



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

August 20, 2026

9:00 A.M.

Supervisors Present:

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

Staff Present:

Peter Nelson, District Manager
Bryanna Grefthen, Water Resource Specialist
Larissa Fitzgerald, District Technician
Marisa Newton, Outreach Coordinator
Matt Sorvig, Conservation Technician
Logan Handyside, Engineer
Justin Muller, Engineering Technician

Guests:

Bruce Lawrence, County Commissioner
Grant Nelson

Absent:

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

The meeting was held at the USDA/SWCD Conference Room. Kevin Wilde, Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:11 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.

Linda made a motion, seconded by Ricky, to approve the July 16, 2026, revised meeting minutes. Language was added to clarify the District's role in the landowner discussion. Language was also added to clarify where the Red Lake River Watershed Comprehensive Watershed Management Plan resolution was to be submitted to. All in favor, motion carried.

Tom made a motion, seconded by Greg, to approve the July 2026 financial report. All in favor, motion carried.

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

Sjobergs	\$66.95
Chase Card Services	\$2,072.18
City of TRF	\$80.00
HDR	\$2,576.50
Office of MNIT Services	\$59.38
RMB	\$850.00
Verizon	\$99.72
Wade Joppru	\$1,150.00
Hensch's Septic Services	\$250.00

All in favor, motion carried.

Greg made a motion, seconded by Linda to renew CD #6076 for 7 months at 3.5% at Border Bank. All in favor, motion carried.

Commissioner Lawrence discussed the potential of a county wide land-use ordinance in hopes of preventing WCA violations in the future. No action can be taken at this time. The District will continue to work with the County on issues of this matter.

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

SSTS_FY25_03 \$12,975.00

All in favor, motion carried.

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

FY26CC02 \$675.00

All in favor, motion carried.

Linda made a motion, seconded by Tom, to approve the RCPP pasture and hay planting cost-share payment contingent on NRCS review and approval;

113-1-7 \$19,999.98

All in favor, motion carried.

Linda made a motion, seconded by Tom, to approve the RCPP pasture and hay planting cost-share payment contingent on NRCS review and approval;

113-2-3 \$19,999.98

All in favor, motion carried.

Linda made a motion, seconded by Tom to approve the WBIF pasture and hay planting cost-share payment pending technical sign off;

PSWCD_RLRWBIF_18 \$13,572.00

All in favor, motion carried.

Ricky made a motion, seconded by Greg to approve the RCPP cover crop cost-share contract;

113-2-6 \$15,774.00

All in favor, motion carried.

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

SSTS_FY26_03 \$10,800.34

All in favor, motion carried.

Linda made a motion, seconded by Ricky to approve the WBIF cover crop cost-share contract;

PSWCD_RLRWBIF_19 \$13,200.00

All in favor, motion carried.

Ricky made a motion, seconded by Linda to approve the WBIF cover crop cost-share contract;

PSWCD_RLRWBIF_21 \$20,000.00

All in favor, motion carried.

Tom made a motion, seconded by Ricky, to approve the RCPP cover crop cost-share contract;

113-2-7 \$6,407.50

All in favor, motion carried.

Linda made a motion, seconded by Greg to approve the RCPP cover crop cost-share contract pending technical sign off;

113-2-8 \$19,990.00

All in favor, motion carried.

Linda made a motion, seconded by Tom to approve the 2027 proposed budget. All in favor, motion carried.

Greg made a motion, seconded by Ricky to approve all interested staff to attend 2026 BWSR Academy. All in favor, motion carried.

Greg made a motion, seconded by Tom to approve Bryanna's Level 2 Conservation Planner Certification. All in favor, motion carried.

Ricky made a motion, seconded by Greg to approve Peter to attend the State Manager's Meeting in Clearwater, MN on September 29th and 30th. All in favor, motion carried.

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

The next board meeting will be held at the Pennington SWCD conference room on Thursday, September 17, 2026, at 9:00 am. Subject to call.

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

The meeting adjourned at 12:15 pm.



Tom Wold, Secretary