



PENNINGTON SWCD BOARD MEETING
(Pennington County Government Center 3rd
Floor Conference Room)

June 18, 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
Matt Sorvig, Conservation Technician
Logan Handyside, Engineer
Justin Muller, Engineering Technician

Guests:

Grant Nelson, Pennington County Ag Coordinator

Absent:

Nico Bennett, NRCS District Conservationist
Taylor Leback, PF Farm Bill Biologist

The meeting was held at the Pennington County Government Center 3rd floor Conference Room. Kevin Wilde, Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:06 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.

Ricky made a motion, seconded by Tom, to approve the May 15, 2025, meeting minutes. All in favor, motion carried.

Greg made a motion, seconded by Tom to approve the May 2025 financial report presented by Kari. All in favor, motion carried.

Greg made a motion, seconded by Linda to move the expiring Border Bank CD #6559 into a new 7-month CD at Northern State Bank with a 4.20% APY. All in favor, motion carried.

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

Agassiz Seed & Supply	\$5,500.00
Chase Card Services	\$2,320.36
Frontier Precision	\$91.53
Hach	\$939.90
Lakes Country Service Coop	\$646.45
Marco	\$49.47
Office of MNIT Services	\$59.38
Peterson Company LTD	\$1,095.00
Piggy BBQ	\$331.31
Red Lake County SWCD	\$85.72
Sjobergs	\$66.95
Sticker Mule	\$64.00
Times	\$94.00
Traverse SWCD (Tree Tubes)	\$1,562.02
Verizon	\$91.00

All in favor, motion carried.

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

FY23_06	\$375.00
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All in favor, motion carried.

Greg made a motion, seconded by Linda, to approve the side water inlet cost-share partial payment;

PSWCD_TRWBIF_02	\$5,708.40
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All in favor

Linda made a motion, seconded by Ricky, to approve the tree planting cost-share payment;

FY24CC_01	\$1,905.45
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All in favor, motion carried.

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

SSTS_FY24_03	\$18,705.05
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All in favor, motion carried.

Greg made a motion, seconded by Ricky, to approve the grassed waterway cost-share contract;
PSWCD_RLRWBIF_15 \$11,036.52
All in favor, motion carried.

Greg made a motion, seconded by Linda to approve the tree planting cost-share contract amendment;

FY24CC_02	\$1,789.05
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All in favor, motion carried.

Bryanna proposed an allocation of remaining weed management funds between private landowners and Pennington County. Of the approximate \$3,500 remaining, approximately \$1,500 would be reserved for private landowners while the remaining \$2,038 would aid in invasive weed management executed by Pennington County for priority species. Ricky made a motion, seconded by Greg. All in favor, motion carried.

Starting in fiscal year 2026, one of the seven current Observation Wells will be sealed, and four newly drilled wells will be added for a total of ten observation wells to be monitored. Tom made a motion, seconded by Linda, authorizing the District Manager to sign the Professional and Technical Services Contract with the State of Minnesota, acting through its Commissioner of Natural Resources, for the monitoring of the above mentioned ten wells for the period July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026, when rates become available. All in favor, motion carried.

Tom made a motion, seconded by Greg to approve the 2025 fall Well Clinic to take place August 25th- 28th. Bacteria and Nitrate kits will be \$30 with 50% cost-shared by the District. Arsenic kits will be available for \$30 with the District covering \$5 of that cost with the remaining \$25 to be covered by the well owner. Funding will be requested from neighboring districts for any out of county participants. All in favor, motion carried.

Ricky made a motion, seconded by Linda to approve a \$500 budget for pocket calendars and other promotional items. All in favor, motion carried.

Greg made a motion, seconded by Tom to donate \$100 to FFA jackets. All in favor, motion carried.

Greg made a motion, seconded by Linda to set the in-office nitrate test price at \$15. All in favor, motion carried.

Linda made a motion, seconded by Ricky to approve replacement of dead Flame Willow from the 2025 tree sales and plantings. All in favor, motion carried.

Ricky made a motion, seconded by Linda to approve the attendance of Kari and any board members that choose to attend the Stewardship Summit in September. All in favor, motion carried.

Bryanna gave an update on the feedlot information session that took place on June 5.

Border Bank needs an updated signature form signed by Kari for their files. The document authorizes the individual to be one of the approved signers of financial documents on behalf of the Pennington SWCD. Greg made a motion, seconded by Linda to grant Kari signing permissions for financial documents at Border State Bank. All in favor, motion carried.

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

Peter gave an update on the Area 1 meeting that took place on June 17th.

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

The meeting adjourned at 12:06 pm.

The next board meeting will be held at the Pennington SWCD conference room on Thursday, July 17, 2025, at 9:00 am, subject to call.

Tom Wold, Secretary