



Minutes from December 17, 2025 Regular Board Meeting

Call to Order Chair John Tollgaard called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Members Present:

John Tollgaard
Al Moline
Paul Fish
Jim Kruse

Others Present:

R.C. Boheim, SWCD Staff
Tim Beaster, SWCD Staff
Andy Kasun, SWCD Staff
Tryg Solberg, SWCD Staff
Allison Praet, NRCS
Caleb Langworthy

Agenda The Board reviewed the agenda. Motion by Fish, seconded by Kruse to approve the agenda.

Affirmative: Fish, Kruse, Moline, Tollgaard

Opposed: None ***Motion Carried***

Approval of Minutes The Board reviewed Minutes from the November Meeting. Motion by Moline, seconded by Fish to approve the Minutes.

Affirmative: Fish, Kruse, Moline, Tollgaard

Opposed: None ***Motion Carried***

Financial and Administrative Reports

Financial Reports The Board reviewed the financial reports. The total fund balance as of November 30, 2025 was \$603,336.59. Motion by Kruse, seconded by Moline to approve the Financial Report.

Affirmative: Fish, Kruse, Moline, Tollgaard

Opposed: None ***Motion Carried***

Treasurer's Report Moline reported he went through material prior to the meeting and reported everything checked out. Motion by Fish, seconded by Kruse to approve the Treasurer's Report.

Affirmative: Fish, Kruse, Moline, Tollgaard

Opposed: None ***Motion Carried***

Monthly Report Beaster, Kasun, and Solberg gave a presentation to the Board about past and future projects.

Minnesota Paid Leave Motion by Fish, seconded by Kruse to pay for the employer and employee portions of paid leave premiums which will total 0.66% estimated to be around \$2,000 per year. This amount will be in the 2026 budget.

Affirmative: Fish, Kruse, Moline, Tollgaard

Opposed: None ***Motion Carried***

District 5 Supervisor Position Five people applied for the position. Supervisors should rank the applicant and return to the office by January 1st. After that, a decision will be made about additional steps.

Draft 2026 Budget Boheim distributed a draft 2026 Budget for \$2,320,995. The Budget will be finalized for approval at the January Meeting.

District Conservationist's Report Praet provided a written report.

Cost-share & Project Approvals

Molly Thompson Well Sealing Extension to September 30, 2026, Bob Durovec Cover Crop Extension to November 1, 2026, and Fechner Well Sealing Payment for \$2,285

Motion by Kruse, seconded by Moline to approve all three projects and payments.

Affirmative: Fish, Kruse, Moline, Tollgaard

Opposed: None *Motion Carried*

Grant Agreements None

Committee and Board Membership Reports

Area III SWCD Technical Service Area Meets in January.

SWCD Forestry Association Moline reported there was speaker about forestry for Minnesota birds.

Laurentian Resource Conservation & Development Moline reported the carbon credit program and prescribed burning was discussed.

MASWCD Northeast Area 3 No report.

St. Louis River Policy Committee will be meeting in the near future to discuss the second round of funding.

Supervisor Reports

MASWCD Convention. Tollgaard went over approved resolutions. Kruse and Fish talked about the resolution regarding prevailing wages.

Fish discussed attended an Area III Executive Committee meeting.

Supervisor Expenses Tollgaard reviewed expense reports with the Board. Motion by Fish, seconded by Moline to approve the reports.

Affirmative: Fish, Kruse, Moline, Tollgaard

Opposed: None *Motion Carried*

Adjourn Motion by Moline to adjourn the meeting.

Affirmative: Fish, Kruse, Moline, Tollgaard

Opposed: None *Motion Carried*

The meeting adjourned at 8:54 p.m.