

LYON COUNTY SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT MEETING AGENDA

**Lyon County Soil & Water Office
1424 E. College Drive, Ste 600
Wednesday, January 8, 2025 at 4:00 PM**

Lyon County Soil and Water Conservation District

Present Supervisors: Allen Deutz, Gary Laleman, John Lanoue

Absent: Justin Hively, Mason Johnson

Staff - John Biren, Courtney Williams, Blake Giles, Brock Boerboom and Anita Cauwels

Other - Gary Crowley

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

All recited Pledge of Allegiance (4:10 p.m.)

2. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

2.1 Election of Officers 2025

[Election of Officers -Appointed Committee Template.docx](#)

Motion by Lanoue 2nd by Laleman to approve Election of Officers as part of the rotation.

Chairman: Gary Laleman

Vice Chairman: John Lanoue

Secretary/Treasurer: Allen Deutz

PR&I: Justin Hively

Member: Mason Johnson

Mover: John Lanoue

Seconder: Gary Laleman

Moved To: Approve

For: 3 - Allen Deutz, Gary Laleman, John Lanoue

Motion Result: Passed

3. 2025 APPOINTED COMMITTEES

Committee	Main	Alternate
Liaison Committee	Allen Deutz	Gary Laleman
SWPTSA	Justin Hively	Allen Deutz
RCRCA	Allen Deutz	John Lanoue
Yellow Medicine River Watershed Advisory Committee	Gary Laleman	Mason Johnson
Lyon County Park Board	Gary Laleman	
Yellow Med One Watershed One Plan	Gary Laleman	Mason Johnson
Des Moines One Watershed One Plan		
Cottonwood –Middle MN One Watershed One Plan	John Lanoue	Justin Hively
Redwood One Watershed One Plan	Allen Deutz	Mason Johnson

Motion by Deutz, 2nd by Lanoue to appoint the 2025 Appointed Committees as listed in exception of the Des Moines One Watershed One Plan which will be discussed at future meeting.

Mover: Gary Laleman

Seconder: John Lanoue

Moved To: Approve

For: 3 - Allen Deutz, Gary Laleman, John Lanoue

Motion Result: Passed

4. IDENTIFY ANY CONFLICT OF INTEREST

No conflict of interest.

5. AMEND/APPROVE AGENDA

Approve January 8, 2025 SWCD Agenda

5.1 January 8, 2025 Agenda

[January 2025 Agenda.pdf](#)

Motion by Lanoue, 2nd by Deutz to approve the January 8, 2025 Agenda

Mover: Gary Laleman

Seconder: John Lanoue

Moved To: Approve

For: 3 - Allen Deutz, Gary Laleman, John Lanoue

Motion Result: Passed

6. Approve December 11, 2024 Minutes

6.1 December 11, 2024 Minutes

[2024 December SWCD Minutes.pdf](#)

Motion by 2nd by to approve the December 11, 2024 minutes.

Mover: Gary Laleman

Seconder: John Lanoue

Moved To: Approve

For: 3 - Allen Deutz, Gary Laleman, John Lanoue

Motion Result: Passed

7. 2025 Meeting Schedule

7.1 2025 Meeting Schedule

[Board Meeting Schedule 2025.docx](#)

[2025 Schedule of Meetings for P&Z & SWCD.xlsx](#)

Motion by Deutz, 2nd by Lanoue to have November – April meeting at 4:30 p.m. and then May - October at 7:00 p.m.

Mover: Allen Deutz

Seconder: John Lanoue

Moved To: Approve

For: 3 - Allen Deutz, Gary Laleman, John Lanoue

Motion Result: Passed

8. FINANCIAL REPORTS

8.1 2025 SWCD Budget

Cauwels presented 2025 SWCD Budget

[2025 Budget.pdf](#)

8.2 Account Activity Report

Cauwels presented Account Activity Report

[Account Activity Report.pdf](#)

8.3 Grant Breakdown Sheet

Cauwels presented Grant Breakdown Sheet

[Grant Breakdown.pdf](#)

9. BUSINESS

9.1 GBERBA December 2024 Update

Staff presented GBERBA Update and 2024 Year End report with 2025 Plans & Goals.

[2024 YEAR END and 2025 NEW YEAR](#)

[REPORT.docx December 2024 Program Update.docx](#)

9.2 2025 MASWCD Dues

[2025 MASWCD Dues.pdf](#)

Motion by Lanoue, 2nd by Deutz to approve MASWCD FY 2025 Dues in the amount of \$7,431.37.

Mover: Gary Laleman

Seconder: John Lanoue

Moved To: Approve

For: 3 - Allen Deutz, Gary Laleman, John Lanoue

Motion Result: Passed

9.3 2025 IRS Standard Mileage Rates

2025 IRS Standard Mileage Rates increased 3 cents from 2024 up to 70 cents per mile.

[IRS Mileage Rate.pdf](#)

9.4 Southwest Prairie Technical Service Local Share

[Inv_144_from_Southwest_Prairie_Technical_Service_16104.pdf](#)

Motion by Lanoue, 2nd by Deutz to approve Southwet Prarie Technical Services for 2025 Dues in the amount of \$2,204.54 for ESTS and \$1,340.91 for NPEA.

Mover: John Lanoue

Seconder: Gary Laleman

Moved To: Approve

For: 3 - Allen Deutz, Gary Laleman, John Lanoue

Motion Result: Passed

10. DISTRICT TECHNICIANS

Giles - Working on Newsletter, Lake Yankton Project

Boerboom - Rim Easements - working through applications.

Williams - Feedlot Inspections - Annual Report/Financial Report - Tree Plans -

Feedlot Audit - Survey Projects - TSA Project Recap

11. DISTRICT ADMIN

Comprehensive Plan Meetings are beginning again. Working on Year-End Reporting

12. DISTRICT MANAGER

County Ditch system on County Road 24
Ditch by Florence - road retention -
CD 12 - road retention

13. PHEASANTS FOREVER/FARM BILL BIOLOGIST

Wildlife Practices for EQIP - Forestry/Windbreak Plans. Starting in April for General CRP Sign up. Attended Soil Health Workshop in Mankato.

14. DISTRICT CONSERVATIONIST/LEAD CST - NRCS

Finishing CSP/EQIP Applications - Deadline for January 10th, 2025.

15. COMMITTEE

REPORTS 15.1 RCRCA

Redwood CWMP Update *The Policy Committee will meet Monday, January 13, 2025 at 1:00 PM with the Steering Team meeting that morning at 10:30 AM. Remote links will be provided in case of inclement weather conditions. Joint Powers discussion. Audit going through same company.*

15.2 Area II River Basins

Bonding Bill Request *The Capital Investment Committee has requested appropriation requests for the 2025 Legislative Session. Despite not getting much direction with regard to requesting bonding and returning the remaining \$1.3 million of the General Fund Construction Grant (through MMB), a request for \$1.5 million of bonding funds will be made.*

Meeting in February moved to the 7th instead of the 6th. 10 a.m. in Marshall.

15.3 Area V

Zoom Meeting on February 20th, 2025

15.4 Parks

No report.

15.5 One Watershed One Plan - Yellow Medicine

No report.

15.6 One Watershed One Plan - Des Moines

No report.

15.7 One Watershed One Plan - Cottonwood - Middle MN

Cottonwood-Middle MN 1W1P Update *The BWSR Southern Region Committee met virtually December 9 to review/approve the Comprehensive Watershed Management Plan. Netzke did the presentation which was followed by a few questions. Committee members felt the presentation and the Plan were very well*

prepared. The committee recommended Plan approval to the full BWSR Board for their January 22, 2025 meeting. Netzke will join that meeting virtually in the event any questions arise.

Attorneys Ann Goering and Jordan Soderlind (Ratwik, Roszak & Maloney) provided draft revisions to RCRCAs joint powers for Plan implementation and draft Bylaws. Netzke provided comments/corrections back the same day. The attorneys had not returned the revised document in time for the RCRCAs Board of Directors meeting, although Netzke reviewed the changes with the Board January 2nd. A discussion was held with the Board regarding the existing county percentages for annual levies, and how those percentages change with the added land areas for Redwood and Cottonwood-Middle Minnesota One Watershed, One Plans. Brown County's percentage would increase significantly (due to the added Little Cottonwood watershed), Redwood County would increase by 1%, while the remaining counties would see slight reductions to their percentages. These percentages would be used to calculate dues for any 1W1P expenses that are not covered by the implementation grant, primarily audit and insurance. These new percentages would not be necessary for RCRCAs membership at this time.

Planning Grant Work Plan Revisions – The Policy Committee approved expenditures for the remaining grant dollars (~\$70,000) including development of the BEAST (Benefits Estimator and Spreadsheet Tool), MS4Front Tracking System, and a Hydrologic Model for approximately 100 subwatersheds to focus floodwater storage efforts. Netzke has revised the Work Plan in eLINK to designate the remaining planning grant funds.

*The Policy Committee will meet on Wednesday, February 19 at 1:00 PM.
The Steering Team will meet remotely January 15, 2025.*

15.8 One Watershed One Plan - Redwood

*Monday, January 13th, Steering Team Meeting at 10:30 a.m. and Policy Meeting at 1:00 p.m. Will be approving priority issues & reviewing measurable draft policy.
February 10, Steering Team Meeting in the morning and Policy Meeting at 1:00 p.m.*

15.9 County Board

Minor Board Changes

15.10 SWPTSA

COLA - 5% increase.

16. ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment - 5:50 p.m.