



Minutes from January 28, 2026 Regular Board Meeting

Call to Order John Tollgaard called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. Introduction were made.

Members Present:

Chuck Bainter, North St. Louis
Tom Fasteland, Aitkin SWCD
Bob Fox, Carlton SWCD
Norma Heggernes, Kanabec SWCD
Beth Hippert, Lake SWCD
Amber Humphrey, Cook SWCD
Andre Lasalle, Mille Lacs SWCD
Steve Martin, Pine SWCD
John Tollgaard, South St. Louis SWCD

Others Present:

R.C. Boheim, South St. Louis SWCD
Matias Valero, TSA Staff
Caitlan Richard, TSA Staff
Bree Schabert, TSA Staff
Sam Korducki, TSA Staff
Susan Shaw, Mille Lacs SWCD
Phil Norvitch, North St. Louis SWCD
Ilena Hansel, Cook SWCD
Tara Solem, Lake SWCD

Annual Meeting

Elections of officers

Motion by Fasteland, seconded by Tollgaard to keep the same officers for 2026: Tollgaard Chair, Fasteland Vice-Chair, Bob Fox for Treasurer/Secretary.

Affirmative: Bainter, Fasteland, Heggernes, Hippert, Humphrey, Lasalle, Martin, Tollgaard
Opposed: None ***Motion Carried***

Appointment of committee members

Personnel is the only standing committee. Motion by Tollgaard, seconded by Bainter that Fasteland, Hippert, and Tollgaard serve on the Personnel Committee.

Affirmative: Bainter, Fasteland, Heggernes, Hippert, Humphrey, Lasalle, Martin, Tollgaard
Opposed: None ***Motion Carried***

Designation of financial institutions

Motion by Bainter, seconded by Fasteland to designate Centricity Credit Union and North Shore Bank as TSA #3 financial institutions for 2026.

Affirmative: Bainter, Fasteland, Heggernes, Hippert, Humphrey, Lasalle, Martin, Tollgaard
Opposed: None ***Motion Carried***

Agenda The Board reviewed the agenda. Motion by Fasteland, seconded by Bainter to approve the agenda as presented.

Affirmative: Bainter, Fasteland, Fox, Heggernes, Hippert, Humphrey, Lasalle, Martin, Tollgaard
Opposed: None ***Motion Carried***

Approval of minutes The Board considered Minutes from the September Meeting. Motion by Hippert, seconded by Tollgaard to approve the minutes with minor corrections.

Affirmative: Bainter, Fasteland, Fox, Heggernes, Hippert, Humphrey, Lasalle, Martin, Tollgaard
Opposed: None ***Motion Carried***

Financial and Administrative Report

Financial Report Boheim reviewed the financial report. Current total assets as of January 21, 2026 are \$535,377.78. Motion by Bainter, seconded by Fasteland to accept the financial report.

Affirmative: Bainter, Fasteland, Fox, Heggernes, Hippert, Humphrey, Lasalle, Martin, Tollgaard
Opposed: None ***Motion Carried***

TSA Purchases - Drone Purchase Valero presented information about purchasing a drone to support conservation projects. Motion by Fasteland, seconded by Bainter to approve the drone purchase as presented for an estimate of \$11,000.

Affirmative: Bainter, Fasteland, Fox, Heggernes, Hippert, Humphrey, Lasalle, Martin, Tollgaard
Opposed: None ***Motion Carried***

Kurducki Probation Period Completion - \$500 increase Motion by Tollgaard, seconded by Bainter to approve the increase retroactively to his six-month date.

Affirmative: Bainter, Fasteland, Fox, Heggernes, Hippert, Humphrey, Lasalle, Martin, Tollgaard
Opposed: None ***Motion Carried***

MN Paid Leave – TSA cover entire 0.66% premium Motion by Fasteland, seconded by Hippert 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.

Affirmative: Bainter, Fasteland, Fox, Heggernes, Hippert, Humphrey, Lasalle, Martin, Tollgaard
Opposed: None ***Motion Carried***

Treasurer's Report Fox reported he went through the books Monday, and everything looked fine. Motion by Hippert, seconded by Humphrey to approve the report.

Affirmative: Bainter, Fasteland, Fox, Heggernes, Hippert, Humphrey, Lasalle, Martin, Tollgaard
Opposed: None ***Motion Carried***

Project / Technical Assistance Reports Valero provided a verbal and written report. He also discussed the idea of holding a training day for all SWCD staff on April 21, 2026

Other Business None

Next meeting is on March 25, 2026 at 10:00 am.

Adjourn Motion by Tollgaard to adjourn the meeting.

Affirmative: Bainter, Fasteland, Fox, Heggernes, Hippert, Humphrey, Lasalle, Martin, Tollgaard
Opposed: None ***Motion Carried***

Meeting adjourned at 10:41 a.m.