



**Board of Supervisors Meeting**  
Holiday Inn  
1155 US-10  
**Tuesday, February 18, 2026**  
**Meeting Minutes**

**Supervisor's Present**

- Michelle Andresen, Chair
- Tony Beck, Treasurer
- Gene Pavelko, Public Relations
- Travis Schauer, Secretary

**Staff Present**

- Bryan Malone, District Administrator
- Jamie Bischoff, Office Manager
- Kody Crabtree, Outreach Coordinator
- Ed Musielewicz, NRCS District Conservationist
- Lawrence Mettler, NRCS Rangeland Management Specialist
- Brandon Dahring, Implementation Specialist

**Guest Present**

- Barry Nelson, County Commissioner

**Absent**

- Curt Ballard, Vice Chair

**Call to Order**

Chair Andresen called the meeting to order at 8:32 a.m.

**Agenda**

Andresen called for approval of the agenda.

**Motion (Beck/Pavelko) to approve the February 18, 2026 agenda. All in favor, motion carried.**

**Minutes**

January 20, 2026 meeting minutes were reviewed.

**Motion (Beck/Pavelko) to approve the January 20, 2026 meeting minutes. All in favor, motion carried.**

**Financial**

**2026 Treasurers Report and February Bills**

Malone explained the Balance report and Profit and Loss report for end of 2025. He also explained the year end dashboard charts. We have 6.6 months of operations in the fund balance account. Bischoff presented the January 2026 Treasurers Report and February bills.

**Motion (Schauer/Pavelko) to approve the January 2026 Treasurer's Report and to pay February 2026 bills. All in favor, motion carried.**

### 2026 Revised Budget

Malone explained the revised budget to the board. He highlighted some of the changes and answered any questions that arise.

**Motion (Pavelko/Schauer) to approve the revised 2026 budget. All in favor, motion carried.**

### Tractor Services Report

Dahring presented a handout to the board detailing the cost per acre of the services provided utilizing the tractor leased from Adkins Equipment. This format can be used in the future to determine our costs to implement services for the District.

### 2026 Fee Schedule

After the Tractor Services presentation, there was discussion on the rate for seeding with the no-till drill.

**Motion (Pavelko/Schauer) to increase no-till drill rate from \$30 to \$35 per acre for 2026. All in favor, motion carried.**

### 2026 Sale Items

There was a short discussion on the 2025 rates and increases for 2026.

**Motion (Schauer/Beck) to not change the sale item prices for 2026. All in favor, motion carried.**

### Website

Crabtree brought an idea to the board of a new website. He explained how and why this would be beneficial. The board agreed to move forward advising Crabtree to get a quote and return with a report to the board about looks and function.

### **Cost Share**

#### Clean Water Fund Applications

CWF-13-FFBCII AdSp, No-Till/Cover Crop – 110 acres – \$24,928.20

**Motion (Schauer/Pavelko) to approve the Clean Water Fund application. All in Favor, motion carried.**

#### State Cost-Share Applications

SCS-26-02 LLRa, Windbreak; project cost \$9,420.00 – 75% Cost-Share – \$7,065.00

SCS-26-03 TrSc, Windbreak; project cost \$3,365.00 – 75% Cost-Share – \$2,524.00

**Motion (Pavelko/Beck) to approve the State Cost-Share applications. All in Favor, motion carried with Schauer abstained from the vote.**

#### Soil Health Delivery Applications

SHD-25-03 FCDC, Windbreak; project cost \$9,000.00 – 75% Cost-Share – \$6,750.00

**Motion (Beck/Schauer) to approve the Soil Health Delivery application. All in Favor, motion carried.**

#### Soil Health Practices Applications

SHP-26-10 AdSp, No-Till/Cover Crop; 110 acres – \$8,800.00

SHP-26-11 BrDa, No-Till/Cover Crop; 67.58 acres – \$5,406.40

SHP-26-12 MiWi, No-Till; 198.62 acres – \$7,944.80

SHP-26-13 MiWi, No-Till/Cover Crop; 198.62 acres – \$15,889.60

SHP-26-14 AaBo, No-Till/Cover Crop; 76 acres – \$6,080.00

SHP-26-15 WaWi, No-Till/Cover Crop; 610.25 acres no-till; 635.45 cover crops; \$49,828.00

**Motion (Beck/Pavelko) to approve the Soil Health Practices application. All in Favor, motion carried.**

**Policy & Personnel**

**Resource Tech position**

Bryan informed the Board that Hailey Olson was hired as the new Resource Technician. She was a MCC intern in 2021. Her start date will be sometime in March depending on housing.

**Soil Health Practices Cost-Share**

It was determined that since funds are competitive throughout the state, limiting our producers with a contract cap limits the amounts of funds to potentially reach Becker SWCD. NRCS also provided updates to payment rates for practices 342, 386 and 393. Those practices were added to our policy last fall but were waiting for those rate updates.

**Motion (Beck/Pavelko) to remove the payment cap from the policy and to approve the payment rates updated from NRCS. All in Favor, motion carried.**

**Agreements**

**Plat Books**

The district has the option with its last agreement with Mapping Solutions to print an updated version of the plat book and order 100 books for the same price as 2022. If we move forward, they will be printed in late September.

**Motion (Beck/Pavelko) to update the plat book and order another 100 books. All in Favor, motion carried.**

**MASWCD Legislative Agenda**

Legislative Priorities Webinar – February 17

Legislative Briefing March 17-18 in St. Paul

The Board was informed of these opportunities and to coordinate with the office staff to attend.

**Open Forum**

Barry mentioned that Mary Hendrickson, Becker County Auditor, is not seeking reelection.

**Staff Reports**


Bryan Malone, Administrator, presented his monthly report

**Next Board Meeting Date**

Wednesday, March 18, 2026

**Adjourn**

Hearing no further business, Chair Andresen adjourned the meeting at 10:42 a.m.



Board Secretary



District Administrator

15 Apr 2026

Date

4/15/2026

Date

