

TRAVERSE SWCD SEPTEMBER 2024
BOARD MEETING MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 a.m. on Thursday, September 12, 2024 by Chairperson Doug Frisch.

Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Roll Call

Supervisors present: Dennis Zimbrick, Greg Hoppe, Jeff Peterson, and Doug Frisch. Absent: Chester Raguse.
Staff and others present: Sara Gronfeld, Trudy Determan, Bruce Johnson, Jerod Lennox, Tate Serocki, and Devon Thompson, and County Commissioner Dwight Nelson.

Approve Agenda

A motion was made by Hoppe, second by Zimbrick to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Minutes of the August Meeting

A motion to accept the minutes was made by Hoppe with one correction, second by Peterson. Motion carried unanimously.

August Treasurer's Reports

A motion to approve the August treasurer's report was made by Hoppe, second by Peterson. Motion carried unanimously.

Correspondence

Gronfeld circulated the correspondence folder and mentioned the MCIT dividend and estimated contributions for MCIT insurance and worker's compensation for 2025.

District Technical Manager's Report

Johnson has been working primarily on soil health/nonstructural practice contract planning and technical assistance. He mentioned partnership for the delivery of an equipment field day in Steven County, in conjunction with Grant SWCD.

Buffer compliance is slowly moving forward. The parking lot chip sealing project is scheduled to be completed later in the day.

Motion for approval of a flat rate contract for non-structural practices was made by Hoppe, second by Zimbrick and approved unanimously.

Adam Lichtsinn	WBIF-23-01-1	\$3,648
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A motion for approval of a flat rate CRP incentive contract was made by Zimbrick, second by Peterson. Motion carried unanimously.

CRPI-24-02	Roy Hormann Trust	\$571
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A motion for approval of a flat rate CRP incentive contract was made by Hoppe, second by Peterson. Motion carried unanimously.

CRPI-24-03	Michel Bartell	\$261
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A motion for approval of a flat rate CRP incentive contract was made by Hoppe, second by Peterson. Motion carried unanimously.

CRPI-24-04 Robbie Schmidt \$2,334

A motion for approval of a flat rate CRP incentive contract was made by Zimbrick, second by Peterson. Motion carried unanimously.

CRPI-24-05 Ben Anderson \$341

A motion for approval of a flat rate CRP incentive contract was made by Hoppe, second by Peterson. Motion carried unanimously.

CRPI-24-06 Tom Tritz \$7,685

A motion for approval of a flat rate CRP incentive contract was made by Peterson, second by Hoppe. Motion carried unanimously,

CRPI-24-07 Traverse Co Sportsman's Club \$8,101

A motion for approval of a flat rate CRP incentive contract was made by Peterson, second by Hoppe. Motion carried unanimously.

CRPI-24-08 Oscar Lupkes Irrv. Trust \$979

A motion for approval of a flat rate CRP incentive contract was made by Peterson, second by Hoppe. Motion carried unanimously.

CRPI-24-09 Roy Hormann Trust \$294

A motion for approval of a flat rate CRP incentive contract was made by Zimbrick, second by Hoppe. Motion carried unanimously.

CRPI-24-10 Delane Anderson \$970

A motion for approval of a flat rate CRP incentive contract was made by Zimbrick, second by Peterson. Motion carried unanimously.

CRPI-24-11 Paul Hamann \$1,284

A motion for approval of a flat rate CRP incentive contract was made by Zimbrick, second by Peterson. Motion carried unanimously.

CRPI-24-12 GSD Farms \$534

A motion for approval of a flat rate CRP incentive contract was made by Peterson, second by Hoppe. Motion carried unanimously.

CRPI-24-13 Carol Johnson \$311

A motion for approval of a flat rate CRP incentive contract was made by Hoppe, second by Zimbrick. Motion carried unanimously.

CRPI-24-14 Ron Zibell \$846

A motion for approval of a flat rate CRP incentive contract was made by Hoppe, second by Peterson. Motion carried unanimously.

CRPI-24-15 Janice Young \$2,365

A motion for approval of a flat rate CRP incentive contract was made by Zimbrick, second by Hoppe. Motion carried unanimously.

CRPI-24-16 Hasbargen Land & Cattle Inc. \$221

A motion for approval of a flat rate CRP incentive contract was made by Zimbrick, second by Peterson. Motion carried unanimously.

CRPI-24-17 Dustin Peyton \$390

A motion for approval of a flat rate CRP incentive contract was made by Hoppe, second by Peterson. Motion carried unanimously.

CRPI-24-18 Linda Ehlers \$628

A motion for approval of a flat rate CRP incentive contract was made by Zimbrick, second by Peterson. Motion carried unanimously.

CRPI-24-19 Berneking Family Irrv. Trust \$658

A motion for approval of a flat rate CRP incentive contract was made by Zimbrick, second by Hoppe. Motion carried unanimously.

CRPI-24-20 Pat Peyton \$845

A motion for approval of a flat rate CRP incentive contract was made by Hoppe, second by Peterson. Motion carried unanimously.

CRPI-24-21 Bruce Strader \$863

A motion for approval of a flat rate CRP incentive contract was made by Peterson, second by Zimbrick. Motion carried unanimously.

CRPI-24-22 Chrstine Morgan \$3,956

A motion for approval of a flat rate CRP incentive contract was made by Hoppe, second by Peterson. Motion carried unanimously.

CRPI-24-23 Darin Anderson \$427

A motion for approval of a flat rate CRP incentive contract was made by Peterson, second by Zimbrick. Motion carried unanimously.

CRPI-24-24 Mark Stueve \$3,032

A motion for approval of a flat rate CRP incentive contract was made by Hoppe, second by Peterson. Motion carried unanimously.

CRPI-24-25 Sharon Rittenour \$1,346

District Conservation Technician

Lennox provided an update on his activities. He has been assisting with some mowing and tree removal activities.

District Engineering Technician

Serocki delivered an update on his activities. He has been preparing for construction of Lined Waterway Outlets and mowing.

District Conservation Technician

Thompson reported his activities. He has been assisting staff with all projects as described.

NRCS Field Office Report

Blake Bartz is out of the office for a 2-week vacation. A technician from another local office will be present to take care of priority tasks a few days each week during Bartz's absence.

Office Report

Gronfeld provided an update about recent activity. She presented the report that was delivered to the County Board on September 3. The county fair went well, over 200 entries were received in the drawing for the rain barrel; Casandra Mahoney was drawn as the winner. A post was published on social media and sent to local newspapers. The conservation partner article was completed and published in local newspapers.

CREP/RIM Update

Troy Friden signed a RIM easement application, and the packet will be delivered to the state office. Construction of the wetland restoration project for Swedlund/Barina is pending approval of permitting. The contract has been selected.

CRP Incentive Grant Contract

A motion was made to approve grant contract for services with Ottertail County by Peterson, second by Zimbrick. Motion carried unanimously. This is the second phase of the incentive grant.

2025 BWSR Soil Health Delivery Grant

A motion was made by Peterson to approve the grant agreement, second by Hoppe. Motion carried unanimously.

Upper MN River Watershed Plan Contract for Services

A motion was made by Zimbrick to approve Contract for Services with the Upper Minnesota River Watershed District, second by Hoppe. Motion carried unanimously. The contract is for the implementation of the new Comprehensive Watershed Management Plan, Watershed Based Implementation Funding grant.

BWSR Academy Registration

Gronfeld mentioned registration for the statewide training will be open soon and staff are encouraged to attend the state-wide training event near Brainerd. The annual training event has been developed to suit SWCD employees of all skill levels and covers many aspects of SWCD delivery.

October Meeting Date

The October meeting will be held on Thursday, October 10, at 7:00 a.m.

Other Business

None.

Adjourn

A motion was made by Peterson second by Hoppe to adjourn the meeting at 8:08 a.m. Motion carried.

DISTRICT SECRETARY

DATE