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 July 21, 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, Ryan Peterson-District Technical Coordinator, and Will Lee-NRCS District Conservationist.

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 Friedlein, second by Martinka to approve the agenda with the addition of 3 projects in 7.c. Discussion was held. Voting in the affirmative were Friedlein, Martinka, Smith, Williamson, and Youngkrantz. Motion carried.

Motion by Williamson, second by Martinka to approve the Consent Agenda items:

a. Minutes, June 16, 2026
b. List of Checks
c. Employee Memo

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

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

Motion by Williamson, second by Martinka to approve contract CMRWP-087 for Cover Crops in the amount of $54,708 from CMRWP Funds. Discussion was held. Voting in the affirmative were Friedlein, Martinka, Smith, Williamson, and Youngkrantz. Motion carried.

Motion by Martinka, second by Youngkrantz to approve contract RCPP 32-5-3 for Cover Crops in the amount of $72,000 from 2026 RCPP Soil Health April Funds. 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 RCPP Ranking & Encumbrances and Project Approval:

a. CMRWP-086, Cover Crops, $24,000 from CMRWP Funds
b. GW FY24-19, Well Sealing, $2,400 from 2024 Groundwater Funds
c. SH FY26-02, Cover Crops, $3,922.80 from 2026 Soil Health Delivery Funds
d. GW FY24-20, Well Sealing, $2,500 from 2024 Groundwater Funds
e. SFC-072, Cover Crops, $8,943.60 from South Fork Funds
f. CMRWP-088, No-Till, $20,241.55 from CMRWP funds
g. WP FY26-04 Conservation Cover, $1,695.38 from 2026 Water Plan Funds
h. SH FY26-03, Reduced Till, $13,353.90 from 2026 Soil Health Delivery Funds
i. GW FY24-21, Well Sealing, $2,375 from 2024 Groundwater Funds
j. CR-WBIF-24-25-31, Critical Area Planting, $5,137.50 Chippewa WBIF FY24-25 Funds
k. CM-CRP-07, CRP Incentive, $6,340 Hawk CRP Incentive Funds
l. GW FY24-22, Well Sealing, $2,960 from 2024 Groundwater Funds
m. GW FY24-23, Well Sealing, $1,930 from 2024 Groundwater Funds
n. RCPP 32-5-4, Cover Crops, $4,435.65 from 2026 RCPP Soil Health April Funds
o. GW FY24-24, Well Sealing, $2,495 from 2024 Groundwater Funds

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

Johnson led discussion on the Big Kandiyohi Lake & JD1 Storage Final Report.

Motion by Youngkrantz, second by Martinka to approve the Resolution 2026-03 Technical Approval Authority. Discussion was held. Voting in the affirmative were Friedlein, Martinka, Smith, Williamson, and Youngkrantz. Motion carried.

Motion by Martinka, second by Williamson to approve Position Hire: Program Coordinator. Discussion was held. Voting in the affirmative were Friedlein, Martinka, Smith, Williamson, and Youngkrantz. Motion carried.

Motion by Youngkrantz, second by Friedlein to approve up to $25,000 to replace overhead door and improve lighting in storage shed. Discussion was held. Voting in the affirmative were Friedlein, Martinka, Smith, Williamson, and Youngkrantz. Motion carried.

Johnson led discussion on updating Policy 400: Vehicle and the board tabled the topic and will review it at the next meeting. Staff will bring a quote to the board to replace the F250 at the next meeting.

The Kandiyohi County Fair Booth schedule was discussed, and board members signed up for shifts to work at the booth.

Lee's NRCS Report included: had booth at Open House at Colfax Farms; staff attended Irrigation RCPP Technical Training Workshop: CSP Classic & CSP RPP preapproval are being processed for planning and obligation; application planning, approval and obligation is ongoing for EQIP; working on practice certification and payment processing for EQIP, 1 preapproved application for RCPP, and have over 130 accepted offers throughout all CRP signups.

Williamson reported he presented the resolutions at the Area 2 meeting.

Youngkrantz attended the South Fork Annual Meeting, Area 2 Meeting and helped with the interviews.

Friedlein reported he attended the Area 2 Meeting and helped with the interviews.

Chairperson Smith will be attending CMRWP meeting in August.

Johnson discussed Soil Health Field Day on August 20 at Central Lakes Coop.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 3:45 p.m.

Donnel Williamson 8/18/2026

Donnel Williamson, Secretary Date

8-18-26

Brandon Smith, Chairperson Date