

LYON COUNTY SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT MEETING MINUTES

Lyon County Soil & Water Office

1424 E. College Drive, Ste 600

Wednesday, February 11, 2026 at 4:30 PM

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

Absent: Mason Johnson

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

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE *Everyone recited Pledge of Allegiance.*

2. IDENTIFY ANY CONFLICT OF INTEREST *No conflict of Interest.*

3. AMEND/APPROVE AGENDA

3.1 February 11, 2026 Agenda

[February SWCD Agenda.docx](#)

Motion by Laleman, 2nd by Hively to approve February 11, 2026 Agenda with Addition of 6.5 - Redwood River Watershed Partnership FY 2026

Mover: Gary Laleman

Seconder: Justin Hively

Moved To: Approve as Amended

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

Motion Result: Passed

4. APPROVE MINUTES

4.1 January 14, 2026 SWCD Minutes

[January 2026 Minutes.pdf](#)

Motion by Laleman, 2nd by Hively to approve January 14, 2026 Minutes with change from 2025 to 2026 Appointed Committees.

Mover: Gary Laleman

Seconder: Justin Hively

Moved To: Approve as Amended

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

Motion Result: Passed

5. FINANCIAL REPORTS

5.1 Account Activity Report

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

5.2 2026 Budget

Cauwels presented 2026 Budget [2026 Budget.pdf](#)

5.3 Grant Breakdown Sheet

Cauwels presented Grant Breakdown Sheet.

[Grant Breakdown Sheet.pdf](#)

6. BUSINESS

6.1 Pheasants Forever Annual Banquet Sponsorship - Registration

[Pheasants Forever Banquet.pdf](#)

Motion by Laleman, 2nd by Hively to approve Chapter Sponsorship for Lyon County Pheasants Forever Annual Banquet up to \$300.00 plus any fees associated with membership.

Mover: Gary Laleman

Second: Justin Hively

Moved To: Approve

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

Motion Result: Passed

6.2 Windbreak/Shelterbelt Cost Share Policy

Brought to the board possible Shelterbelt/Windbreak Policies. One is Flat Rate and the other is Percentage Based. Majority will be used between fields, edge of fields or protection or wind/soil erosion issues. Will be at board discretion to approve projects. Having applicants sign up for EQIP first.

[Lyon County Soil shelterbelt policy_percentage.docx](#)

[Lyon County Soil Shelterbelt policy_flatrate.docx](#)

Motion by Deutz, 2nd by Laleman to approve percentage based Local Shelterbelt/Windbreak Policy. Will bring to BWSR Board Conservationist.

Mover: Allen Deutz

Second: Gary Laleman

Moved To: Approve

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

Motion Result: Passed

6.3 Change Date for November Meeting

Motion by Deutz, 2nd by Laleman to table for September Meeting. Current scheduled date falls on a Holiday.

Mover: Allen Deutz

Second: Gary Laleman

Moved To: Approve

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

Motion Result: Passed

6.4 Legislative Webinar and Legislative Briefing and Day at the Capitol

Legislative Webinar will be on February 17th from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. MASWCD Legislative Briefing and Day at the Capitol March 17-18.

[MASWCD Legislative Information.pdf](#)

6.5 Redwood River Watershed Partnership - FY 26 - TBD Handout

from Redwood 1W1P on Budget Breakdown for FY 2026.

7. DISTRICT TECHNICIANS

Boerboom - E- Fair Meeting - 8 contracts lined up for RCPP/Local Cost Share. Working through RIM - Variance & CUP Maps. DNR Proposal for a landing on Sham Lake and Camper Cabins for Garvin Park. Final Reports for Feedlot submitted, Hwy 14 Tours and Trial Design. Newsletter been sent out.

8. DISTRICT ADMIN

Pesticide Applicator Testing starting to ramp up.

8.1 Handouts and Information

Handouts for 2026 HWY 14 Tour - CLASIC - Lake Benton and Lamberton. Handout for GBERBA update.

[Hwy 14 2026 Lake Benton Flyer red..pdf](#)

[Hwy 14 2026 Lamberton Flyer red..pdf](#)

[January 2026 Program Update.docx](#)

9. DISTRICT MANAGER

Redetermination for Benefits for CD 24 and CD 29 meetings next week. Gas plant meetings in Garvin. Set up hearing on CD 12.

10. PHEASANTS FOREVER/FARM BILL BIOLOGIST

CRP Opening up on February 12, 2026. Rates will probably be close to what they were for 2025. Prescribed Burn Training/Informational Meeting for August. Workshop for CRP/Grazing for July. Pheasant Fest in Minneapolis starting February 19th.

11. DISTRICT CONSERVATIONIST/LEAD CST -

NRCS *No report.*

12. COMMITTEE REPORTS

12.1RCRCA

- **Redwood CWMP Update** *The BWSR Southern Region Committee will meet virtually on February 19th and hear 3 plans seeking approval. Netzke will be doing this PowerPoint presentation. The BWSR Board will meet March 25th to approve these plans as recommended by the Committee. Netzke and Williams met with John Shea, BWSR Conservationist, to draft the budget and workplan for the WBIF grant. The Steering Team will meet February 9th (10:00 AM) to review/edit these documents that will be presented to the Policy Committee on March 9th (1:00 PM). The WBIF application will be submitted soon after the BWSR approval.*
- **Legislative News** *Senators Weber and Dahms, and Representative Torkelson have announced that they will not be up for re-election.*
- **Annual Grant Reporting** *Progress Reports are due February 1 even if no funds were spent. RCRCA submitted 4 Progress Reports (WPLMN, CWMM WBIF, RR 1W1P Planning Grant) and 4 Final Reports (Pell Creek CWF, Plum Creek CWF, CWMM 1W1P Planning Grant, and SWAG). Area II submitted 5 Progress Reports (Water Quality & Storage Grants for North Hero 34, Holly 22, LQP Floodway; MMB General Fund Construction Grants; and FY26 Admin Grant.) and 2 Final Reports (FY25 Admin Grant and Alta Vista 27). The final step is to post the final reports to the websites by March 15.*

- **Annual Updates** Netzke compiled a handout recapping the 2024 and 2025 highlights from Area II and RCRCA.

[RCRCA Report.pdf](#)

[Area II RCRCA Report.pdf](#)

12.2 Area II River Basins

Fortier 8 Trash Rack (Yellow Medicine County) Netzke requested reimbursement or a 50/50 share of the reinstallation cost from Haala Industries/Afinitas. Haala responded that they replaced the trash rack in 'a good faith' and feel the failure was due to an excessive load of trash/moss that was built up on the rack and not a faulty weld. They declined to offer additional aid.

- **LQP-YB WBIF Biennial Summit** The summit was held January 14 after the Policy Committee meeting. The event was very well attended, and a presentation was given recapping the projects and expenditures of the first WBIF grant and progress made towards the Plan goals.

[Area II Report.pdf](#)

12.3 Area V

Meeting on February 19, 2026 - 9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. - Virtual Meeting

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12.4 SWPTSA

Next meeting on March 30th.

12.5 Parks

Parks meeting is on February 19th.

12.6

One Watershed One Plan - Yellow Medicine

Yellow Medicine One Watershed One Plan Partnership Policy Committee Update
- Handout

[Yellow Med Watershed Update.pdf](#)

12.7

One Watershed One Plan - Des Moines

No report

12.8

One Watershed One Plan - Cottonwood - Middle MN

No report

12.9

One Watershed One Plan - Redwood

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12.10County

Drainage Management Conference in Alexandria. Bids for projects at Garvin Park.

13. ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment at 5:45