



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
(MLLWG) Mille Lacs Lake Watershed 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

Mille Lacs SWCD Special Board Meeting – MINUTES
Wednesday, August 14, 2024

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

Members Present:

Chair, Jake Janski, District 3
Vice-Chair/Secretary, Dan Campbell, District 1
Treasurer, Andre LaSalle, District 4
Member, Robert Hoefert, District 5
Member, Tim Braun, District 2

Staff Present:

District Administrator, Susan Shaw

Participating Guests:

Commissioner Liaison, Genny Reynolds

Members Absent:

None

Call To Order & Pledge of Allegiance – Chair Janski called the meeting to order at 6:00 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)
Motion by Campbell to approve the agenda as amended. Second by LaSalle. Affirmative: Hoefert, LaSalle, Campbell, Braun. Opposed: none. **Motion carried.**

3. Personnel & District Capacity
Formally approve offer of employment, contingent on background checks, for the Resource Conservationist – Ag position **(action)**

Motion by Hoefert to approve the hire of Siena Storm for the position of Resource Conservationist – Agriculture (Grade J, Step 1) starting pay \$25.52 per hour. Second by LaSalle. Affirmative: Hoefert, LaSalle, Campbell, Braun. Opposed: none. **Motion carried.**

4. Organizational Business, Fiscal and Grants

a. Grant Activities

i. Central ML County Targeted Well Sealing FY23 grant agreement (C23-6045) **(action)**

1. **Motion by Campbell to approve** contract C-23-6045-7: Authorization for payment to Dwight Dockter **in the amount of \$1,925.00** for sealing two wells based on 50% of the eligible cost of \$3,850.00. **Second by Braun.** Affirmative: Hoefert, LaSalle, Campbell, Braun. Opposed: none. **Motion carried.**

ii. LCCMR Tree Planting Grant (ID 2022-260) **(action)**

1. Reimbursement for services to Isanti SWCD Inv # 2024-158 in the amount of \$1,460.52 for eligible expenses under contract not to exceed \$1,500.00
Previous payments total \$0
2. Reimbursement for services to Sherburne SWCD Inv# 2024273 in the amount of \$404.98 for eligible expenses under contract not to exceed \$1,840.40
Previous payments total \$108.38
3. Reimbursement for services for Dan Steward invoice #2 dated July 30, 2024, in the amount of \$621.94 for eligible expenses under contract not to exceed \$2,000.00
Previous payments total \$385.76
4. Reimbursement for services for Aitkin SWCD on two invoices: Inv #1 in the amount of \$905.30, and Inv#2 in the amount of \$603.53 for eligible expenses under contract not to exceed \$5,000.00.
Previous payments total \$870.89

Motion by Hoefert to approve four payments: Isanti SWCD Inv # 2024-158 in the amount of \$1,460.52, Sherburne SWCD Inv# 2024273 in the amount of \$404.98, Dan Steward invoice #2 dated July 30, 2024, in the amount of \$621.94, Aitkin SWCD on two invoices: Inv #1 in the amount of \$905.30 and Inv# 2 in the amount of \$603.53. **Second by Campbell.** Affirmative: Hoefert, LaSalle, Campbell, Braun. Opposed: none. **Motion carried.**

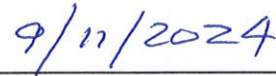
5. Evaluate the Meeting

6. Next Regular Meeting – September 11, 2024, 6:00 p.m., Historic Courthouse, Conference Rm D with public remote option.

7. Adjourn – Chair Janski adjourned the meeting at 6:10 p.m.



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.