



Who we are as an organization – Mille Lacs SWCD is applying a civic governance approach to SWCD actions and activities. The work of the SWCD and the outcomes of its activities will produce a base of active citizens with common interest in sustainable soil & water conservation. All stakeholders are committed to organize, educate, and apply policy according to principles and standards instituted in democracy.

Frequently Used Acronyms:

(1W1P) One Watershed, One Plan (BWSR program)
(AgBMP) Agricultural BMP Loan Programs
(BMP) Best Management Practice
(BWSR) Board of Water & Soil Resources
(CAI) County Agricultural Inspector
(CWF) Clean Water Fund
(JAA) Job Approval Authority
(JPA, E or C) Joint Powers Agreement, Entity or Collaborative
(RRWP) Rum River Watershed Partnership (JPE board)
(MRSC) Mississippi River St. Cloud
(SWCD) Soil & Water Conservation District
(LGU) Local Government Unit
(MASWCD) MN Assn. of Soil & Water Cons. Districts

(MLBO) Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe
(MLLWMG) Mille Lacs Lake Watershed Mgmt Group
(MLSWCD) Mille Lacs Soil & Water Conservation District
(NACD) National Association of Conservation Districts
(NRCS) Natural Resources Conservation Service
(PFM) Private Forest Management
(SCS) State Cost Share
(SRWMB) Snake River Watershed Mgmt Board (JPE board)
(SRW PC) Snake River Watershed Policy Cmte (MOU board)
(TSA 3) Technical Service Area 3 – SWCD Engineering
(MAWQCP) MN Ag. Water Quality Certification Program
(WPLMN) Watershed Pollutant Load Monitoring Network
(WCA) Wetland Conservation Act

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Mille Lacs SWCD Board Meeting – MINUTES
Thursday, December 14, 2023

Mille Lacs County Historic Courthouse, Conference Room D with remote option for the public.

Members Present:

Chair, Jake Janski, District 3
Treasurer, Andre LaSalle, District 4
Secretary, Dan Campbell, District 1

Staff Present:

District Administrator, Susan Shaw
Financial Specialist, Pam Kuhn
Watershed Organizer/Coord, Molly Clyne

Members Absent:

Vice Chair, Kurt Beckstrom, District 2
Member, Robert Hoefert, District 5

Call To Order & Pledge of Allegiance – Chair Janski called the meeting to order at 6:02 PM

1. Conflict of Interest Declaration – Supervisors were requested to identify any real or perceived conflicts of interest they may have regarding meeting business. The conflict-of-interest declaration form was provided to each for signature.

2. Approval of Agenda – (additions and deletions of new business or committee reports)

- additions - 5.c.iv – JAA approval for irrigation projects
- deletions - _____

Motion by LaSalle to approve the agenda as amended. Second by Campbell. Affirmative: LaSalle, Campbell, Janski. Opposed: none. **The motion carried.**

3. Open Public Forum - Board policy limits public forum time for board meeting topics not scheduled within the agenda to 10 minutes, but allows time extension by vote. - **No public comment.**

4. Consent Agenda

- Approve November 8, 2023 Regular Meeting Minutes
- Monthly Transactions Report - approve disbursements: Electronic transfer's #E23-215 - E23-239 and checks written #8008-8016, totaling \$39,329.94.
- Information Only: Partner Reports, Project Summaries, News Releases

Motion by Campbell to approve the consent agenda as presented. Second by LaSalle Affirmative: LaSalle, Campbell, Janski. Opposed: none. **The motion carried.**

5. District Policy, Finance, Planning, Activities, Projects, Grants

- a. Financial Update (Treasurer/Financial Specialist)
 - i. Budget to Actual – Ms. Kuhn reported the budget is on track and reported on receipts of funds as anticipated. She continues to update the time tracking and make improvements to the time sheets with the goal to complete next week so we can invoice for work done under contracts and grants.
 - ii. Treasurers Report – presented by Ms. Kuhn.
 - iii. Reconciliation of Bank Statements (Finance Committee Member)
LaSalle reviewed last week and everything looked great.
 - iv. 2024 budgeting update – Ms. Shaw reported the MLC Board has not finalized the county budget but is proposing a funding reduction to the SWCD.

- 1. Year end accounting assistance from JH Accounting - \$225 (action)

Motion by LaSalle to approve expenditure of \$225 for accounting assistance. Second by Campbell. Affirmative: LaSalle, Campbell, Janski. Opposed: none. **The motion carried.**

- b. Personnel & District Capacity(Janski/LaSalle)
 - i. Approve hire (action)
Motion by LaSalle to approve hire of Molly Clyne as the Watershed Organizer/Coordinator, as of Dec 4, full time regular, grade L step 1. Second by Campbell. Affirmative: LaSalle, Campbell, Janski. Opposed: none. **The motion carried.**
 - ii. Employee handbook policy changes (discussion)
Shaw described the new sick and safe time leave requirement and will provide handbook edits for review once drafted.

- c. Contracts/Agreements
 - i. Tree Planter purchase (LCCMR/DNR)..... (action)
Motion by LaSalle to authorize the Administrator to execute a contract with the DNR for the purchase of a pull type tree planter, as long as the agreed out of pocket is zero to the SWCD. Second by Campbell. Affirmative: LaSalle, Campbell, Janski. Opposed: none. **The motion carried.**

- ii. MPCA SWAG water sampling contract..... (action pending info)
Motion by Campbell to proceed with entering into a two-year Surface Water Assessment Grant (SWAG) contract with MPCA. Second by LaSalle. Affirmative: LaSalle, Campbell, Janski. Opposed: none. **The motion carried.**

- iii. MOU with Mille Lacs County (action pending info)
The memorandum of understanding with MLC has been updated to continue the current agreements and lease for space through 2025. There are anticipated additional costs that may be incurred to the SWCD for software licensing and phones. Services provided to the SWCD by MLC and cost for space remains the same.
Motion by LaSalle to enter into a continued Memorandum of Understanding with ML County for 2024-2025. Second by Campbell. Affirmative: LaSalle, Campbell, Janski. Opposed: none. **The motion carried.**

- iv. BWSR 2023 Resource Conservation Partnership Grant (P23-1461) – irrigation project
Authorize job approval authority (JAA)..... (action)
Motion by Campbell authorize Mitchell Janson (East Otter Tail SWCD employee) to have JAA for practices 442 and 449 under the Mille Lacs SWCD. Second by LaSalle. Affirmative: LaSalle, Campbell, Janski. Opposed: none. **The motion carried.**

6. Informational Updates

- a. Comprehensive Watershed Planning (1W1P) updates
 - i. Rum River Watershed Partnership JPE Board Janski (Beckstrom)
Moving forward on a supplemental funding application to create an Isanti/Mille Lacs shared land protection position managed by Isanti SWCD, as well as well sealing funding for Isanti and Mille Lacs.
 - ii. Snake River Watershed 1W1P Policy Cmte..... Beckstrom (Hoefert)
 - 1. Snake River Watershed Management Board - split vote regarding dissolution.
 - iii. Miss/St. Cloud 1W1P Policy Cmte Campbell (Hoefert)
Campbell was unable to attend but received update on discussion. No actions taken.
- b. Area3/MASWCD Business (Beckstrom-A3 Director/Janski-A3 Exec Cmte)
 - i. Annual Convention report..... (Beckstrom/Janski)
Janski reported he was impressed with how well run the convention was this year and shared the outcomes of the resolutions approved at the convention and asked supervisors to review and consider which resolutions are highest priority for action.
- c. Water Management/Workgroups
 - i. Technical Service Area 3 (LaSalle/Hoefert)
 - ii. Mille Lacs Lake Watershed Management Group (Janski/LaSalle)
Working on a strategic plan and bylaws revision. An MPCA grant was received to hire a scuba team to survey the lake bottom and identify debris for future removal and cleanup.
 - iii. Forestry Association (LaSalle/Campbell)
LaSalle reported work on an updated mission statement and PFM protocol.
- d. General Project Updates
 - i. Mille Lacs Lake protection efforts (info provided in the packet)
 - ii. Groundwater/drinking water safety (info provided in the packet)
 - iii. Agriculture..... (info provided in the packet)
 - iv. Forestry (introduction of the new forestry coordinator)
Ms. Clyne introduced herself to the board.
 - v. Information/outreach

7. Approved SWCD Meetings & Events - Motion by LaSalle to approve supervisor attendance/reimbursement for the following meetings. Second by Campbell. Affirmative: LaSalle, Campbell, Janski. Opposed: none. The motion carried.

- a. Rum River Watershed Partnership (RRWP) JPE Board (Janski/Beckstrom)Jan 25 @ 4:30
 - i. Implementation Planning Committee (IPC) liaison (Janski) Dec 12 @ 9:30 canceled
- b. Snake River Watershed Plan Partnership (SRWPP) JPE Board (**Beckstrom/Hoefert**)..... TBD @ 10:30
- c. Snake River Watershed CAC & Board Meeting (**Beckstrom/Hoefert**)..... TBD Dec 11-15 @ 9:00
- d. Mississippi-St. Cloud Watershed Policy Committee (Campbell/Hoefert) TBD @ 1-3:00
- e. TSA Area 3 (**LaSalle/Hoefert**) **Janski as alternate to alternate**.....Dec 27 @ 10:00
- f. Mille Lacs Lake Watershed Mgmt. Group (Janski/LaSalle)..... Jan 22 @ 10:00
- g. SWCD Forestry Association (LaSalle/Campbell) Jan 18 @ 10:00
- h. Area 3/MASWCD meetings
 - i. MASWCD Annual Convention (**Beckstrom/Janski**).....Dec 11-13
Janski will clarify what expenses Area 3 will cover.
- i. Internal Operational Committee Meetings
 - i. Finance (**Hoefert/LaSalle**)
 - 1. Statement reconciliation w/Quickbooks (**LaSalle**)monthly
 - 2. Finance Committee (**LaSalle/Hoefert**).....before the Jan meeting
 - ii. Personnel (**Janski/LaSalle**)
 - 1. Personnel Reviews Dec 20th

- iii. Conservation (Beckstrom/Campbell)
- iv. Public Outreach (Beckstrom/Campbell)
- v. One on One Meetings with Administrator.....please schedule monthly as needed

8. Supervisor Updates

9. Evaluate the Meeting

10. Next Regular Meeting – January 10, 2024 @ 6:00 PM, Historic Courthouse, Conf Rm D w/public remote option

11. Adjourn – Chair Janski adjourned the meeting at 7:42 PM

Dan Campbell, Mille Lacs SWCD Secretary

Date

Our specific purpose or vision is to organize more sustainable partnership between government and community, by developing and supporting an active role for all citizens in managing soil & water resources, that will ensure soil and water resources can meet the needs and the common good of all citizens.

10:44 AM

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Accrual Basis

MILLE LACS SWCD Account QuickReport

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As of December 31, 2023

Date	Num	Name	Memo	Debit	Credit	Balance
10100 · Checking						131,092.75
10101 · First National Checking						131,092.75
12/01/2023	E23-240	MSRS-DCP	98995-01 PP 11/12/2023 - 11/25/2023		350.00	130,742.75
12/01/2023	E23-241	Electronic Federal Tax Payment Syst...	41-1254710 PP 11/12/2023 - 11/25/2023		2,509.20	128,233.55
12/01/2023	E23-242	MN Department of Revenue	6737070 PP 11/12/2023 - 11/25/2023		488.00	127,745.55
12/01/2023	E23-243	PERA	9318-00 PP 11/12/2023 - 11/25/2023		1,426.74	126,318.81
12/04/2023	E23-244	Blue Cross BlueShield MN	2932220001 Coverage for 11/01/2023 - 11/30/2023 (4 S...		25.64	126,293.17
12/12/2023			Truax Interseeder Rental	660.00		126,953.17
12/13/2023	E23-245	QuickBooks Payroll Service	Created by Payroll Service on 12/11/2023		6,921.48	120,031.69
12/14/2023	8017	Clyne, Molly	PP 11/12/2023 - 11/25/2023		971.14	119,060.55
12/14/2023	E23-246	Dean, Willow R	Direct Deposit	0.00		119,060.55
12/14/2023	E23-247	Gallice, Lynn M	Direct Deposit	0.00		119,060.55
12/14/2023	E23-248	Kuhn, Pamela	Direct Deposit	0.00		119,060.55
12/14/2023	E23-249	Shaw, Susan M.	Direct Deposit	0.00		119,060.55
12/15/2023	E23-250	MSRS-DCP	98995-01		350.00	118,710.55
12/15/2023	E23-251	PERA	9318-00 PP 11/26/2023-12/09/2023		1,588.86	117,121.69
12/15/2023	E23-252	Public Employees Insurance Progra...	00440 Coverage for 01/01/2024 - 01/31/2024 (4 Staff)		4,464.78	112,656.91
12/15/2023	E23-253	Electronic Federal Tax Payment Syst...	41-1254710 PP 11/26/23 - 12/09/23		2,688.42	109,968.49
12/15/2023	E23-254	MN Department of Revenue	6737070 PP 11/26/23 - 12/09/23		509.00	109,459.49
12/15/2023	8018	Otten, John	Winter Storage 2023-2024 Interseeder (2) and Tree Pl...		300.00	109,159.49
12/15/2023	8019	Big Js Service Station	Inv #001119 - Gas		60.00	109,099.49
12/15/2023	8020	MCSI-MN Computer Systems Inc.	INV 386511 Copier Charges 11/12/23-12/11/23		27.41	109,072.08
12/18/2023			FY24 Conservation Delivery	18,868.00		127,940.08
12/18/2023			FY25 Conservation Delivery	18,868.00		146,808.08
12/18/2023			FY24 Conservation Contracts	10,000.00		156,808.08
12/18/2023			FY25 Conservation Contracts	10,000.00		166,808.08
12/19/2023	8021	Wolcyn Tree Farms & Nursery	1/2 Down Payment for 2024 trees		6,040.50	160,767.58
12/20/2023			FY24 Buffer Law	10,000.00		170,767.58
12/22/2023	8022	VISA	Stmt Date 12/13/23 CC #0861 Intuit P/R fees, MASWCD ...		1,625.98	169,141.60
12/26/2023			MN SWCD Conservation Aid - June FY24 (2nd half)	80,176.77		249,318.37
12/27/2023	E23-255	QuickBooks Payroll Service	Created by Payroll Service on 12/26/2023		8,726.53	240,591.84
12/28/2023	E23-256	Dean, Willow R	Direct Deposit	0.00		240,591.84
12/28/2023	E23-257	Gallice, Lynn M	Direct Deposit	0.00		240,591.84
12/28/2023	E23-258	Kuhn, Pamela	Direct Deposit	0.00		240,591.84
12/28/2023	E23-259	Shaw, Susan M.	Direct Deposit	0.00		240,591.84
12/28/2023	E23-260	Clyne, Molly	Direct Deposit	0.00		240,591.84
12/29/2023	E23-261	PERA	9318-00 PP 12/10/2023 -12/23/2023		1,742.88	238,848.96
12/29/2023	E23-262	MSRS-DCP	98995-01 PP 12/10/2023 -12/23/2023		350.00	238,498.96
12/29/2023	E23-263	Electronic Federal Tax Payment Syst...	41-1254710 PP 12/10/2023 -12/23/2023		2,963.72	235,535.24
12/29/2023	E23-264	MN Department of Revenue	6737070 PP 12/10/2023 -12/23/2023		564.00	234,971.24
12/29/2023	E23-265	Beckstrom, Kurt M	Direct Deposit	0.00		234,971.24
12/29/2023	E23-266	Campbell, Daniel K	Direct Deposit	0.00		234,971.24
12/29/2023	E23-267	Hoefert, Robert E	Direct Deposit	0.00		234,971.24
12/29/2023	E23-268	Janski, Jacob	Direct Deposit	0.00		234,971.24
12/29/2023	E23-269	LaSalle., Andre	Direct Deposit	0.00		234,971.24
12/29/2023	E23-270	QuickBooks Payroll Service	Created by Payroll Service on 12/26/2023		2,383.75	232,587.49
12/29/2023	8023	Big Js Service Station	Inv #001188 - Fuel		65.22	232,522.27
12/29/2023	8024	ArcStone	Inv #9486 1 year domain renewal		35.00	232,487.27
12/30/2023	E23-271	Electronic Federal Tax Payment Syst...	41-1254710 Supervisor - 4th Quarter		305.22	232,182.05
12/30/2023	E23-272	PERA	9318-00 Supervisor KB - 4th Quarter		36.00	232,146.05
12/30/2023	E23-273	Blue Cross BlueShield MN	2932220001 Inv #231229350215 - December 2023		25.64	232,120.41
12/31/2023			Interest	13.17		232,133.58
Total 10101 · First National Checking				148,585.94	47,545.11	232,133.58
Total 10100 · Checking				148,585.94	47,545.11	232,133.58
10200 · Savings						336,072.50
10201 · Neighborhood Bank - Savings						104,384.10
12/29/2023			Interest	41.47		104,425.57
Total 10201 · Neighborhood Bank - Savings				41.47	0.00	104,425.57
10202 · First National Savings						231,688.40
12/31/2023			Interest	58.08		231,746.48
Total 10202 · First National Savings				58.08	0.00	231,746.48
Total 10200 · Savings				99.55	0.00	336,172.05
TOTAL				148,685.49	47,545.11	568,305.63

MILLE LACS SWCD
4th Quarter Payroll Summary - Supervisor
October 7 through December 31, 2023

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	Beckstrom, Kurt M			Campbell, Daniel K			Hoefert, Robert E			Janski, Jacob			LaSalle., Andre			TOTAL		
	Hours	Rate	Oct 7 - Dec 31, 23	Hours	Rate	Oct 7 - Dec 31, 23	Hours	Rate	Oct 7 - Dec 31, 23	Hours	Rate	Oct 7 - Dec 31, 23	Hours	Rate	Oct 7 - Dec 31, 23	Hours	Rate	Oct 7 - Dec 31, 23
Employee Wages, Taxes and Adjustments																		
Gross Pay																		
Supervisor Per Diem-Treasurer			0.00			0.00			0.00			0.00	3	5.00	15.00	3.00		15.00
Supervisor Per Diem - Chair			0.00			0.00			0.00	3	5.00	15.00			0.00	3.00		15.00
Supervisor Per Diem >50 miles			0.00			0.00			0.00	3	15.00	45.00		15.00	0.00	3.00		45.00
Supervisor Per Diems	6	60.00	360.00	4	60.00	240.00	4	60.00	240.00	12	60.00	720.00	6	60.00	360.00	32.00		1,920.00
Total Gross Pay	6		360.00	4		240.00	4		240.00	18		780.00	9		375.00	41.00		1,995.00
Deductions from Gross Pay																		
PERA Supervisor-DCP			-18.00			0.00			0.00			0.00			0.00			-18.00
Total Deductions from Gross Pay			-18.00			0.00			0.00			0.00			0.00			-18.00
Adjusted Gross Pay	6		342.00	4		240.00	4		240.00	18		780.00	9		375.00	41.00		1,977.00
Taxes Withheld																		
Federal Withholding			0.00			0.00			0.00			0.00			0.00			0.00
Medicare Employee			-5.22			-3.48			-3.48			-11.31			-5.43			-28.92
Social Security Employee			-22.32			-14.88			-14.88			-48.36			-23.25			-123.69
MN - Withholding			0.00			0.00			0.00			0.00			0.00			0.00
Medicare Employee Addl Tax			0.00			0.00			0.00			0.00			0.00			0.00
Total Taxes Withheld			-27.54			-18.36			-18.36			-59.67			-28.68			-152.61
Additions to Net Pay																		
Nontax Employee Mileage/Reimb			0.00			0.00			0.00			60.25			0.00			60.25
Nontax Supervisor Compensation			0.00			0.00			131.00			243.66			124.45			499.11
Total Additions to Net Pay			0.00			0.00			131.00			303.91			124.45			559.36
Net Pay	6		314.46	4		221.64	4		352.64	18		1,024.24	9		470.77	41.00		2,383.75
Employer Taxes and Contributions																		
Medicare District			5.22			3.48			3.48			11.31			5.43			28.92
Social Security District			22.32			14.88			14.88			48.36			23.25			123.69
PERA District Contrib DCP- Sup.			18.00			0.00			0.00			0.00			0.00			18.00
Total Employer Taxes and Contributions			45.54			18.36			18.36			59.67			28.68			170.61

District severance/leave liability - year ending 12/31/2023

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Yr End Board Summary:	Sick Hrs carryover	Annual Hrs carryover	Sick payout	Severance liability	Total District Liability
As of Dec 31, 2022					
Administrator	960	164	\$2,014.33	\$7,852.80	\$32,944.95
Shoreland Resource Con	822.5	240	N/A	\$4,323.44	\$20,345.60
Ag Resource Con	13.0	21	N/A	NA	\$536.13
Watershed Coord	6.0	0	N/A	NA	\$0.00
Financial Specialist	14.5	48	N/A	NA	\$1,377.98
					<u>\$53,826.68</u>

**MILLE LACS SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT (SWCD)
2024 GUIDELINES ON USE OF SWCD AID PAYMENTS**

Minn. Stat. § 477A.23, subd. 4(b)

(effective July 20, 2023)

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State SWCD Aid payments will be used by the district board and staff to carry out the following duties as outlined in Minn. Stat. § 103.332, subd. 1:

- (1) respond to and provide technical and financial assistance to landowners to maintain and improve the quality, quantity, distribution, and sustainability of natural resources, including surface water, groundwater, soil, and ecological resources;
- (2) provide technical assistance in implementing the soil erosion law under sections [103F.401](#) to [103F.48](#);
- (3) arrange for employees to serve on technical evaluation panels to implement the wetland laws as required under section [103G.2242](#);
- (4) locally administer the reinvest in Minnesota reserve program under section [103F.515](#) and rules adopted thereunder, using knowledge of local resources to manage each easement to maximize environmental benefits;
- (5) participate in administering the Wetland Conservation Act as provided under sections [103G.221](#) to [103G.2375](#), either in an advisory capacity or as the designated local government unit administering the program;
- (6) participate in the local water management program under chapter 103B, either in an advisory capacity or as the designated local government unit administering the program;
- (7) participate, as appropriate, in the comprehensive watershed management planning program under section [103B.801](#);
- (8) participate in disaster response efforts as provided in chapter 12A;
- (9) provide technical recommendations to the Department of Natural Resources on general permit applications under section [103G.301](#);
- (10) provide technical assistance and local administration of the agricultural water quality certification program under sections [17.9891](#) to [17.993](#);
- (11) provide technical assistance for the agricultural land preservation program under chapter 40A, where applicable;
- (12) maintain compliance with section [15.99](#) for deadlines for agency action;
- (13) coordinate with appropriate county officials on matters related to electing soil and water conservation district supervisors; and
- (14) cooperate to the extent possible with federal, state, and local agencies and with private organizations to avoid duplicating and to enhance implementing public and private conservation initiatives within the jurisdiction of the district.

In carrying out the above duties, the district board and staff will use state aid payments to deliver the following services as outlined in Minn. Stat. § 103.332, subd. 2:

(1) performing administrative services, including comprehensive and annual work planning, administering grants, leveraging outside funding, establishing fiscal accountability measures, reporting accomplishments, human resources management, and staff and supervisor development;

(2) entering into cooperative agreements with the United States Department of Agriculture, Natural Resources Conservation Service, and other United States Department of Agriculture agencies to leverage federal technical and financial assistance;

(3) providing technical expertise, including knowledge of local resources, performing technical evaluations and certifications, assessing concerns, and providing oversight in surveying, designing, and constructing conservation practices;

(4) providing information and education outreach, including increasing landowner awareness and knowledge of soil and water conservation program opportunities to protect soil and water resources and publicizing the benefits of soil and water conservation to the general public;

(5) facilitating regulatory processes for impacted landowners and providing technical review and comment on regulatory permits and development plans for regulations relating to soil and water conservation;

(6) administering projects and programs, including but not limited to the nonpoint source pollution abatement program; reinvest in Minnesota reserve conservation easements program; disaster response; local water management and comprehensive watershed management planning programs; and projects related to floodplains, lakes, streams and ditches, wetlands, upland resources, and groundwater resources, to maintain and improve the quality, quantity, distribution, and sustainability of natural resources, including surface water, groundwater, soil, and ecological resources;

(7) monitoring and inventorying to collect data that provide a baseline understanding of resource conditions and changes to the resources over time and analyzing and interpreting the data to support program implementation; and

(8) maintaining a modern technology infrastructure that facilitates planning and projects, including geographic information systems, modeling software, mobile workstations, survey and design equipment and software, and other technology for linking landowners with conservation plans.

Chair signature

Date

Printed name

Mille Lacs Soil and Water Conservation District

One new Certification in Carlton for John Skalko, a veggie farmer in Esko. I spent most of Dec meeting with farmers to finalize MAWQCP FA Grant practice certifications and reimbursements. The MAWQCP RCPP signup with NRCS was Dec 15th. There were a handful of applicants in the NE area. Attended the MASWCD State Convention where many Outstanding Conservationists in NE were MAWQCP Certified Farmers.

County	Applications	Completed
Aitkin	31	23
Carlton	44	21
Chisago	23	18
Cook	0	0
Isanti	20	14
Itasca	8	4
Kanabec	15	10
Lake	4	3
Mille Lacs	23	13
Pine	23	16
South St. Louis	20	15
North St. Louis	7	2

NE Area

Certifications to-date: 137

Statewide Stats:

1,428 producers
 973,644 current acres
 1,021,477 life of program acres
 2,786 new practices
 47,462 tons of sediment per year
 142,105 tons of soil per year
 59,341 lbs of P per year

47,784 (MPCA C02-e short tons per year)
 50,586 (COMET C02-e metric tonnes per year)

97 Integrated Pest Management Endorsements
 74 Wildlife Endorsements
 130 Soil Health Endorsements
 155 Climate Smart Endorsements
 4 Irrigation Endorsements



Above: New fence installed for an access control practice on a beef farm in Aitkin Co. funding with MAWQCP FA Grant.



Above: New well and solar powered watering facility at Rust Hill Ranch in Chisago Co. funding with EQIP and MAWQCP FA Grant.



Left: Wetland restoration at Certified farm in Isanti Co. funding with USFWS and MAWQCP FA Grant.