



**MINNESOTA  
SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICTS**



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The Board of Supervisors of the Kandiyohi Soil and Water Conservation District held its monthly meeting on Tuesday, July 18, 2023 at the Willmar USDA Service Center.

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

Present at the meeting were Steve Friedlein, Brandon Smith, Donnel Williamson, and Jane Youngkrantz. Also present were Ellie Faber- Conservation Technician, Margaret Johnson-District Manager, Sandy Laumer-Office Manager, and Ryan Peterson- District Technical Coordinator.

Chairperson Williamson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Motion by Youngkrantz, second by Smith to approve the agenda. Discussion was held. Voting in the affirmative were Friedlein, Smith, Williamson, and Youngkrantz. Motion carried.

Motion by Youngkrantz, second by Friedlein to approve the Consent Agenda items:

- a. Draft Minutes July 18, 2023
- b. List of Checks

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

Motion by Friedlein, second by Smith to approve amendment for cost share contract WP FY22-02 to increase cost of contract to \$3,393 and change contract deadline date to 5-30-2024. Discussion was held. Voting in the affirmative were Friedlein, Smith, Williamson, and Youngkrantz. Motion carried.

Motion by Smith, second by Youngkrantz to approve cost share contract CS FY22-04 Wetland Restoration project in the amount of \$4,154.25 using 2022 State Cost and 2022 Water Plan Funds. Discussion was held. Voting in the affirmative were Friedlein, Smith, Williamson, and Youngkrantz. Motion carried.

Motion by Youngkrantz, second by Friedlein to approve payment of Cost Share Contract CMRWP01 WASCOB project in the amount of \$17,870.69 using CMRWP funds. Discussion was held. Voting in the affirmative were Friedlein, Smith, Williamson, and Youngkrantz. Motion carried.

Motion by Smith, second by Friedlein to approve payment of Cost Share Contract NF FY20-39 Well Sealing Project in the amount of \$2,500 using WBIF North Fork Funds. Discussion was held. Voting in the affirmative were Friedlein, Smith, Williamson, and Youngkrantz. Motion carried.

Motion by Smith, second by Youngkrantz to approve Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) State Incentive Pilot Program request in the amount of \$53,000. Discussion was held. Voting in the affirmative were Friedlein, Smith, Williamson, and Youngkrantz. Motion carried.

Johnson led discussion that she is working on some leads for the Supervisor Appointment and is open to some suggestions from the board. No decision was made at this time and will be discussed at a future meeting.

Johnson has met with Perkins Lumber on getting a design for shed addition and they should have design ready in 4-5 weeks.

The fence on the north side of the shed will be on hold until we know more about the addition to the shed. Johnson has been in contact with the USDA building owners, and they are putting the fence project on hold also.

The Local Work Group was held on July 11th and conservation practices were discussed and ranked.

Discussion was held on the work schedule for the Kandiyohi County Fair.

Motion by Smith, second by Friedlein to allocate up to \$1,500 for new tires for the F250. Discussion was held. Voting in the affirmative were Friedlein, Smith, Williamson, and Youngkrantz. Motion carried.

No NRCS report was given.

Johnson's District Manager report included: attended various 1W1P meetings and reviewing plans; gave presentation to the Kandiyohi County Commissioners; submitted budget to the County Administrator; discussion on Farm Fest and schedule; and discussion on 1W1P efforts.

Faber's staff report included: working with landowners on various shoreline projects and a rain garden project; worked on well checks and submitted data to DNR; attended AIS meeting; completed tree planting and working on 2023 tree data; and conducting buffer checks.

Peterson's staff report included: completed wetland cost share for landowner; various WCA activities; worked with Meeker SWCD on Soil Health & Cover Day; was on Conservation Conversation on the radio; attended various 1W1P meetings; worked on various cost share projects; working on seed program report and will have ready for next meeting; worked with landowner on culvert replacement and armoring; worked with landowners on some seeding evaluations; listened to Keep it Clean Meeting; Parks to Prairie site evaluations; and working with some landowners on future conservation cover and pollinator projects.

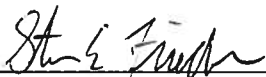
Laumer's Staff Report: worked on eLink reporting and updating program logs; worked with Peterson Company on final information needed for 2022 Audit; put together seed and tree planting invoices; got Friedlein set up on PERA for Supervisor payroll; sent in request for more AGBMP Loans funds; gave cost share inspection forms to staff to complete; sent in CREP Reimbursement and closed out 2023 CREP Grant; attended Local Work Group Meeting; and researching how to record SWCD State Aid.

Smith reported that he attended the Soil Health and Cover Crop Event, and it was good event and he received useful information.

Youngkrantz led discussion on South Fork 1W1P and there will be an upcoming meeting to discuss the proposal and role the SWCD will have in the plan.

Williamson reported that he will be attending the North Fork meeting and Open House.

Motion by Smith, second by Youngkrantz to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 3:43 p.m.

  
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Steve Friedlein, Secretary                      8-15-2023  
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Donnel Williamson, Chairperson                      8/15/2023  
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