

LYON COUNTY SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT MEETING MINUTES

Lyon County Soil & Water Office
607 W Main Street, Marshall, MN 56258
Wednesday, April 9, 2025 at 4:30 PM

Lyon County Soil and Water Conservation District

Present: Allen Deutz, Gary Laleman, John Lanoue, Justin Hively, Mason Johnson
Staff: Courtney Williams, Blake Giles, Brock Boerboom, Anita Cauwels, John Biren County:
Thomas Andries Other: Kelly Heather - NRCS

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

All recited the Pledge of Allegiance

2. CONSERVATION PLANNING LOCAL WORK GROUP (LWG)

Review resource concern causes for local natural resource priorities and criteria for conservation activities and programs.

2.1 2025 Conservation Local Work Group Survey Results

Kelly Heather explains Local Work Group and Screening/Ranking for Survey Results. Erosion Control and Water Resource Protection were top resource concerns on Survey. Screened applications will include Beginning farmer, Social Disadvantaged, and Veteran Farmers. Practices included will be those with Engineering practice and with a practice lifespan of 5 years or more. Interest in EQIP applications.

[Lyon County Survey Results 2025.docx](#)

[EQIP Screening Draft.docx](#)

Move to adopt LWG recommendations

Mover: Allen Deutz

Seconder: Mason Johnson

Moved To: Approve

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

Motion Result: Passed

3. IDENTIFY ANY CONFLICT OF INTEREST

4. AMEND/APPROVE AGENDA

4.1 April SWCD Agenda

Motion to approve April SWCD Agenda

Mover: Allen Deutz

Seconder: Mason Johnson

Moved To: Approve

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

Motion Result: Passed

5. APPROVE MINUTES

5.1 March 2025 SWCD Minutes

[March SWCD Minutes.pdf](#)

Motion to approve March 2025 Minutes

Mover: Mason Johnson

Seconded: Justin Hively

Moved To: Approve

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

Motion Result: Passed

6. FINANCIAL REPORTS

6.1 Account Activity Report

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

6.2 2025 SWCD Budget

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

6.3 Grant Breakdown Sheet

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

7. BUSINESS

7.1 Funding Non-Structural Projects with state and federal funds on the same acres with same practices

Funding Non-Structural Projects with state and federal funds on the same acres with same practices – Williams discussed using practices that are covered on the same acres. EQIP, CSP, other agencies may fund the same acres with the same practices. We can do it because there is federal and state funds. Deutz discussed having looking into Agspire for cover crops, these would be federal funds and could also do a SWCD project for funds on the same acres. Deutz recommending asking the landowner if they are receiving funds from another source. Budget constraints may come into play and the funding may be limited. Reaching out to farmers to let them know that there are funds available for practices. Deutz recommended doing a Field Day at his site. We want to focus on beginning farmers and a targeted field day.

7.2 Resolution 2025-01

Showing support from SWCD Supervisors to apply for the 2025 Water Quality and Storage Grant. Would be a 2, Water & Sediment Control Basin, a pond and holding water area. This is in addition to the last CD 14 Grant. SWCD would be Fiscal agent and the ditch system/drainage authority will petition to impound, reroute and divert drainage system water. [Resolution 2025-01.pdf](#)

Motion to authorize Chairman Laleman to sign resolution 2025-01

Mover: Mason Johnson

Seconded: John Lanoue

Moved To: Approve

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

Motion Result: Passed

7.3 Resolution 2025-02

Showing support from SWCD Supervisors to apply for the 2025 Water Quality and Storage Grant Joint Ditch 12 Lincoln and yon County. Part of the system has a wooden bridge that is marked down to 10 ton. Looking at building a road and have a storage area for water.

[Resolution 2025-02.pdf](#)

Motion to approve Chairman Laleman to sign Resolution 2025-02

Mover: John Lanoue

Seconded: Justin Hively

Moved To: Approve

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

Motion Result: Passed

8. DISTRICT TECHNICIANS

Williams working on grant applications and projects will be ramping up. Giles has been working on a couple of projects, farmfest seed purchased, will do in house with ranger. Boerboom working on CD 14 grant application, 5 Rim applications and food plot seed

9. DISTRICT ADMIN

Working on Pesticide Applicator Tests and Environmental Fair

10. DISTRICT MANAGER

CUP for Xcel Energy for substation in Tracy for upgrades. Public Utilities Commission is going to act on the Xcel Energy from Becker to Garvin. RFP's haven't been signed yet for solar.

11. PHEASANTS FOREVER/FARM BILL

BIOLOGIST *No report*

12. DISTRICT CONSERVATIONIST/LEAD CST - NRCS

Changes to NRCS office structure

13. COMMITTEE REPORTS

13.1RCRCA

- **Cottonwood-Middle MN 1W1P Update** *The Steering Team met in person on March 7 and virtually on March 18 to revise various documents needed for the \$1.9M WBIF grant application and implementation (scoring and ranking worksheet, cost-share policy, cost-share procedures, etc.). The virtual meeting included demonstrations of the Des Moines Plan's Scoring and Ranking worksheet and the Benefits Estimator and Summary Tool (BEAST). The BEAST spreadsheet has been provided and will be used to determine the number of projects and their estimated reductions to include in the grant application. The RCRCA Board approved applying for the \$1,958,370 of WBIF for implementation as the grant application is due April 30.*
- **Redwood CWMP Update** *The Advisory Committee/Steering Team met on March 10th to discuss the Priority Issues and Measurable Goals sections and see the draft Implementation Tables for the first time. PTMApp is estimating 10-year reductions of 11% sediment, 5% phosphorus and 5% nitrogen which are very similar reductions of neighboring watersheds. The Policy Committee met at 1:00 PM and decided that Plan Administration will follow the Cottonwood-*

Middle MN Plan utilizing RCRCAs joint powers agreement. The Steering Team will meet on April 14th to work on measurable goals and the implementation tables. The next Policy Committee meeting will be May 12 at 1:00 PM.

[Area 2 - RCRCAs Report.docx.pdf](#)

13.2 Area II River Basins

- **Legislative Testimony**

Capital Investment

House File 1455/Senate File 904

Netzke testified on March 20th for the House Capital Investment Committee. Two questions were asked: 1) Do we apply for LSOHC funds for the wildlife portions of our projects? and 2) Is the installation of drain tile slowing down? It was explained that the majority of the projects are designed as 'dry dams' without wildlife habitat enhancements, so LSOHC have not been applied for. And for the tiling question, tiling seems to be cyclical and goes in when commodity prices have been good and farmers have income to spend, and/or after a wet season where crop loss occurred, and the farmer wants to prevent further losses.

Administrative Funds

House File 939/Senate File 946

Netzke testified on April 1st in front of the Senate Climate, Environment and Legacy Committee.

- **BWSR Water Quality & Storage Grants** Netzke will submit two applications before the April 10 due date. Lynd 31 Road Retention (Lyon County). We are updating the cost estimate, including a stream mitigation estimate, and resubmitting this application which just missed the funding cutoff in 2024.

LQP Floodways (YM County). Concept & Design funds are being sought to complete the hydrologic model for this project. The 1978 permitted floodway created a 1.18-mile long bypass channel for high flows across a 4.57-mile oxbow of the LQP River. Due to sedimentation at the start of the floodway, nearly all flow goes through the floodway and not the natural river channel. This location is also a natural crossover point where the Lac qui Parle River crosses over into the Yellow Medicine River watershed. Local match of \$15,000 has been secured by shared commitments from the Lac qui Parle-Yellow Bank Watershed District, Yellow Medicine County, and Area II.

13.3 Area V

No meeting.

13.4 SWPTSA

Hively attended meeting.

13.5 Parks

Meeting in March

13.6 One Watershed One Plan - Yellow Medicine

4 projects approved for cost share. Had someone fly a drone over the ditches. No-till needs to be certified in the Spring.

13.7 One Watershed One Plan - Des Moines

No meeting until next week.

13.8 One Watershed One Plan - Cottonwood - Middle MN

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13.9 One Watershed One Plan - Redwood

Next meeting is April.

13.10 County Board

Fix the Ralco building roof at the fairgrounds. Concerned with State Budget and unfunded mandates coming down.

14. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

Lyon SWCD Board Chair Signature

Attest by Board Member

Date

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