

Winona County SWCD

Providing conservation assistance in Winona County since 1938.

Mission

Promote soil and water conservation through technical, educational and financial assistance.

Vision

Comprehensive use of our natural resources for all generations.



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Board of Supervisors

REGULAR MONTHLY BOARD MEETING

Winona County USDA Service Center - 400 Wilson St N - Lewiston MN

AGENDA

Thursday - May 11, 2023 - 9:00 am

A. Call to Order

B. Introductions

C. Public Comments (10 minute total, maximum 2 minutes per individual)

D. Approval of Agenda - Board Action

E. Consent Business - Board Action

1. Regular Board Meeting Minutes - April 13, 2023
2. Treasurer's Report - April 2023

Minnwest Bank	Bank Balance 04/30/23	Interest Rate	Interest 04/30/23	Interest Paid 2023
Checking - General Fund	\$ 14,230.82	0.15%	\$ 1.40	\$ 17.97
Savings - Designated Funds	\$ 663,813.59	1.75%	\$ 618.84	\$ 1,708.40
Savings - Operating Reserve	\$ 115,284.39	1.15%	\$ 68.81	\$ 245.83
Savings - Scholarship	\$ 2,399.81	0.15%	\$.28	\$.74
Total	\$ 795,728.61		\$ 689.33	\$1,972.94

3. Bills Payable - May 2023

F. Old Business - Action Items - None

G. New Business - Action Items

1. Cost-Share Contracts - None

2. BWSR Grant Agreement - New - Board Action

2023 Winona County Help Pilot Program - BWSR C23-3890

- **\$46,000** - Reimbursement Basis
- Implement non-structural conservation practices focused on providing foraging and nesting habitat to populations of pollinators and benefit at-risk and/or beneficial insects with the primary focus on Federally Endangered Rusty Patched Bumble Bee
- Expires December 31, 2024

3. Audit Request for Year Ended December 31, 2022 - Board Action

Smith, Schafer and Associates, Ltd

- \$7,150.00 - 8% Increase \$530
- Included in BWSR Billing Rate

- 4. MASWCD SE Area 7 Supervisors Summer / Resolutions Meeting - Supervisor Attendance**
Tuesday, June 27 - 9:00 am - 3:00 pm - American Legion, Stewartville *Board Action*
- Resolutions

H. General Business - Discussion Items / Updates

1. Administrative Assistant

- Denice Corbin - May 1, 2023
- Professional Service Agreement with Fillmore SWCD - Billing Rate \$35.10

2. Conservation Legacy Scholarship

- 2 - \$500 Scholarships - Graduating High School Seniors - Residents of Winona County
Todd Mueller - St. Charles High School
Savina Felsch - Winona Senior High School
- Selected by Education Committee - *Kronebusch, Scarponcini*
- School Presentations
St. Charles - Graduation Ceremony - Sunday, June 4 at 2:00 pm
Winona - Awards Ceremony - Wednesday, May 24 at 1:30 pm

3. Outstanding Conservationist 2023

- Candidates
“Recognize individuals, conservation organizations and others for outstanding accomplishments with implementing conservation practices and improving Minnesota’s natural resources. Recognition will be given for accomplishments between July 1 of last year and June 30 of this year.” MASWCD Application

4. Truax Drill

- US FWS Owns - Donate to another agency to remove from their property records
- SWCD coordination of rental program continues for spring planting

5. Trees Sales

6. Outreach & Education Events

- May 2 - Rollingstone School Tree Planting
- May 3 - Environthon
- May 5 - La Crescent Water Festival

7. Progressive Agriculture Safety Day

- May 18 - Farmers Community Park
- 209 Third Graders from 7 Winona County Schools
- Lewiston Lions - Lunch for Presenters and Volunteers

8. SWCD Aid

- Standing State Statutory General Fund Appropriation
- Component of both House and Senate Omnibus Tax Bills

9. Winona County Support - Budget Request for Funds 2024

- \$144,200 - 2023 Request
- \$140,000 - 2023 Approved
- May 26 - Due
- June 9 - County Approval to Submit after SWCD Board Meeting June 8

10. Awareness of Events and Concerns

I. Reports

- 1. County**
- 2. NRCS**
- 3. Staff**
- 4. Supervisors**
 - **Whitewater Watershed JPB** - *Elsing*
 - **NRCS Local Work Group Meeting** - *Elsing, Rowekamp*

J. Committee / Appointment Meetings

- 1. 1W1P Root River Policy Committee** - *Scarponcini, Kronebusch (Alt)*
Monday, May 22 - 9:00 am - [Hokah Fire Hall](#), Site Visit to Crooked Creek Structure

K. Next Regular Monthly Board Meeting

- Thursday - June 8, 2023 - 9:00 am**
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L. Adjourn - *Board Action*