KANDIYOHI
SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
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The Board of Supervisors of the Kandiyohi Soil and Water Conservation District held its monthly meeting on February 17, 2026.

Chairperson Smith called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

Present at the meeting were Steve Friedlein, Jeff Martinka, Brandon Smith, Donnel Williamson, and Jane Youngkrantz. Also present were Margaret Johnson- District Manager, Sandy Laumer- Office and Finance Manager, and County Commissioner Dale Anderson.

Chairperson Smith led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairperson Smith read the Mission Statement: Our Mission is to encourage the wise use of land and water and to treat those resources in accordance with their needs for protection and improvement.

Motion by Youngkrantz, second by Martinka to approve the Agenda with the addition of Contract RCPP 34-2-4. Discussion was held. Voting in the affirmative were Friedlein, Martinka, Smith, Williamson, and Youngkrantz. Motion carried.

Motion by Williamson, second by Friedlein to approve the consent agenda items:

a. Minutes January 20, 2026
b. List of Checks
c. Probationary Period- Staff Memorandum

Discussion was held. Voting in the affirmative were Friedlein, Martinka, Smith, Williamson, and Youngkrantz. Motion carried.

Motion by Friedlein, second by Youngkrantz to approve the Treasurer's Report. Discussion was held. Voting in the affirmative were Friedlein, Martinka, Smith, Williamson, and Youngkrantz. Motion carried.

Motion by Martinka, second by Williamson to approve the RCPP Ranking & Encumbrances:

a. SFC-063 Cover Crops and No-Till, $31,069.60 from South Fork 1W1P funds
b. RCPP 32-2-1 Cover Crops, $4,684.80 from 2026 Soil Health Funds
c. RCPP 32-2-2 Cover Crops, $38,921.40 from 2026 Soil Health Funds
d. RCPP 32-2-3 Cover Crops, $37,790.40 from 2026 Soil Health Funds
e. RCPP 32-2-4 Cover Crops, $38,400 from 2026 Soil Health Funds

Discussion was held. Voting in the affirmative were Friedlein, Martinka, Smith, Williamson, and Youngkrantz. Motion carried.

Johnson gave Alliance Climate Smart Program Update which included: fourth round of applications completed and had 10 applicants, still funds available for fifth round, additional funding will be available to process applications, and grant is extended to September 2027.

Johnson gave an update on the Irrigation program which included there is currently a sign up through February 27 to help landowners with their existing irrigation systems.

Motion by Williamson, second by Youngkrantz to approve Grant Agreement P26-0927 2026 Soil Health Practices in the amount of $120,000. Discussion was held. Voting in the affirmative were Friedlein, Martinka, Smith, Williamson, and Youngkrantz. Motion carried.

Motion by Martinka, second by Friedlein to approve Grant Agreement P26-0882 2026 Soil Health Delivery in the amount of $50,000. Discussion was held. Voting in the affirmative were Friedlein, Martinka, Smith, Williamson, and Youngkrantz. Motion carried.

Motion by Friedlein, second by Martinka to approve the Sub-Grant Implementing Agreement for the Chippewa River Comprehensive Watershed Management Plan. Discussion was held. Voting in the affirmative were Friedlein, Martinka, Smith, Williamson, and Youngkrantz. Motion carried.

Motion by Williamson, second by Youngkrantz to approve the donation for PWELC for Earth Day in the amount of $600. Discussion was held. Voting in the affirmative were Friedlein, Martinka, Smith, Williamson, and Youngkrantz. Motion carried.

Motion by Youngkrantz, second by Martinka to approve the 2026 NACD Membership Dues in the amount of $500. Discussion was held. Voting in the affirmative were Friedlein, Martinka, Smith, Williamson, and Youngkrantz. Motion carried.

Motion by Youngkrantz, second by Martinka to approve Policy 205 Paid Family and Medical Leave. Discussion was held. Voting in the affirmative were Friedlein, Martinka, Smith, Williamson, and Youngkrantz. Motion carried.

Johnson reviewed the Draft 2026 Work Plan and no action was taken at this time.

Lee's NRCS written Report and Staff's Reports were included in the board packet.

Williamson reported he received the Newsletter in the paper and heard good feedback about the Open House.

Martinka reported that he attended the Middle Fork Meeting.

Youngkrantz attended the Open House.

Friedlein had no report.

Chairperson Smith reported that he attended the CMRWP meeting.

Motion by Martinka, second by Williamson to adjourn the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:22 p.m.

Donnel Williamson 3-16-2026

Donnel Williamson, Secretary Date

3-16-26

Brandon Smith, Chairperson Date