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## MINNESOTA SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICTS

Minutes of the Sibley Soil & Water Conservation District, 112 5<sup>th</sup> Street, Gaylord, MN on January 14<sup>th</sup>, 2025.

The meeting was called to order by Chair – Evenson at 4:00 p.m.

**Members Present:** Chair, Loren Evenson  
Vice Chair, Paul Wiemann  
Secretary, Robert Nielsen  
Treasurer, Wayne Grams

**Others Present:** District Manager, Joel Wurscher  
District Technician, Jeremy Buckentin  
Water Resources Coordinator, Jack Bushman  
Conservation Technician, Tara O'Brien  
FSA-Program Analyst in Charge, Hayley Thies

Upon a motion by Grams and seconded by Wiemann, it was moved to approve the January 2025 meeting agenda as presented. Ayes Evenson, Wiemann, Grams. Carried.

Upon a motion by Wiemann and seconded by Grams, it was moved to approve the minutes of the December 2024 meeting. Ayes Evenson, Wiemann, Grams. Carried.

Upon a motion by Wiemann and seconded by Grams, it was moved to approve forty-one paid bills for the month of December totaling \$197,427.63. Ayes Evenson, Wiemann, Nielsen, Grams. Carried.

Upon a motion by Wiemann and seconded by Nielsen, it was moved to approve the January 2025 Treasurer's report subjected to audit. Ayes Evenson, Wiemann, Nielsen, Grams. Carried.

**FSA Report:** See attached.

**NRCS Report:** See attached.

**Old Business:** Wurscher reported the acreage of cover crops that were cost shared with either NRCS or SWCD within Sibley County for 2022, 2023, and 2024. A request was made for these numbers at the December SWCD Board meeting.

### **New Business:**

**Cost Share:** A payment request was made towards contract FY23 WBIF-10. The grade stabilization structures and grassed waterway were completed. The total bill for the project came in at \$126,765.50. After the EQIP payment, the contract holder requests payment in the amount of \$72,820.50. Upon a

motion by Wiemann and seconded by Nielsen, it was moved to approve final payment in the amount of \$72,820.50. Ayes Evenson, Wiemann, Nielsen, Grams. Carried.

An amendment request (A-1) was made to contract FY23 WBIF-18, FY23-5 towards the recently constructed grade stabilization structure and grassed waterway located in Henderson Twp. Due to changes in the final bill from the contractor, and the amount contributed by NRCS through EQIP, the final amount allocated to FY23 WBIF-18 was requested to be amended to \$18,295.89 (FY23-5 - \$3,400.40). Upon a motion by Nielsen and seconded by Grams, it was moved to approve the A-1 amendment request. Ayes Evenson, Wiemann, Nielsen, Grams. Carried.

With the amendment approved, the landowner then requested final payment for contract (FY23 WBIF-18, FY23-5) in the total amount of \$21,696.29. Upon a motion by Nielsen and seconded by Grams, it was moved to approve the final payment. Ayes Evenson, Wiemann, Nielsen, Grams. Carried.

**2025 Annual Work Plan:** A draft of the plan was sent out prior to the board meeting in the mail for review. Upon a motion by Wiemann and seconded by Grams, it was moved to approve the 2025 Sibley SWCD Annual Plan as presented. Ayes Evenson, Wiemann, Nielsen, Grams. Carried.

**Area VI Dues:** Wurscher received an invoice for the FY25 Area VI dues in the amount of \$400.00. The Board was delighted to see there was no increase from last year and a motion was made by Nielsen, seconded by Wiemann, approving the payment of \$400.00 towards the FY25 Area VI dues. Ayes Evenson, Wiemann, Nielsen, Grams. Carried.

**MASWCD Dues:** Wurscher received an invoice for the FY25 MASWCD dues in the amount of \$7,349.87. After some discussion a motion was made by Grams and seconded by Wiemann, moving to approve payment towards the FY25 MASWCD dues in the amount of \$7,349.87. Ayes Evenson, Wiemann, Nielsen, Grams. Carried.

**Supervisor & Staff Reports:** See attached staff reports.

**Other Business:** Nielsen asked if the District had ever given out native seed packets at the fair. He had brought in some examples his Dad acquired in Martin County. Staff said they would explore that option keeping in mind to be careful not to hand out seed with noxious or invasive species.

**Next Meeting:** February 11<sup>th</sup>, 2025, starting at 4 p.m., located at 112 5th Street, Gaylord, MN.

**Adjourn:** Upon a motion by Grams seconded by Wiemann, it was moved to adjourn the meeting at 4:49 p.m. Ayes Evenson, Wiemann, Nielsen, Grams. Carried.

Approved: February 11, 2025

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Secretary