

LYON COUNTY SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT MEETING MINUTES

Lyon County Soil & Water Office

1424 E. College Drive, Ste 600

Wednesday, November 12, 2025 at 4:30 PM

Lyon County Soil and Water Conservation District

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

Staff: John Biren, Anita Cauwels, Ben Skorczewski, Brock Boerboom County: Gary Crowley

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

All recited the Pledge of Allegiance

2. IDENTIFY ANY CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Johnson to abstain from 6.16 and 6.17

3. AMEND/APPROVE AGENDA

*Approve with addition of 6.18 - Resolution for the Redwood River
Comprehensive Watershed Management Plan*

Motion by Johnson, 2nd by Deutz to approve Agenda with addition of 6.18.

Mover: Mason Johnson

Seconder: Allen Deutz

Moved To: Approve as Amended

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

Motion Result: Passed

4. APPROVE MINUTES

4.1 September 10, 2025 Minutes

[September 2025 Minutes.pdf](#)

Motion by Johnson, 2nd by Hively to approve the September 10, 2025 Minutes

Mover: Mason Johnson

Seconder: Justin Hively

Moved To: Approve

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

Motion Result: Passed

4.2 October 8, 2025 Minutes

[October 2025 Minutes.pdf](#)

Motion by Johnson, 2nd by Deutz to approve the October 8, 2025 Minutes

Mover: Mason Johnson

Secunder: 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 Account Activity Report

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

5.2 2025 SWCD Budget

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

5.3 Grant Breakdown Sheet

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

6. BUSINESS

6.1 Lyon SWCD Cost Share Policy for Structural Engineered Practices

Adding a line saying that the Lyon SWCD reserves the right to deviate from any cost share rate with Staff and Board approval.

[Structural Engineered Practices Policy.pdf](#)

Motion by Johnson, 2nd by Lanoue to approve the Structural Engineered Practices updated Policy.

Mover: Mason Johnson

Secunder: John Lanoue

Moved To: Approve

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

Motion Result: Passed

6.2 National Association of Conservation Districts FY 2026 Conservation Investment

[NACD - Conservation Investment.pdf](#)

Motion by Deutz, 2nd by Johnson to approve to pay \$775.00 for NACD 2026 Conservation Investment.

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 #30/25 - Derek Devos - Well Sealing Cost Share Contract - Approval

[Derek Devos - Well Sealing.pdf](#)

Motion by Deutz, 2nd by Lanoue to approve 50 % up to \$500.00 per Well Sealing Policy for Derek Devos

Mover: Allen Deutz

Secunder: John Lanoue

Moved To: Approve

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

Motion Result: Passed

6.4 #31/25 - Jeff Kirk - Well Sealing Cost Share Contract - Approval

[Jeff Kirk - Well Sealing.pdf](#)

Motion by Lanoue, 2nd by Hively to approve 50 % up to \$500.00 per Well Sealing Policy for Jeff Kirk.

Mover: John Lanoue

Secunder: Justin Hively

Moved To: Approve

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

Motion Result: Passed

6.5 #02/25 - Megan Williams - Cover Crops - Conservation Crop Rotation - Voucher Approval

[Megan Williams - Voucher.pdf](#)

Motion by Johnson, 2nd by Lanoue to approve Cover Crop /Conservation Crop Rotation Voucher in the amount of \$10,283.88 for Megan Williams

Mover: Mason Johnson

Secunder: John Lanoue

Moved To: Approve

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

Motion Result: Passed

6.6 #03/25 - Dustin Williams - Cover Crops - Conservation Crop Rotation - Voucher Approval

[Dustin Williams - Voucher.pdf](#)

Motion by Johnson, 2nd by Hively to approve Cover Crop /Conservation Crop Rotation Voucher in the amount of \$3,731.20 for Dustin Williams.

Mover: Mason Johnson

Secunder: Justin Hively

Moved To: Approve

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

Motion Result: Passed

6.7 #04/25 - Scott Williams - Cover Crops - Conservation Crop Rotation - Voucher Approval

[Scott Williams - Voucher.pdf](#)

Motion by Lanoue, 2nd by Hively to approve Cover Crop /Conservation Crop Rotation Voucher in the amount of \$10,509.60 for Scott Williams.

Mover: John Lanoue

Secunder: Justin Hively

Moved To: Approve

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

Motion Result: Passed

6.8 #05/25 - Braden French - Cover Crops - Conservation Crop Rotation - Voucher Approval
[Braden French - Voucher.pdf](#)

Motion by Deutz 2nd by Johnson to approve Cover Crop /Conservation Crop Rotation Voucher in the amount of \$15,000.00 for Braden French.

Mover: Allen Deutz

Seconder: Mason Johnson

Moved To: Approve

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

Motion Result: Passed

6.9 FY 2026 RFI - Buffer Grant

Utilizing funds to update aerial photography.

[Buffer Grant RFI FY26.pdf](#)

Motion by Deutz, 2nd by Johnson to approve Staff to apply for Buffer Grant.

Mover: Allen Deutz

Seconder: Mason Johnson

Moved To: Approve

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

Motion Result: Passed

6.10 #32/25 - Tom Percy - Well Sealing - Cost Share Contract - Approval

[Tom Percy - Well Sealing.pdf](#)

Motion by Deutz, 2nd by Johnson to approve 50 % up to \$500.00 per Well Sealing Policy for Tom Percy.

Mover: Allen Deutz

Seconder: Mason Johnson

Moved To: Approve

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

Motion Result: Passed

6.11 25 - CWMM - LYO -010 - Virgil Johnson - Contract Approval - Cottonwood - Middle MN - 3 - WASCOB - Grassed Waterway - Underground Outlet

[Virgil Johnson.pdf](#)

Motion by Lanoue 2nd by Johnson to recommend for submittal to the RCRC Board for Virgil Johnson - WASCOB - Grassed Waterway - Underground Outlet Contract - 25- CWMM-LYO-010

Mover: John Lanoue

Seconder: Mason Johnson

Moved To: Approve

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

Motion Result: Passed

6.12 25 - CWMM - LYO-011 - Matt Remhoff - Contract Approval - Cottonwood - Middle MN - Grassed Waterway

[Matt Remhoff.pdf](#)

Motion by Lanoue, 2nd by Hively to recommend for submittal to the RCRCA Board for Matt Rehmoft- Grassed Waterway - 25- CWMM-LYO-011

Mover: John Lanoue

Seconded: Justin Hively

Moved To: Approve

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

Motion Result: Passed

6.13 25--CWMM-LYO-012 - Doug Phinney - Contract Approval - Cottonwood-Middle MN 4 Terraces - Underground Outlet

[Doug Phinney.pdf](#)

Motion by Johnson, 2nd by Lanoue to recommend for submittal to the RCRCA Board for Doug Phinney -Terraces - Underground Outlet Contract - 25- CWMM-LYO-012

Mover: Mason Johnson

Seconded: John Lanoue

Moved To: Approve

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

Motion Result: Passed

6.14 25-CWMM - LYO - 013 - Cory Staufacker - Contract Approval - Cottonwood - Middle MN - Grassed Waterway

[Cory Staufacker.pdf](#)

Motion by Lanoue, 2nd by Hively to recommend for submittal to the RCRCA Board for Cory Staufacker -Grassed Waterway- 25- CWMM-LYO-013

Mover: John Lanoue

Seconded: Justin Hively

Moved To: Approve

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

Motion Result: Passed

6.15 #12/25 -Esther Evens - Voucher Approval - Diversion

[Esther Evens - Voucher.pdf](#)

Motion by Deutz, 2nd by Lanoue to approve Diversion Voucher in the amount of \$ \$1,980.00 which is 75% of the total of \$2,640.00. Landowner amount is \$660.00. Funds from SWCD Aid.

Mover: Allen Deutz

Seconded: John Lanoue

Moved To: Approve

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

Motion Result: Passed

6.16 #09/25 - Mason Johnson - Cover Crops/Conservation Crop Rotation - Voucher Approval

[Mason Johnson.pdf](#)

Motion by Deutz, 2nd by Hively to approve Cover Crop /Conservation Crop Rotation Voucher in the amount of \$10,241.82 for Mason Johnson.

Mover: Allen Deutz
Seconded: Justin Hively
Moved To: Approve
For: 4 - Allen Deutz, Gary Laleman, John Lanoue, Justin Hively
Abstain: 1 - Mason Johnson
Motion Result: Passed

6.17 #10/25 - Brent Johnson - Cover Crops - Conservation Crop Rotation -
Voucher Approval
[Brent Johnson.pdf](#)

Motion by Deutz, 2nd by Hively to approve Cover Crop /Conservation Crop Rotation Voucher in the amount of \$10,609.92 for Mason Johnson.

Mover: Allen Deutz
Seconded: Justin Hively
Moved To: Approve
For: 4 - Allen Deutz, Gary Laleman, John Lanoue, Justin Hively
Abstain: 1 - Mason Johnson
Motion Result: Passed

6.18 Resolution for the Redwood River Comprehensive Watershed Management Plan

Motion by Deutz, 2nd by Lanoue to approve Chairman Laleman to sign the Resolution for the Redwood River Comprehensive Watershed Management Plan.

Mover: Allen Deutz
Seconded: John Lanoue
Moved To: Approve
For: 5 - Allen Deutz, Gary Laleman, John Lanoue, Justin Hively, Mason Johnson
Motion Result: Passed

7. DISTRICT TECHNICIANS

Skorczewski - Wrapping up everything for Feedlot and went to training. Boerboom - Did staking out for projects, passed WCA Training. Finishing projects. 4 - Rim Easement Contracts.

8. DISTRICT ADMIN

E-Link, Finalizing Lyon County Comprehensive Plan - Open House will be on November 18th at the Lyon County Government Center.

8.1 Handouts and Information [MASWCD Annual Convention.pdf](#) [MAWQCP October 2025 Program Update.docx](#)

9. DISTRICT MANAGER

SWCD Annual Convention December 1-3, 2025.

10. PHEASANTS FOREVER/FARM BILL

BIOLOGIST *No report.*

11. DISTRICT CONSERVATIONIST/LEAD CST -

NRCS *Federal Shutdown.*

12. COMMITTEE REPORTS

12.1RCRCA

- **Cottonwood-Middle MN CWMP Update** Staff continue to work with BWSR to reconcile the grant expenditures. Once completed, the final reimbursement of \$25,300 (10% grant) will be made to RCRCA.
- **Redwood CWMP Update** The Steering Team and Policy Committee met on October 13 to address comments and to plan the public hearing on November 10 at 1:00. The Policy Committee will meet immediately following the public hearing to address any additional comments received, and to recommend submittal of the Plan to BWSR for approval. Resolutions from all MOA partners (Lincoln, Lyon, Murray, Pipestone and Redwood Counties; Lincoln, Lyon, Pipestone and Redwood SWCDs; the cities of Marshall, Redwood Falls, and Ghent; Area II and RCRCA) will need to be passed following the hearing and prior to submitting the Plan to BWSR. Templates of these resolutions will be provided to the partners.
- **Environmental Fair** Wahnoutka and Bruns conducted Stream Table presentations to 346 5th and 6th graders (14 sessions) on September 23 & 24 at the Lyon County Fairgrounds.

[2025_11 Area 2_RCRCA Report to Lyon SWCD.docx](#)

12.2Area II River Basins

- **BWSR Academy** Netzke presented two sessions on October 22 – one with Rita Weaver about Water Quality & Storage Grants, and one with Bailey Bocchino from ISG about Operation & Maintenance – agreements, design considerations, and importance. The academy was very well attended.
- **Fortier 8 Collapsed Trash Rack** Staff were informed that the trash rack on the project completed in July 2024 appeared to be collapsed. Upon inspection, this was indeed the condition. Engineer Tyler Conley contacted Haala Industries, the manufacturer, on October 29th about this failure which we believe stemmed from a faulty weld. An email with photos were provided to the company. It is anticipated that the trash rack will be replaced although the company's decision has not been received.
- **Alta Vista 27 WQ&S Grant** To accommodate the inability to extend the original grant agreement, BWSR was able to have the unspent grant funds returned prior to the RFP, and have Area II reapply for the same project. The cost-share will be 90/10 instead of 75/25 which will extend the local funds significantly. Final expenses entered into eLINK prior to returning \$245,369.76 included: \$19,000 for clearing and grubbing 2.4 acres of trees, \$1,200 for DNR Work in Public Waters Individual permit application, and \$1,282.50 for engineering. Application deadline is December 23, 2025 which allows us to review expected costs and update the prior application.

12.3SWPTSA

Meeting was September 8th, 2025. Was Routine Meeting.

12.4Parks

Park Board Meeting on November 20, 2025.

12.5 One Watershed One Plan - Yellow Medicine

No update

12.6 One Watershed One Plan - Des Moines

No update

12.7 One Watershed One Plan - Cottonwood Middle MN

- **Cottonwood -Middle MN CWMP Update** *Staff continue to work with BWSR to reconcile the grant expenditures. Once completed, the final reimbursement of \$25,300 (10% grant) will be made to RCRCA.*

12.8 One Watershed One Plan - Redwood

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12.9 County

Levy increase of 9.9. State aid has been cut back. Insurance and wages continue to increase. Truth and Taxation meeting on December 2nd.

13. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

Lyon SWCD Board Chair Signature

Attest by Board Member

Date

Date