



**PENNINGTON SWCD BOARD MEETING
(USDA/SWCD Conference Room)**

July 18, 2024

9:00 A.M.

Supervisors Present:

ADawn Nelson, Vice Chair
Kevin Wilde, Secretary
Greg Hilgeman, Treasurer
Ricky Peterson, PR

Staff Present:

Peter Nelson, District Manager
Donna Christianson, District Coordinator
Bryanna Grefthen, Water Resource Specialist
Larissa Fitzgerald, District Technician
Erika Olson, Resource Technician
Marisa Newton, Outreach Coordinator
Logan Handyside, Engineer
Justin Muller, Engineering Technician
Kyle Dahlquist, Conservation Corps Apprentice
Thane Espe, NRCS
Taylor Lebeck, Farm Bill Biologist

Absent:

Linda Hanson, Chair

Guests:

Grant Nelson, Ag Services Coordinator

The meeting was held at the USDA/SWCD Conference Room. ADawn Nelson, Vice Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:07 a.m. ADawn completed a roll call of all supervisors and staff.

Ricky made a motion, seconded by **Kevin**, to approve the revised agenda. **All in favor, motion carried.**

Kevin made a motion, seconded by **Ricky**, to approve the June 20, 2024, meeting minutes.

July 18, 2024, Minutes

All in favor, motion carried.

Donna presented the May & June financial reports. **Greg** made a motion, seconded by **Ricky**, to accept the May Financial Report. **All in favor, motion carried.**

Ricky made a motion, seconded by **Kevin**, to accept the June Financial Report. **All in favor, motion carried.**

Kevin made a motion, seconded by **Ricky** to approve payment of the following bills:

Sjoberg's Cable TV	\$ 66.95
Kittson SWCD	\$ 150.80
MACDE	\$ 70.00
Chase Card Service	\$ 3,195.75
Lakes Country Service Co-op	\$ 467.69
Marco	\$ 72.52
Verizon	\$ 95.68
RMB	\$ 1,275.95
Peterson Company LTD	\$ 3,590.00
TRF Times	\$ 389.35
Speed's Auto Service	\$ 60.51

All in favor, motion carried.

Ricky made a motion, seconded by **Kevin** to approve the cost-share payment for well sealing.

FY23-04 \$375.00

All in favor, motion carried.

Greg made a motion seconded by **Ricky** to approve the cost-share payment for tree planting.

FY23-06 \$3,319.35

All in favor, motion carried.

Ricky made a motion, seconded by **Kevin** to approve the Septic Upgrade contract;

SSTS_FY24_01 \$14,484.69

All in favor, motion carried.

Kevin made a motion, seconded by **Ricky** to approve the Septic Upgrade Contract;

SSTS_FY24_02 \$11,945.58

All in favor, motion carried.

July 18, 2024, Minutes

Greg made a motion, seconded by **Kevin** to approve the Septic Upgrade Cost-share Contract;

PSWCD_RLRWBIF_9 \$15,908.64

All in favor, motion carried.

Ricky made a motion, seconded by **Kevin** to approve the Septic Upgrade Cost-Share Contract;

PSWCD_RLRWBIF_10 \$14,085.58

All in favor, motion carried.

Greg made a motion, seconded by **Kevin** to accept the purchase of Square Terminal for electronic payments. **All in favor, motion carried.**

Greg made a motion, seconded by **Ricky** to approve the 2025 lease for Real Property with DNT Holding. The annual office rent is \$10,624.50; \$735.38 per month for office space plus an additional \$150 per month for lot space and utilities. **All in favor, motion carried.**

Discussion was held on the Non-Structural Land Management Policy. Pennington is eligible for \$80,000 in grant funds for eligible soil health practices. The Policy payment rates will follow current EQIP payment rates for MN. Tree plantings will be cost-shared at 75%. **Greg** made a motion, seconded by **Ricky** to approve the Non-Structural Land Management Policy. **All in favor, motion carried.**

Joe Rubischko was recommended for Outstanding Conservationist in Star Township. **Greg** made a motion, seconded by **Kevin** to accept Joe as the 2024 Outstanding Conservationist. **All in favor, motion carried.**

Greg made a motion, seconded by **Kevin** to approve a budget not to exceed \$45,000 for a North Pod pickup. **All in favor, motion carried.**

Employee reports were reviewed.

The NRCS report was reviewed.

The Pheasants Forever report was reviewed.

The Ag Services Report was reviewed.

July 18, 2024, Minutes

Correspondence:

- North Pod Financial Report was reviewed.

Greg made a motion, seconded by **Kevin** to adjourn. **All in favor, motion carried.**

Meeting adjourned at 11:47 am.

The next board meeting will be held at the SWCD/USDA conference room on August 15, 2024 at 9:00 am.

Kevin Wilde,
Secretary