

LYON COUNTY SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT MEETING MINUTES

Lyon County Soil & Water Office
1424 E. College Drive, Ste 600
Wednesday, May 13, 2026 at 7:00 PM

Present: Gary Laleman, Justin Hively, Mason Johnson

Absent: Allen Deutz, John Lanoue

Staff: John Biren, Anita Cauwels, Brock Boerboom, Victoria Zacate County: Gary Crowley

1. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** *Everyone recited Pledge of Allegiance.*
2. **IDENTIFY ANY CONFLICT OF INTEREST** *No conflicts of interest.*
3. **AMEND/APPROVE AGENDA**

3.1 May 13, 2026 Agenda

[May SWCD Agenda.pdf](#)

Motion by Johnson, 2nd by Hively to approve May 13, 2026 Agenda.

Mover: Mason Johnson

Seconder: Justin Hively

Moved To: Approve

For: 3 - Gary Laleman, Justin Hively, Mason Johnson

Motion Result: Passed

4. APPROVE MINUTES

4.1 April 8, 2026 Minutes

[April 2026 Minutes.pdf](#)

Motion by Johnson, 2nd by Hively to approve April 8, 2026 Agenda.

Mover: Mason Johnson

Seconder: Justin Hively

Moved To: Approve

For: 3 - Gary Laleman, 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 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 Draft Petition for Impound Reroute and Diversion (JD 12 L&L)

[Feasibility Report - JD 12 L&L, Off Channel Storage.pdf](#)

[Draft Petition for Impound Reroute and Diversion \(LL JD 12\) 1.pdf](#)

Motion by Johnson, 2nd by Hively to approve Chairman Lanoue to sign Draft Petition for Impound Reroute and Diversion for JD 12 L&L

Mover: Mason Johnson

Seconder: Justin Hively

Moved To: Approve

For: 3 - Gary Laleman, Justin Hively, Mason Johnson

Motion Result: Passed

6.2 Lyon SWCD Cost Share Screening - Draft

Boerboom put together a Lyon SWCD Cost Share Screening for Disussion and Feedback for ranking of projects. Will table for further discussion at future meeting. [Lyon_costshare_screening.docx](#)

6.3 #01/26 BE - Zach Hennen - Critical Area Planting - Cost Share

Buffer was re-established along Public Water.

[Zach Hennen - Critical Area Planting.pdf](#)

Motion by Hively, 2nd by to approved #01/26 BE - Zach Hennen - Critical Area Planting Cost Share Voucher in the amount of \$737.16.

Mover: Justin Hively

Seconder: Mason Johnson

Moved To: Approve

For: 3 - Gary Laleman, Justin Hively, Mason Johnson

Motion Result: Passed

6.4 Memorandum of Understanding

Memorandum of Understanding for Building Local Non - GOvernmental Conservation Capacity between Renville SWCD, Lincoln SWCD, Lyon SWCd, Murray SWCD, and Yellow Medicine SWCD to provide support to the Renville SWCD Conservation Agronomist Position. Acknowled that this position may work in any of the 5 counties where Farmward Cooperative has customers, support the Conservation Agronomists work, no matter where or how much time they spend in each jurisdiction and allow Farmward to focus on the work of this position based on the markets and their customer's demands.

[Memorandum of Understanding.pdf](#)

6.5 Peterson Company LTD. 2025 Audit Planning Letter

Discussion of the 2025 Audit Planning Letter with Handout.

6.6 A Local Partners Agreement between Lyon County SWCD and Pheasants Forever, Inc.

Discussion and Approval to sign Local Partners Agreement between Lyon County SWCD and Pheasants Forever, Inc. and approve Compensation of \$3,500.00

Motion by Johnson, 2nd by Hively to approve Local Partners Agreement.

Mover: Mason Johnson

Seconder: Justin Hively

Moved To: Approve

For: 3 - Gary Laleman, Justin Hively, Mason Johnson

Motion Result: Passed

6.7 - Rock Rip-Rap - Lake Yankon

Motion by Johnson, 2nd by Hively to approve adding Rip- Rap and shore up road off 140th Street (North Side) along Lake Yankton. Cost-share with Sportmen's Club, Township and Lyon SWCD.

Mover: Mason Johnson

Seconder: Justin Hively

Moved To: Approve

For: 3 - Gary Laleman, Justin Hively, Mason Johnson

Motion Result: Passed

7. DISTRICT TECHNICIANS *No report*

8. DISTRICT ADMIN

35 Property Transfer Letters have been mailed out.

8.1 MAWQCP Update

Handout on MAWQCP Update.

[April 2026 Program Update.docx](#)

9. DISTRICT MANAGER

2 Conditional Use Permits for New Feedlot and Feedlot Expansion. Curly Pond Leaf in Lake Yankton. SWCD Aid - increase from \$12 millions to \$14 million starting in 2026.

10. PHEASANTS FOREVER/FARM BILL

BIOLOGIST *No report,*

11. DISTRICT CONSERVATIONIST/LEAD CST -NRCS

No report.

12. COMMITTEE REPORTS

12.1 RCRCA

- **Redwood CWMP Update** *The Redwood River WBIF Workplan for \$1,121,292 was submitted April 13th and has been approved. The work plan has been submitted and we await receipt of the grant agreement. It is anticipated that new contracts will be accepted starting in June. The final plan was received from Houston Engineering and is being printed currently.*
- **Cottonwood-Middle MN CWMP Update** *The 2nd WBIF grant can be applied for after June 1st. Staff would like to wait until Fall 2026 to be able to show*

expenditures versus encumbrances, and progress made on the 1st WBIF grant prior to requesting additional funds. The work plan for the 2nd round of funding is reviewed much more closely than the first grant.

[2026_05 Area 2_RCRCA Report for Lyon SWCD.docx](#)

12.2 Area II River Basins

- **Bonding Bill Language** There has been no action on the \$1.5 million request.
- **Projects slated for 2026 Construction**

Shelburne 18 Grade Stabilization (JD12 Lincoln-Lyon)

Alta Vista 27 Road Retention (Lincoln County)

Alta Vista 18 Dam Restoration (Lincoln County)

North Hero 34 Road Retention (Redwood County)

Paxton 3 Dam Restoration (Redwood County) – Lower Sioux Community

Springdale 30 Road Retention (Redwood County) – CSAH 20 just west of

Tracy Springdale 17 Road Retention (Redwood County) Swede's Forest 19

Dam Restoration (Redwood County)

Norman 7 Dam Restoration (Yellow Medicine County)

Florida Creek Stream Restoration – Garfield 32/33 (LQP County)

- **Lyon County Projects in Design**

Shelburne 18 Grade Stabilization (JD12 Lincoln-Lyon)

Custer 9 Grade Stabilization (Wally Paradis)

Sodus 9 Dam Repair (Greg Deutz)

Island Lake 19 Grade Stabilization (Gary Jorgenson)

Rock Lake 2 Dam Restoration (Glen & Terry Walters)

Dam Inspections Staff intend to conduct the annual O&M inspections in May. Staff spent April 10th with DNR Hydrologist Kyle Jarcho inspecting dams with Dam Safety permits which were overdue for the 8 -year inspection. Many of them were projects restored by Area II and it was nice to revisit the projects after many years.

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12.3 Area V

June 18, 2026 Supervisor's Meeting in Dawson.

[Area V - Meeting Agenda - June - 2026 - Invite - Updated.pdf](#)

12.4 SWPTSA

No report.

12.5 Parks

Camper Cabins quote are due on 5-14-26.

12.6 One Watershed One Plan - Yellow Medicine

Meeting on 5-20-26.

12.7 One Watershed One Plan - Des Moines

No report.

12.8 One Watershed One Plan - Cottonwood - Middle MN

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12.9 One Watershed One Plan - Redwood

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12.10 County

Landfill issues - PFAS - evaporator testing system. Applying for grant money to treat leachate at Landfill.

13. ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment at 8:15 p.m.

Lyon SWCD Board Chair Signature

Attest by Board Member

Date

Date