

LYON COUNTY SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT MEETING MINUTES

Lyon County Soil & Water Office
1424 E. College Drive, Ste 600
Wednesday, May 14, 2025 at 7:00 PM

Lyon County Soil and Water Conservation District

Present: Allen Deutz, Gary Laleman, John Lanoue, Justin Hively, Mason Johnson
Staff: John Biren, Anita Cauwels, Brock Boerboom & Courtney Williams County: Gary Crowley

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

2. IDENTIFY ANY CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Mason Johnson - Abstain from 6.3, 6.4 and 6.5

Allen Deutz - Abstain from 6.7

3. AMEND/APPROVE AGENDA

Motion by Deutz 2nd by Johnson to approve Agenda with additions of 6.11 #23/24 - Joyce Greeley - WASCOB - Underground Outlet - Contract Amendment and 6.12 - #23/24 - Joyce Greeley - WASCOB - Underground Outlet - Voucher Approval

Mover: Allen Deutz

Seconder: Mason Johnson

Moved To: Approve

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

Motion Result: Passed

3.1 May 14, 2025 SWCD Agenda

[May 2025 Agenda.pdf](#)

4. APPROVE MINUTES

April 9, 2025 SWCD Minutes

Motion by Deutz, 2nd by Hively to approve April 9, 2025 Minutes

Mover: Allen Deutz

Seconder: Justin Hively

Moved To: Approve

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

Motion Result: Passed

4.1 .

[April SWCD Minutes.pdf](#)

5. FINANCIAL REPORTS

5.1 Account Activity Report

Cauwels presented Account Activity Report

5.2 2025 SWCD Budget

Cauwels presented 2025 SWCD Budget

5.3 Grant Breakdown Sheet

Cauwels presented Grant Breakdown Sheet

6. BUSINESS

6.1 Resolution 2025-03 for Lyon SWCD Grant Funding Assistance for Custer 11 Grade Stabilization Restoration

Discussion, Approval and Authorization to have Chairman Laleman to sign Resolution

[Custer 11 Resolution_Lyon County.docx](#)

Motion by Deutz 2nd by Lanoue to authorize Chairman Laleman to sign Resolution 2025-03 for Grant Funding Assistance for Custer 11 Grade Stabilization Restoration.

Mover: Allen Deutz

Seconder: John Lanoue

Moved To: Approve

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

Motion Result: Passed

6.2 Custer 11 - Grade Stabilization Restoration -Area II - Lyon SWCD Grant Agreement

Discussion, Approval and Authorization to have Chairman Laleman and District Manager Biren sign agreement.

[Custer 11_Lyon_Grant Agreement.pdf](#)

Motion by Hively 2nd Lanoue by to authorize Chairman Laleman and District Manager Biren sign agreement.

Mover: Justin Hively

Seconder: John Lanoue

Moved To: Approve

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

Motion Result: Passed

6.3 #09/25 - Mason Johnson - Soil Health Contract

Mason's contract is for Cover Crops - Single Species and Conservation Crop Rotation - Basic. 3 fields for a total of 233 Acres. Funds from 2025 Soil Health Delivery.

[Mason Johnson - Cover Crops.pdf](#)

Motion by Deutz, 2nd by Hively to approve Soil Health Contract in the amount of \$10,421.82.

Mover: Allen Deutz

Seconder: Justin Hively

Moved To: Approve

For: 4 - Allen Deutz, Gary Laleman, John Lanoue, Justin Hively

Abstain: 1 - Mason Johnson

Motion Result: Passed

6.4 #10/25 - Brent Johnson - Soil Health Contract

Brent's contract is for Cover Crops - Single Species and Conservation Crop Rotation - Basic. 2 fields for a total of 248 Acres. Funds from 2025 Soil Health Delivery.
[Brent Johnson - Cover Crops.pdf](#)

Motion Hively, 2nd by Lanoue in the amount of \$10,609.92.

Mover: Justin Hively

Second: John Lanoue

Moved To: Approve

For: 4 - Allen Deutz, Gary Laleman, John Lanoue, Justin Hively

Abstain: 1 - Mason Johnson

Motion Result: Passed

- 6.5 #11/25 - Marilyn Johnson - WASCOB/Underground Outlet Cost Share Contract
Marilyn's project is for a Water & Sediment Control Basin and Underground Outlet. Total amount of project is \$8,275.00. 75% Cost share in the amount of \$6,206.25 with Landowner Fee of \$2,068.75. Funds from SWCD Aid.
[Marilyn Johnson - WASCOB - Underground Outlet.pdf](#)

Motion by Hively, 2nd by Lanoue in the amount of \$6,206.25

Mover: Justin Hively

Second: John Lanoue

Moved To: Approve

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

Motion Result: Passed

- 6.6 #12/25 - Esther Evens - Diversion Cost Share Contract
Esther's project is for 4- Diversions. Total cost is \$7,855.20. 75% Cost Share is \$5,891.40 with Landowner cost is \$1,963.80.
[Esther Evens - Diversion.pdf](#)

Motion by Deutz, 2nd by Lanoue in the amount of \$5,891.40.

Mover: Allen Deutz

Second: John Lanoue

Moved To: Approve

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

Motion Result: Passed

- 6.7 #13/25 - Allen Deutz - Soil Health Contract
Allen's contract is for Cover Crops - Multi Species and Conservation Crop Rotation - Basic & Small Grain. 1 fields for a total of 210 Acres. Funds from 2025 Soil Health Delivery.

Motion by Johnson, 2nd by Lanoue in the amount of \$12,930.60.

Mover: Mason Johnson

Second: John Lanoue

Moved To: Approve

For: 4 - Gary Laleman, John Lanoue, Justin Hively, Mason Johnson

Abstain: 1 - Allen Deutz

Motion Result: Passed

- 6.8 #03/24 - Virgil Johnson - Cost Share Voucher Approval

Cost Share Voucher for Joyce Greeley/Virgil Johnson. Total amount of voucher is \$7,448.77. 75% is \$5,586.58 with Landowner amount of \$1,862.19. Funds from 2023 Local Capacity.

Motion by Lanoue 2nd by Johnson in the amount of \$ 5,586.58.

Mover: John Lanoue

Seconder: Mason Johnson

Moved To: Approve

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

Motion Result: Passed

6.9 #20/24 - Lynda Meulebroeck Trust - Cost Share Voucher Approval

Cost Share Voucher for Lynda Meulebroeck. Total amount of voucher is \$12,254.20. 75% is \$9,190.65 with Landowner amount of \$ 3,063.55. Funds from 2023 WCA, 2023 State Cost Share and 2025 Conservation Contracts.

[Lynda Meulebroeck - Voucher.pdf](#)

Motion by Hively, 2nd by Johnson in the amount of \$ 9,190.65.

Mover: Justin Hively

Seconder: Mason Johnson

Moved To: Approve

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

Motion Result: Passed

6.10 #21/24 - Lilianna St. Aubin - Cost Share Voucher Approval

Cost Share Voucher for Lilianna St. Aubin. Total amount of voucher is \$20,260.04. 75% is \$15,195.03 with Landowner amount of \$5,065.01. Funds from 2023 WCA, 2023 Local Capacity and 2023 SWCD Aid.

[Lilliana St. Aubin - Voucher.pdf](#)

Motion by Deutz, 2nd by Lanoue in the amount of \$15,195.03.

Mover: Allen Deutz

Seconder: John Lanoue

Moved To: Approve

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

Motion Result: Passed

6.11 #23/24 - Joyce Greeley - WASCOB - Underground Outlet - Contract Amendment
Contract Amendment - Multiple Tile lines needed to be located and repaired.

Motion by Hively 2nd by Johnson to approve #23/24 - Joyce Greeley - WASCOB- Underground Outlet Contract Amendment.

Mover: Justin Hively

Seconder: Mason Johnson

Moved To: Approve

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

Motion Result: Passed

6.12 - #23/24 - Joyce Greeley - WASCOB - Underground Outlet - Voucher Approval
Cost Share Voucher for Joyce Greeley - WASCOB - Underground Outlet.

Total amount of voucher is \$25,885.15. 75% is \$19,413.86 with Landowner amount of \$6,471.29. Funds from 2024 and 2025 WCA .

Motion by Johnson, 2nd by Hively in the amount of \$19,413.86.

Mover: Mason Johnson

Seconder: Justin Hively

Moved To: Approve

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

Motion Result: Passed

7. DISTRICT TECHNICIANS

Boerboom has been working on seeder rentals. Prepping for Farmfest Plot planting. Williams has been working on projects, surveying and contracts. Tree planting at Landfill.

8. DISTRICT ADMIN

Area V Meeting - Thursday, June 26 in Windom. Reserve for one supervisor.

9. DISTRICT MANAGER

Completing interviews for open position. Area V Meeting on Thursday, June 26th in Windom. Xcel substation proposed in Custer Township. Tile location issues.

10. PHEASANTS FOREVER/FARM BILL BIOLOGIST

CRP sign up - 1.5 million acres capped.

11. DISTRICT CONSERVATIONIST/LEAD CST -

NRCS *No report*

12. COMMITTEE REPORTS

12.1RCRCA

- **Cottonwood-Middle MN 1W1P Update** *The Steering Team met virtually on April 8 and April 16 to revise the cost- share policy, budget, and grant application language. The application for \$1,958,370 was approved by BWSR on April 30. Netzke will enter the work plan into eLINK soon with 50% of the funds expected by the end of May/early June. RCRCA has formed a hiring subcommittee to develop the position description, advertise and interview the candidates. This new position funded through the grant should be filled no later than July 1. A \$ 135,000 CRP incentive grant for the watershed will be administered by Redwood SWCD. \$ 100/acre for up to 50 acres (\$5,000 cap) for 10-year continuous CRP contract enrollments or re-enrollments are being offered. Details are being finalized by the Steering Team.*
- **Redwood CWMP Update** *The Steering Team met virtually on April 14 to review three draft sections of the Plan – Targeted Implementation, Implementation Programs, and Plan Administration and Coordination. A draft timeline for the rest of 2025 was proposed showing when internal and formal reviews will take place, as well as the public hearing. The biggest question is which month the BWSR Board would like to approve the Plan, and arrange the*

Southern Region Committee review prior to that. The Steering Team will meet on May 12 at 10:30 with the Policy Committee meeting at 1:00 PM.

- **RCRCA Joint Powers Agreement** Copies of the executed agreement will be provided to all the member counties and SWCDs, and board members.

12.2 Area II River Basins

- **Legislative Update**

Capital Investment

House File 1455/Senate File 904

The committee is still hearing bills and taking testimony. No omnibus bill has been developed yet.

Administrative Funds

House File 939/Senate File 946

The omnibus bills, hf2439 and sf2077, both have Area II budgeted for \$140,000 per year for 2026 and 2027. This is a \$50,000 cut to our state funding. Budget options are being explored.

- **BWSR Water Quality & Storage Grants** With all the frustrations that the Corps of Engineers' Stream Mitigation is giving Area II, it was decided not to reapply for the Lynd 31 Road Retention (Lyon County) as that impact is huge (over 300 lineal feet). It would be best to wait until a bank for mitigation credits is developed.
- **BWSR Academy** Netzke has been asked to be a presenter with Rita Weaver, BWSR Engineer. Rita will speak about the Water Quality & Storage grant program, and Netzke will present a success story (or stories). The academy is October 21-23.
- **Island Lake 27 Dam Repair (Lyon County)** Ground Works intends to start construction in June.
- **Custer 11 Dam Repair (Lyon County)** Ryan West Excavating Inc. was the low bidder for this project in Garvin Park. He will begin construction after the grant agreement is executed between MMB/BWSR and the SWCD as the shop drawings for the manhole riser structure have been approved by our engineer for production.

12.3 Area V

Meeting on Thursday, July 26th in Windom. Includes Supervisors Tour.

12.4 SWPTSA

No meeting. TSA will probably be charging going forward. Will bring to Board to approve that.

12.5 Parks

No meeting

12.6 One Watershed One Plan - Yellow Medicine

No meeting.

12.7 One Watershed One Plan - Des Moines

Meeting on 5-15-25

12.8 One Watershed One Plan - Cottonwood-Middle MN

CRP incentive program that Redwood SWCD would hold.

12.9 One Watershed One Plan - Redwood

Haven't approved the whole plan yet. Final draft in July. Internal review in May.

12.10 County Board

County Levy will continue to go up.

13. ADJOURNMENT

Adjourned meeting at 8:30 p.m.

Lyon SWCD Board Chair Signature

Attest by Board Member

Date

Date