



**MINNESOTA  
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The Board of Supervisors of the Kandiyohi Soil and Water Conservation District held its monthly meeting on Tuesday, March 21, 2023 at the Willmar USDA Service Center.

Chairperson Williamson called the meeting to order at 3:02 p.m.

Present at the meeting were Brandon Smith, Donnel Williamson, and Jane Youngkrantz. Also present were Margaret Johnson, District Manager, Sandy Laumer, Office Manager, Ryan Peterson, District Technical Coordinator, and Melanie Dickman, NRCS District Conservationist. Also present from remote location Doug Hanson.

Chairperson Williamson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Motion by Smith, second by Youngkrantz to approve the agenda with the addition under Old Business of 2023 Outstanding Conservationist. Discussion was held. Voting in the affirmative were Hanson, Smith, Williamson, and Youngkrantz. Motion carried.

Motion by Hanson, second by Youngkrantz to approve the consent agenda items:

- a. Draft Minutes February 27, 2023

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

Treasurer Smith read through the bills for reviewal and payments, the Treasurer's Report, and the Outstanding bills as listed on the agenda. Motion by Youngkrantz, second by Hanson to approve the Treasurer's Report. Discussion was held. Voting in the affirmative were Hanson, Smith, Williamson, and Youngkrantz. Motion carried.

Motion by Smith, second by Youngkrantz to approve the cost share contract SH 23-01 Conservation Cover Project in the amount of \$3,000. Discussion was held. Voting in the affirmative were Hanson, Smith, Williamson, and Youngkrantz. Motion carried.

Motion by Hanson, second by Smith to approve the cost share contract SH 23-02 tree planting project in the amount of \$1,725. Discussion was held. Voting in the affirmative were Hanson, Smith, Williamson, and Youngkrantz. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on the Unfunded NRCS Cooperative Agreement, and it hasn't been approved. It was discussed to have BWSR mediate a meeting with NRCS to try to get the agreement completed.

Motion by Smith, second by Youngkrantz to nominate Steve Friedlein family as the Kandiyohi SWCD 2023 Outstanding Conservationists. Discussion was held. Voting in the affirmative were Hanson, Smith, Williamson, and Youngkrantz. Motion carried.

Motion by Youngkrantz, second by Hanson to appoint Steve Friedlein Jr. to Supervisor Position for District 1. Discussion was held. Voting in the affirmative were Hanson, Smith, Williamson, and Youngkrantz. Motion carried.

The 2022 Annual Report was submitted to BWSR by March 15<sup>th</sup> deadline and a copy of the report was included in the board packet.

Dickman's NRCS Report included: reviewing applications to see if they can move forward with IRA funds and have an Agronomist and Soil Conservationist position posted.

Johnson's District Manager Report included: attended Chippewa TAC meeting and helping organize upcoming events; CMRWP group will need \$15,000 up front for inkind; met with Jon Matz regarding the Unfunded Cooperative Agreement; submitted Annual Report to BWSR; attended Partnership Meeting; attended Legislature Day; setting a kickoff meeting with Stantec staff for Chain of the Lake Feasibility Study; met with City of Willmar to review project; placed the shared position announcement on website and other sites; helped organize the Minnesota Lake Management Society event; finalized Newsletter; completed updates and changes to policy handbook; attended Township meeting and gave presentation; attended building department heads meeting; worked with staff on tree and rain barrel sales; worked with staff on agenda; completed NRCS security training; helped organized irrigator Clinic; no new updates on subpoena; discussed upcoming events; and discussed Projects Concepts and Grant Chart.

Peterson's Staff Report included: RIM rates have been updated; processing a RIM Grasslands application; CREP wetland restoration bids and planning; Ag Exemption TEP review; WCA excavation exemption; reviewed wetland bank application; working on Nitrate Clinic posters and postcards; will be attending upcoming Nitrate testing; Pints Popcorn and Pollinators Event and Home and Outdoor Show; attended various 1W1P meetings; working on various cost share projects; continuing to get seed orders; attended Lake Wakanda Advisory meeting; attended staff meeting; attended Soil Health Profitability Meeting; reviewed JAA; attended Irrigator Clinic; Keep it Clean Bills were introduced; worked with landowner on MAQWCP application; attending WIA Meeting; took some windbreak photos; and working with landowner on Living Snow Fence project.

Laumer's staff report included: working with landowners on Ag BMP Loans Applications; helped update program information for Annual Report; updated report on website; helped with tree order and updating inventory; attended Partnership meeting; completed MCIT Liability Assessment; listened to eLink training; attended Treasurer's Training; updated Quickbooks to 2023 Desktop software; attended Area 2 Envirothon meeting; and got 2 rain gauge monitors set up with gauges and log sheets.

Smith reported that he will be attending the Treasurer's Training on Friday and he attended Soil Health Meeting in Renville.



Youngkrantz reported that she will not be able to attend the South Fork Meeting on Friday so Williamson will attend the meeting.

Youngkrantz reported that Johnson gave a good presentation at the Township Meeting.

Discussion was held on changing the cost share policy for well sealing and using some District funds to get to 75% cost share. The Well Sealing Policy will be reviewed at the next meeting.

Chairperson Williamson attended the Legislature Day and has discussed with Johnson to look for different building options.

Motion by Smith, second by Hanson to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 4:42 p.m.

	4-18-23
Brandon Smith, Secretary/Treasurer	Date
	4/18/2023
Donnel Williamson, Chairperson	Date

