



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

July 17, 2025

9:00 A.M.

Supervisors Present:

Kevin Wilde, Chair
Ricky Peterson, Vice Chair
Greg Hilgeman, Treasurer
Tom Wold, Secretary
Linda Hanson, PR

Staff Present:

Peter Nelson, District Manager
Larissa Fitzgerald, District Technician
Bryanna Grefthen, Water Resource Specialist
Kari Moyer, District Coordinator
Marisa Newton, Outreach Coordinator
Nico Bennett, NRCS District Conservationist

Absent:

Matt Sorvig, Conservation Technician
Logan Handyside, Engineer
Justin Muller, Engineering Technician
Taylor Leback, PF Farm Bill Biologist

The meeting was held at the USDA/SWCD Conference Room. Kevin Wilde, Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m. Kevin completed a roll call of all supervisors and staff.

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

Greg made a motion, seconded by Linda, to approve the June 18, 2025, meeting minutes. All in favor, motion carried.

Tom made a motion, seconded by Ricky to approve the June 2025 financial report. All in favor, motion carried.

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

Chase Card Service	\$1,793.75
Edge Aquatic Services	\$2,998.00
Marco	\$49.54
Office of MNIT Services	\$60.07
RMB Labs	\$1,841.29
Sjobergs	\$66.95
Speed's Auto	\$81.71
Verizon	\$90.48

All in favor, motion carried.

Tom made a motion, seconded by Linda, to approve the well sealing cost-share payment;

FY23_07	\$375.00
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All in favor, motion carried.

Greg made a motion, seconded by Linda to approve the well sealing cost-share payment pending well owner signature;

FY23_08	\$300.00
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All in favor

Greg made a motion, seconded by Tom to approve the septic upgrade cost-share contract;

SSTS_FY25_01	\$9,648.39
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All in favor, motion carried.

Linda made a motion, seconded by Tom to approve the septic upgrade cost-share contract;

SSTS_FY25_02	\$11,447.64
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All in favor, motion carried.

Greg made a motion, seconded by Ricky, to approve the side water inlet cost-share contract;

FY24CC_06	\$7,057.44
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All in favor, motion carried.

Linda made a motion, seconded by Ricky to approve Bryanna's Conservation Planner 1 certification. All in favor motion carried.

Ricky made a motion, seconded by Linda to approve Peter's enrollment for the District Manager MASWCD Professional Development Cohort.

Nominations were given for 2025 Outstanding Conservationist. Tom made a motion, seconded by Ricky to select Josh Iverson as the 2025 Outstanding Conservationist. All in favor, motion carried.

Greg made a motion, seconded by Linda to renew the lease with building upgrade requests including; sidewalk improvement, fixing, or replacing, two exterior doors (kitchen and SWCD office), upgrade carpet, and repainting the walls. All in favor, motion carried.

Discussion was held on the prevailing wage requirements for conservation projects. Tom made a motion seconded by Greg that we will notify contractors that prevailing wage applies to state funded projects effective July 18, 2025. All in favor, motion carried.

Peter mentioned district and north pod pickups. The District will be selling the 2013 Chevrolet to the North Pod and looking for a new pickup for District staff.

Reports reviewed include those submitted by; District employees and NRCS.

Linda made a motion, seconded by Ricky to enter into the Pheasants Forever Farm Bill Biologist agreement for fiscal year 2026.

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

The meeting adjourned at 11:21 pm.

The next board meeting will be held at the Pennington SWCD conference room on Thursday, August 21, 2025, at 9:00 am, subject to call.

Tom Wold, Secretary