



Minutes from January 21, 2026 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

Caleb Langworthy

Others Present:

R.C. Boheim, SWCD Staff

Allison Praet, NRCS

Election of 2026 Officers

Tollgaard was nominated for Chair. There were no other nominations. Motion by Fish to elect Tollgaard Chair, seconded by Kruse.

Affirmative: Fish, Moline, Tollgaard, Kruse

Opposed: None ***Motion Carried***

Fish was nominated for Vice-Chair. There were no other nominations. Motion by Fish to elect Fish Vice-Chair, seconded by Tollgaard.

Affirmative: Fish, Moline, Tollgaard, Kruse

Opposed: None ***Motion Carried***

Moline was nominated for Treasurer and Secretary. There were no other nominations. Motion by Fish to elect Moline, seconded by Kruse.

Affirmative: Fish, Moline, Tollgaard, Kruse

Opposed: None ***Motion Carried***

2026 Committee Assignments

The Personnel Committee Members will be Tollgaard and Fish. The TSA Board Member will be Tollgaard, Kruse will be an alternate. Moline will be on RC&D and SWCD Forestry. Moline will be on the St. Louis River Watershed Policy Committee.

Affirmative: Fish, Moline, Tollgaard, Kruse

Opposed: None ***Motion Carried***

District 5 Supervisor Position Appointment Motion by Fish, seconded by Kruse to appoint Caleb Langworthy District 5 Supervisor.

Affirmative: Fish, Moline, Tollgaard, Kruse

Opposed: None ***Motion Carried***

The Oath of Office was administered by Tollgaard.

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

Affirmative: Fish, Kruse, Langworthy, Moline, Tollgaard

Opposed: None ***Motion Carried***

Approval of Minutes The Board reviewed Minutes from the December Meeting. Motion by Fish, seconded by Kruse to approve the Minutes with a minor correction.

Affirmative: Fish, Kruse, Langworthy, Moline, Tollgaard

Opposed: None ***Motion Carried***

Financial and Administrative Reports

Financial Reports The Board reviewed the financial reports. The total fund balance as of December 31, 2025 was \$407,657.17. Motion by Kruse, seconded by Moline to approve the Financial Report.

Affirmative: Fish, Kruse, Langworthy, Moline, Tollgaard

Opposed: None ***Motion Carried***

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

Affirmative: Fish, Kruse, Langworthy, Moline, Tollgaard

Opposed: None ***Motion Carried***

Monthly Report Boheim gave a verbal report to the Board.

Draft 2026 Budget Boheim distributed a draft 2026 Budget for \$2,320,995. Motion by Moline, seconded by Fish to approve the 2026 Budget.

Affirmative: Fish, Kruse, Langworthy, Moline, Tollgaard

Opposed: None ***Motion Carried***

Designation of 2026 Financial Institutions Motion by Moline, seconded by Langworthy to designate North Shore Bank and Centricity Federal Credit Union banks for 2026.

Affirmative: Fish, Kruse, Langworthy, Moline, Tollgaard

Opposed: None ***Motion Carried***

Personnel Committee Report The committee met prior to the meeting. The Committee recommended a 5% increase for Kasun; a 3% increase for Venhuizen and Beaster; and a 2% increase for Boheim. Motion by Moline, seconded by Fish to approve the recommended salary increases.

Affirmative: Fish, Kruse, Langworthy, Moline, Tollgaard

Opposed: None ***Motion Carried***

District Conservationist's Report Praet provided a written and verbal report.

Cost-share & Project Approvals

Buckley Island Lake Shoreline Buffer - \$6,056 Motion by Kruse, seconded by Langworthy to approve the native planting and shoreline protection project.

Affirmative: Fish, Kruse, Langworthy, Moline, Tollgaard

Opposed: None ***Motion Carried***

Grant Agreements None

Committee and Board Membership Reports

Area III SWCD Technical Service Area Meets next week.

SWCD Forestry Association Moline reported the January meeting was cancelled.

Laurentian Resource Conservation & Development Meets next Monday.

MASWCD Northeast Area 3 The Resolution meeting is June 5th. Lake SWCD is hosting the Fall Meeting.

St. Louis River Policy Committee will be meeting in February.

Supervisor Reports

Fish reported he applied for a seat on the BWSR Board.

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

Affirmative: Fish, Kruse, Langworthy, Moline, Tollgaard

Opposed: None ***Motion Carried***

Adjourn Motion by Kruse to adjourn the meeting.

Affirmative: Fish, Kruse, Langworthy, Moline, Tollgaard

Opposed: None ***Motion Carried***

The meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.