



**October 16, 2024, Land Services Building, Brainerd, MN 56401**

1. The meeting was called to order by Board Chair Jim Chamberlin at 9:00 am in the CWC Oak Room.

- Members Present: Jim Chamberlin-Chair  
Leonard Koering-Treasurer  
JoAnn Weaver-Secretary  
Roger Waytashek-Vice Chair
- Members Absent: Diane Jacobson-Reporter
- Others present: Melissa Barrick-SWCD Manager  
Tasha Lauer-SWCD Office Manager  
Jarrett Drileck-SWCD Technician  
Heidi Lake-Admin. Assistant  
Chris Andree-Watershed Technician  
Nigel Pennington-Flax-CCMI Intern  
Samuel Sauber-SWCD Soil Health Forester  
Darren Mayers-BWSR  
Candi Fuller, NRCS  
Jon Lubke-CWC Commissioner

2. Pledge of Allegiance/Moment of Silence

3. 10/16/2024 Agenda Approval:

**There was a motion by JoAnn Weaver seconded by Leonard Koering to approve the agenda as presented.**

**Affirmative: JC, LK, JW, RW**

**Opposed: None Motion Carried.**

4. Consent Agenda Approval for items a-e.

- a. Secretary's Report 9/18/2024
- b. Treasurer's Report 9/30/2024
- c. The Buffer Law Grant FY25 Agreement
- d. Pine River WBIF Phase 2 amendment
- e. District Bills

i. Vouchers:

- 1. Whiskey Creek Invoice for \$450,000 for the second half of the payment
- 2. PRP2-02-24 Lower Hay Lake Shoreline Project Payment \$2,818.60
- 3. SH24-01-24 Payment 1 year of Cover Crops \$2,310

**There was a motion by JoAnn Weaver seconded by Leonard Koering to approve the consent agenda items, a-e.**

**Affirmative: JC, LK, JW, RW**

**Opposed: None Motion Carried.**

5. Old Business:

- a. NRCS Work Report
- b. BWSR Report
- c. County Commissioner Report
- d. Work Reports



<u>e. Grants</u>	<u>Discussion</u>	<u>Recommendation</u>
i. NACD Grant	Authorization to sign MOA with the National Association of Conservation Districts for a \$2.5 Million REPI Grant for the City of Baxter engineering and design for the Miss. River Overlook Park expansion.	<b><u>Motion to Table</u></b>
ii. Sub agreements with Cass and Hubbard for the BWSR Pine and Leech Watershed RIM Easement Outreach	Review Agreement	<b><u>Motion to Approve Sub agreement for Hubbard and Cass SWCDs.</u></b>

**There was a motion by Leonard Koering seconded by Roger Waytashek to approve the sub agreements with Cass SWCD for the BWSR Pine and Leech Watershed RIM Easement Outreach.**

**Affirmative: JC, LK, JW, RW      Opposed: None Motion Carried.**

<u>2. New Business</u>	<u>Discussion</u>	<u>Recommendation</u>
i. Awards:	Rick Nolan: MN DNR Forestry Association Award. Stattelman field visit November 07 at their farm. Area VIII Conservationist of the Year Crow Wing/Cass SWCD.	Present at 9:30 AM
ii. 2025 Health Insurance Rates	Review the 2025 SWCD Employee Benefits Package	Motion to approve the benefits package as presented.
iii. Conservation Tour	Review Report.	
iv. Board and Staff Retreat	Review and discuss the draft agenda. 9am to 3pm, Date: Nov or Dec TBD	
v. Resolutions	Vote on Resolutions.	Motion to have staff submit resolution ballots online

**There was a motion by Leonard Koering seconded by Roger Waytashek to approve the 2025 SWCD Health Insurance Rates and the 2025 SWCD Employee Benefits Report.**

**Affirmative: JC, LK, JW, RW      Opposed: None Motion Carried.**

**There was a motion by JoAnn Weaver seconded by Leonard Koering to approve the SWCD staff to submit the resolution ballots online for the Board supervisors.**

**Affirmative: JC, LK, JW, RW      Opposed: None Motion Carried.**

**6. Reports**

- a. 1W1P-Pine River, Crow Wing, Rum River, Mississippi River-Brainerd, and Sartell



- b. Region 5 Development Commission
- c. Mille Lacs Lake Watershed Management Group
- d. Crow Wing River Basin Forage Council
- e. North Central MN TSA 8

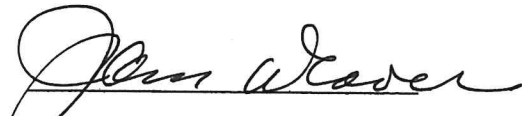
7. Calendar

Date	Meeting	Location
10/14/2024	Office Closed Indigenous People Day	
10/17/2024	Public Hearing for the Crow Wing Watershed	5:00 PM Staples, Source well
10/23/2024	TSA8 Board Meeting	Bemidji
10/29/2024	Miss. River Watershed Policy Committee Meeting	2:00 PM CWC Land services
11/07/2024	Stallman Property Tour Cass/Crow Wing SWCD	TBD
11/11/2024	Office Closed for Veterans Day	
11/20/2024	Regular Crow Wing SWCD Board Meeting at am	9:00 Oak Room
11/28/2024 & 11/29/2024	Office Closed for Thanksgiving day and the day after	

8. Adjournment:

**There was a motion by JoAnn Weaver Seconded by Leonard Koering to adjourn the meeting at 11:44 a.m.**

**Affirmative: LK, RW, JW, JC      Opposed: None      Motion Carried.**

  
 JoAnn Weaver, Secretary

