

LYON COUNTY SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT MEETING MINUTES

Lyon County Soil & Water Office

1424 E. College Drive, Ste 600

Wednesday, February 12, 2025 at 4:30 PM

Present: Allen Deutz, Gary Laleman, John Lanoue, Justin Hively, Mason Johnson

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

County: Gary Crowley

NRCS: Kelly Heather

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE All recited Pledge of Allegiance (4:35 p.m.)

2. IDENTIFY ANY CONFLICT OF INTEREST

No conflict of interest.

3. AMEND/APPROVE AGENDA

Approve February 12, 2025 SWCD Agenda

Motion to approve February 12, 2025 Agenda

Mover: Allen Deutz

Seconder: John Lanoue

Moved To: Approve

For: 5 - Allen Deutz, Gary Laleman, John Lanoue, Justin Hively, Mason Johnson

Motion Result: Passed

3.1 February 12, 2025 Agenda

[February 2025 Agenda.pdf](#)

4. APPROVE MINUTES

Approve January 8, 2025 Minutes

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[January SWCD Minutes.pdf](#)

Approve January 8, 2025 Minutes

Mover: John Lanoue

Seconder: Allen Deutz

Moved To: Approve

For: 5 - Allen Deutz, Gary Laleman, John Lanoue, Justin Hively, Mason Johnson

Motion Result: Passed

5. FINANCIAL REPORTS

5.1 2025 SWCD Budget

Cauwels presented 2025 SWCD Budget
[2025 Budget.pdf](#)

5.2 Account Activity Report

Cauwels presented Account Activity Report
[Account Activity Report.pdf](#)

5.3 Grant Breakdown Sheet

Cauwels presented Grant Breakdown Sheet
[Grant Breakdown Sheet.pdf](#)

6. BUSINESS

6.1 #01/25 - Curt Buysse - Well Sealing

#01/25 - Curt Buysse - Well Sealing approved in the amount of \$490.00. Total amount is \$980.00. \$490.00 will be paid by Landowner. Funds will be taken out of 2024 Local Water Management.

[Curt Buysse - Well Sealing.pdf](#)

Motion by Lanoue, 2nd by Hively to approve #01/25 - Curt Buysse - Well Sealing.

Mover: Allen Deutz

Secunder: John Lanoue

Moved To: Approve

For: 5 - Allen Deutz, Gary Laleman, John Lanoue, Justin Hively, Mason Johnson

Motion Result: Passed

6.2 Peterson Company LTD - Audit Bid Letter

[Peterson Co LTD.pdf](#)

Motion by 2nd by to approve Peterson Company LTD - Audit Bid Letter in the amount of \$5,400.00

Mover: Allen Deutz

Secunder: Mason Johnson

Moved To: Approve

For: 5 - Allen Deutz, Gary Laleman, John Lanoue, Justin Hively, Mason Johnson

Motion Result: Passed

6.3 Structural Policy

Discussion on Lyon County SWCD's Structural Policy. Change would be the cost share for a farmable water and sediment control basin may be pro-rated to the costs of a non-farmable water and sediment control basin if the landowner chooses to implement a farmable water and sediment control basin without recommendation from an engineer. Cost share rates may also remain at 75% for a farmable water and sediment control basin when it is highly recommended by an engineer and technicians agree with engineer statement. All state cost share is still up to the discretion of the Lyon SWCD Board. The Lyon SWCD reserves the right to adjust from all cost share rates dependent of the projects compatibility with the District's mission. Recommendation by Board to make sure that the wording of the policy is acceptable for everyone, Staff and Board. Possibly incorporate a priority checklist.
[Structural Policy.pdf](#)

6.4 Des Moines One Watershed One Plan

There would be 4 meetings that are quarterly that a representative, a supervisor preferred, for the meetings. Mason Johnson, supervisor will attend meetings.

6.5 2025 Appointed Committees

Add Mason Johnson to the Main for the Des Moines One Watershed One Plan and then Justin Hively as Main for Redwood One Watershed One Plan. Area 5 is all members.

[Committee Meeting Schedules.pdf](#)

6.6 Nordland 18

Discussion on Nordland 18 - 3 basins are being proposed. Tile will dump onto DNR property. Gully's have started to form to the point that the landowner can't farm that area anymore. Waiting for approval from DNR for permitting. May take 6 to 9 months.

[Nordland 18 Map.pdf](#)

6.7 #02/25 - Megan Williams - Cover Crops-Conservation Crop Rotation - Soil Health Delivery

Rotation for Fields A, B & C for payment of \$10,283.88 after 1st year of establishment. This is a 3-year contract. Project max reached for cover crop practice.

[Megan Williams - Soil Health Delivery.pdf](#)

Motion by Laleman 2nd by Johnson by #02/25 Megan Williams - Cover Crops - Conservation Crop Rotation - Soil Health Delivery

Mover: Gary Laleman

Seconder: Mason Johnson

Moved To: Approve

For: 4 - Gary Laleman, Justin Hively, Mason Johnson, Allen Deutz

Motion Result: Passed

6.8 #03/25 - Dustin Williams - Cover Crops - Conservation Crop Rotation - Soil Health Delivery

Cover Crop Rotation for Field A for payment of \$3,731.20 after 1st year of establishment. This is a 3-year contract.

[Dustin Williams - Soil Health Delivery.pdf](#)

Motion by Hively, 2nd by Johnson to approve 03/25 - Dustin Williams - Cover Crops - Conservation Crop Rotation - Soil Health Delivery

Mover: Justin Hively

Seconder: Mason Johnson

Moved To: Approve

For: 2 - Allen Deutz, Gary Laleman

Motion Result: Passed

6.9 #04/25 - Scott Williams - Cover Crops - Conservation Crop Rotation - Soil Health Delivery

Cover Crop Rotation for Fields A and B for payment of \$10,509.60 after 1st year of establishment. This is a 3-year contract. Project max reached for cover crop practice.

[Scott Williams - Soil Health Delivery.pdf](#)

Motion by Hively, 2nd by Johnson to approve 04/25 - Scott Williams - Cover Crops - Conservation Crop Rotation - Soil Health Delivery

Mover: Justin Hively

Seconder: Mason Johnson

Moved To: Approve

For: 2 - Allen Deutz, Gary Laleman

Motion Result: Passed

6.10 #05/25 - Braden French - Cover Crops - Conservation Crop Rotation - Soil Health Delivery

Cover Crop Rotation for Field A, Conservation Crop Rotation - Small Grain for Fields B & C - payment of \$15,000.00 after 1st year of establishment. This is a 3-year contract. Project max reached for both practices.

Motion by Hively, 2nd by Johnson to approve 05/25 – Braden French - Cover Crops - Conservation Crop Rotation - Soil Health Delivery

Mover: Allen Deutz

Seconder: Justin Hively

Moved To: Approve

For: 4 - Allen Deutz, Gary Laleman, Justin Hively, Mason Johnson

Motion Result: Passed

6.11 Local Work Group

Local Work Group is set for Lyon SWCD to help facilitate the LWG for priorities for NRCS. Recommendation by Heather to have something in person. Survey's are handed out to Supervisors and discussion on when and where to have a meeting. Additional meetings would be a Township Meeting and/or SWCD Meeting, but to have it at the Courthouse to accommodate more people. Let Heather know when we want to have the meeting.

6.12 Lyon County Pheasants Forever - Spring Banquet Registration

[PF 2025 Spring Banquet.pdf](#)

Motion by Deutz, 2nd by Hively to approve Chapter Sponsor for Lyon County Pheasants Forever for \$300.00.

Mover: Allen Deutz

Seconder: Justin Hively

Moved To: Approve

For: 2 - Gary Laleman, Mason Johnson

Motion Result: Passed

7. DISTRICT TECHNICIANS

Giles - Presentation with Williams at the Senior Center on Pollinators. Williams - Soil Health Cost Share - Design to TSA - Annual Meeting for Feedlots with MPCA Boerboom - Rim Easements for Bids for Restorations - Hwy 14 Tour

8. DISTRICT ADMIN No report

9. DISTRICT MANAGER

Pickup came in \$2,000.00 more for the next level up, but original would need parts from Canada, and wouldn't be able to get them until April. Legislative Days are going to be March 4th and 5th for SWCD General Funds.

10. PHEASANTS FOREVER/FARM BILL BIOLOGIST No report

11. DISTRICT CONSERVATIONIST/LEAD CST - NRCS

NRCS Updates from Kelly Heather about project funding and changes to the programs going forward.

12. COMMITTEE REPORTS

12.1 RCRCA

Redwood CWMP Update The Steering Team met Monday, February 10, 2025 at 10:30 AM. Revisions to the Measurable Goals section and Targeted Implementation Tables were made in preparation of further review and comment from the Advisory Committee on Monday, March 10. The Policy Committee will tentatively meet that afternoon.

A presentation was made to the City of Marshall's Public Improvement & Transportation Committee on January 23. The meeting was to consider cost-sharing on a Redwood River streambank stabilization within city limits as a 'pilot project' for other projects to follow when a known cost-share source was identified. Lyon County had proposed paying 40% (\$16,320) if the City would match. The committee did not act upon the proposal and recommended that a policy should be in place prior to allocating any funds. The City collects \$78/resident for Surface Water Management which covers a large range of maintenance issues, and projects such as this would be eligible. The City will contact us once a proposed policy is drafted.

12.2 Area II River Basins

RFP Water Quality & Storage Grants BWSR just announced the RFP for the next round of funding. The \$21M in RCPP funds will not be available until Fall 2024. Area II intends to resubmit an application on behalf of Lynd Township for the Lynd 31/32 Road Retention on the southwest side of Camden State Park. Applications are due April 11, 2025.

12.3 Area V

Virtual Meeting on February 20, 2025. 1p.m.

12.4 SWPTSA

Basic business at last meeting. January 13, 2025.

12.5 Parks

March meeting.

12.6 One Watershed One Plan - Yellow Medicine

February 3, 2025 meeting. Over 5 million projects over 5 years being spent.

12.7 One Watershed One Plan - Des Moines

Next meeting is April 17th, 2025

12.8 One Watershed One Plan - Cottonwood - Middle MN

Cottonwood-Middle MN 1W1P Update The BWSR Board approved the Comprehensive Watershed Management Plan at their January 22, 2025 meeting.

Attorneys Ann Goering and Jordan Soderlind (Ratwik, Roszak & Maloney) provided revisions to RCRCA's joint powers for Plan implementation and draft Bylaws. The RCRCA Board approved the JPA and Bylaws as revised, and approved setting the membership dues at \$90,000 for 2026; an increase of \$10,000. The last increase was in 2020. The member counties and SWCDs were emailed on February 11 asking for their respective approvals of the JPA and to authorize their delegates to sign on behalf of their respective entity.

Planning Grant Engineering Services Amendment – The Policy Committee approved expenditures for the remaining grant dollars (\$69,900) including development of the BEAST (Benefits Estimator and Spreadsheet Tool), MS4Front Tracking System, and a Hydrologic Model to focus floodwater storage efforts. As the grant holder, RCRCA will need to approve and sign the Amendment.

The Policy Committee will meet on Wednesday, February 19 at 1:00 PM in Springfield. All committees will be working quickly to draft the necessary documents needed for the Watershed Based Implementation Funds application that is due April 30, 2025.

12.9 One Watershed One Plan - Redwood

Went over the plan to prioritizing the focus on the implementing the plan. The next meeting is in March 10th.

12.10 County Board

Attended Drainage Conference in Alexandria.

13. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Lyon SWCD Board Chair Signature

Attest by Board Member

Date

Date