



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

January 15, 2026

9:00 A.M.

Supervisors Present:

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

Staff Present:

Peter Nelson, District Manager
Kari Moyer, District Coordinator
Larissa Fitzgerald, District Technician
Bryanna Grefthen, Water Resource Specialist
Marisa Newton, Outreach Coordinator
Matt Sorvig, Conservation Technician
Logan Handyside, Engineer
Justin Muller, Engineering Technician
Taylor Leback, PF Farm Bill Biologist
Nico Bennett, NRCS District Conservationist

Guests:

Grant Nelson, Pennington County Ag Coordinator (via Teams)

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.

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

Greg made a motion, seconded by Tom, to approve the December 23, 2025, meeting minutes. All in favor, motion carried.

CD #5883. Greg made a motion, seconded by Linda, for the District Manager and District Coordinator to ask Northern State Bank to match Border Bank rates for a 12-month CD at 3.60%. All in favor, motion carried.

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CD #6076. Linda made a motion, seconded by Ricky, approving the District Coordinator and Board Treasurer to make a decision on interest rates and duration when the maturation date approaches for CD #6076. All in favor, motion carried.

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

Greg made a motion, seconded by Ricky to move forward with Border Bank and Northern State Bank as direct depositors for 2026.

Greg made a motion, seconded by Linda to keep the Supervisor compensation at \$125/meeting. All in favor, motion carried.

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

Sjobergs	\$66.95
Chase Card Service	\$1,714.56
Frontier Precision	\$1,044.00
Lakes Country Service Co-op	\$759.04
Marco	\$62.27
Verizon	\$106.72
Times	\$339.00

All in favor, motion carried.

Greg made a motion, seconded by Tom to approve the following membership dues for 2026:

MACPZA	\$180.00
MACFO	\$150.00
MACFO Conference	\$200.00 + hotel
MASWCD	\$6,990.66
NACDE	\$80.00
MACDE	\$200.00
Area 1 MASWCD	\$300.00

All in favor, motion carried.

The District Manager will contact a realtor in regard to the district owned empty lot.

Greg made a motion, seconded by Linda to approve Bryanna's attendance for the MACFO Conference in March. All in favor, motion carried.

Linda made a motion, seconded by Ricky to approve the proposed equipment contract and tool deposit. The deposit would be returned to the landowner if guidelines are followed. All in favor, motion carried.

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Greg made a motion, seconded by Ricky to approve the cost-share rates for the Spring Well Clinic April 6-9, 2026. Bacteria and nitrates will be cost-shared at 50% and Arsenic will be cost-shared at 16.7%. All in favor, motion carried.

Ricky made a motion, seconded by Linda to purchase the DJI Air Fly More Combo Drone at \$1,599.00 for the North Pod. All in favor, motion carried.

Greg made a motion, seconded by Ricky to approve the 2025 Audit Bid from Peterson Company LTD. All in favor, motion carried.

The 2026 Planning meeting draft agenda was reviewed.

Linda made a motion, seconded by Greg to keep board positions and committee members the same for 2026. All in favor, motion carried.

Reports reviewed include those submitted by; District employees, NRCS District Conservationist, Pheasants Forever, and the Pennington County Ag Coordinator.

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

The meeting adjourned at 11:48pm.

The next board meeting will be held at the Pennington SWCD conference room on Thursday, February 19, 2026, at 9:00 am.



Tom Wold, Secretary

