blake Honetschlager
 District Technician, Mackenzie Bratsch
 Administrative Assistant, Judy Beetch
 Sibley SWCD Conservation Technician, Tara O'Brien – Absent
 NRCS, Brandon Berndt
 BWSR, Shane Bugeja – Absent
 FSA, Brad Flatin – Absent
 County Commissioner, Kurt Zins – Absent

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

Upon a motion by Kral and seconded by Luepke, it was moved to approve the minutes of the July 9th, 2025 meeting. Ayes Annexstad, Hermanson, Braun, Kral, Luepke. Carried.

Upon a motion by Braun and seconded by Kral, it was moved to approve 45 paid bills for July 2025 totaling \$233,761.52 (Checking Account), and 0 paid bills for July 2025 (Grants Account) and 42 paid bills for August 2025 totaling \$337,254.74 (Checking Account) and 0 paid bills August 2025 (Grants Account). Ayes Annexstad, Hermanson, Braun, Kral, Luepke. Carried.

Upon a motion by Kral and seconded by Luepke, it was moved to approve the August 2025 and September 2025 Treasurers' Reports, subject to audit. Ayes Annexstad, Hermanson, Braun, Kral, Luepke. Carried.

Old Business:

New Business:

Area VI Meeting Sept. 30th at Olivia Armory: A motion was made by Luepke and seconded by Braun, to approve Supervisors and staff to attend and cover expenses for the Area VI Meeting on Sept. 30th in Olivia. Ayes Annexstad, Hermanson, Braun, Kral, Luepke. Carried.

MASWCD Annual Convention Dec. 1-3 in Bloomington: A motion was made by Annexstad and seconded by Luepke, to approve Supervisors and staff to attend and cover expenses for the MASWCD Annual Convention in Bloomington Dec.1-3. Ayes Annexstad, Hermanson, Braun, Kral, Luepke. Carried.

Set Fall Tour Date: The Fall Tour will be held October 29th. No motion needed.

4-H Demonstration Awards: Three 4-H members were each awarded \$50.00 from the District for Nicollet County Fair presentations related to conservation. Congratulations! No motion needed.

Computer Firewall Purchase: Upon a motion by Luepke and seconded by Braun, approval was given to purchase a new computer firewall since the existing one was out of date. Ayes Annexstad, Hermanson, Braun, Kral, Luepke. Carried.

Well Testing Success: Bratsch reported that 54 Well Testing Kits have gone out the door in Nicollet County. Several had results that warranted a retest. One participant qualified to get help for treatment. No motion needed.

RCPP Update/Contracts: Bratsch and Honetschlager reported that 7 contracts have been approved in the first RCPP batch. We are waiting to hear on the 3rd party review for designs. No motion needed.

RCPP Funding: A motion was made by Luepke and seconded by Braun to update the RCPP Policy to limit acres starting with the 2nd round of funding, to 400 total acres for cover crops and strip-till/no-till per operator. Ayes Luepke Nays Hermanson, Annexstad, Kral, Braun. Motion Failed.

2024 Financial Audit: The 2024 Financial Audit Report was distributed to the Board. No motion needed.

Cost Share:

A request was presented to the Board for final payment on Soil Health Delivery Contract SHD9 seeking financial assistance of \$2,363.07 and Conservation Contracts 2025 Contract CC1 seeking financial assistance of \$5,336.93 for Cover Crops. Upon a motion by Luepke and seconded by Kral, it was moved to approve payment for Contract SHD9 and Contract CC1 for \$7,700.00. Ayes Hermanson, Kral, Braun, Luepke, Annexstad. Carried.

NRCS Report: Brandon Berndt introduced himself. He is currently working on CRP. CSP will deadline in October. EQIP deadline was August 1st.

BWSR Report: Bugeja did not attend.

FSA Report: Flatin did not attend.

1W1P Reports: Honetschlager reported that the Lower MN River 1W1P has 2 new contracts, both nonstructural practices. Funds are encumbered for 1 strip-till/no-till and 1 cover crops

practice. **Bratsch** said the **1W1P Mankato** Comprehensive Watershed Management Plan was presented to the Policy Committee and is ready for public review. There was discussion on dues. Examples will be presented at the next meeting. The public hearing will be held at the St. Peter Community Center on Dec. 15th at 3:00.

Supervisor & Staff Report: Ostermann reported that the 7-Mile Dam project has been closed out. The total cost was \$473,696.00 with \$337,436 going to construction and the other funds were for permits and Ostermann's hours.

Resignation/Hiring for Administrative Assistant: A motion was made by Kral and seconded by Luepke, to accept the resignation from Beetch. Approval was given to advertise for the Administrative Assistant position. Ayes Hermanson, Kral, Braun, Luepke, Annexstad. Carried.

Other Business: None

Next Meeting: October 1st, 2025 at 8:30 A.M.

Adjourn: A motion was made by Luepke and seconded by Kral to adjourn the meeting. Meeting Adjourned at 10:35 A.M.

Approved: 11-5-25

Secretary Eric Annexstad