

Marshall County SWCD Board Meeting Minutes

April 17th, 2025 @ 8am SWCD Conference Room

Marshall County SWCD Board Members Present

Randy Larson, Chairman

Joey Peterson, Vice Chairman

Brent Miller, Secretary

Barry Walton, Treasurer

Dale Price, Public Relations

Other Marshall County SWCD Members Present

Darren Carlson, District Manager

Jill Larson, Administrative Assistant

Others Present

Jillian Fejszes, Soil Conservationist, NRCS

Meeting called to order by Chairman Randy Larson

Review Meeting Agenda and March minutes

- Brent motioned to approve March minutes, Joey 2nd
 - Motion approved

Introduce Jill Fejszes with NRCS. She will be taking over for Matt Waterworth in the Marshall County office while he covers a Team Lead Position for NRCS in their Polk County Minnesota (Crookston) office.

NRCS Report

- 2 CSP, 6 EQIP, contracts approved.
- Possible CRP signups coming but no details yet.

Tree Program

- Trees will start coming in the first week of May from three different nurseries. Friday and Saturday, May 9 & 10 will be primary dates for customer pick up. Will try to get people who ordered potted trees out first for better chance of survival.
- 15,000 trees ordered, 103 customers currently, still some trees available from nursery but not much variety.
- Start plantings week after (May 12) possibly sooner

Grass Plantings can start May 15th and go until July 1st. This is the recommended time frame.

Cost Share Contracts

- Spring Cover Crop, Well-Sealing contracts, State Aide Cost Share Contracts (attached)
- Motion to approve contract 23-MSTR-ENG-07 by Barry, Joey 2nd. Motion approved.
 - Need to amend contract to 90% approved. Motion of approval to change writing to reflect by Joey, Brent 2nd. Motion carried.
- Areas not eligible for Cost Share on well sealings can use 2025 State Aid Funds for 90% cost share. 75% for areas that are ½ acre or greater. Will be able to use State Aid funds for tree plantings.

M/S/T 1W1P

- Funding will be spent by the end of this year
- County Ditch 45 Project Development
 - The county would like a letter of approval/support by Monday April 21st
 - Dale made a motion to approve writing a letter of support for CD 45 Project. Brent 2nd. Motion carried

- Swift Coulee Project/RIM
 - Funds breakdown

TR1W1P

Last round of reconciliation period. Must show BWSR funds were used correctly.

MN CREP (Minnesota Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program)

- Available all through the county but cannot do anything now as there is currently no CRP.

Soil Health Delivery

- Funds are currently frozen and still waiting for authorization from USDA to proceed.

Other Topics Discussed

The Dodge pick-up needs new tires. Michael Carlson (District Technician) got a quote from local shop for \$2400. Upon further review it was noticed that this amount may have been an error. This topic of discussion was tabled until May's Board Meeting. Different quotes will possibly be explored.

Marshall SWCD may need a new truck soon. The Chevy would be sold and would use the Dodge as a work truck.

New District Technician

Set up an interview with Brady Madsen. Will hire seasonal until he can start full time. Barry made motion of approval, Dale 2nd. Motion carried.

Meeting Adjourned at 11am. Next Meeting May 18, 2025 @ 8am in the Marshall SWCD Conference room.

Signature:

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Date:

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