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**June 2025 Marshall SWCD Board Meeting
June 20, 2025 @ 8 A.M. at the Marshall SWCD Conference Room**

- Any Changes to Agenda
- March & April 2025 Marshall SWCD Board Meeting Minutes-Enclosed
- Treasurer Report
- NRCS Report
- Pheasants Forever Report
- Matt Fischer/BWSR Report
- Don Bajumpaa/Organization Assessment Report
- Marshall SWCD Tree, Drill/Seed Program
- Active Cost Share Contracts Ongoing:
 - Enclosed Attachments
- Middle/Snake/Tamarac 1W1P Meeting
 - Breakdown of Current Funds
 - Swift Coulee Project/RIM/CREP Applications
 - Change in CCRP Incentives Program
- Thief River 1W1P Meeting
 - Breakdown of Current Funds
- Marshall SWCD/Regional Conservation Partnership Program Docket
- SWCD Governance 101
- Area I Meeting/Well Water Testing
- Misc.
- July Marshall SWCD Board Meeting Date
- Adjourn

Marshall County SWCD Board Meeting Minutes

June 20, 2025 @ 8am in SWCD Conference Room

Board Members Present

Chairman, Randy Larson

Secretary, Brent Miller

Public Relations, Dale Price

Board Members Absent

Vice Chairman, Joey Peterson

Treasurer, Barry Walton

SWCD Members Present

District Manager, Darren Carlson

Administrative Assistant, Jill Pyle Larson

Others Present

Jillian Fejszes, NRCS Soil Conservationist

Taylor Leback, Pheasants Forever

Matt Fischer, BWSR

Don Bajumpaa, BWSR Performance Review Assessment Coordinator

Meeting called to order at 8am

Motion to accept April/May minutes by Randy, seconded by Dale. Motion carried.

Updates

2025 Conservation Delivery Funds need to be spent by the end of this year.

Conservation Contracts for tree plantings also need to be spent by end of this year.

Soil Health Delivery, \$15,000 towards projects, and \$135, 000 towards Technical Assistance is still left to spend.

NRCS Updates

CCRP (Continuous Conservation Reserve Program) sign up is still open. Those who apply for CCRP will know if approved likely by end of June.

People are signing up for CSP (1 in Marshall County)

Possibly more money for EQIP but not likely.

Pheasants Forever - Taylor Leback

Working on soon to be expired CRP contracts to see if they are eligible for renewal.

Train the Trainer Program teaching landowners-controlled burning

BWSR – Matt Fischer

Soil Health RCPP go ahead won't be sent new agreement until after the fiscal year. \$180,000 up front, as soon as 80% of that is encumbered can request more funds.

Another \$9.5 million out of Clean Water Fund will go out to SWCDs. Unsure currently the amount able to use for staff and outreach time. There were no cuts to funding, and everyone was able to stay where they are at.

SWCD State Aid decreased to \$12million. The amount for Aid to go down this coming year Conservation Delivery/Contracts had no change.

Secretary Miller made Motion of approval to have District Manager Carlson sign grants as they come in so they can be utilized right away. Public Relations Price seconded. Motion carried. None opposed.

Tree/Drill & Seed Program

District Manager Carlson gave breakdown of projects coming through the office (trees, plantings, seedings)

Tree sales are done, other than the few we have left for giveaway at Marshall County Fair. Usually are done selling trees by Memorial Day with a goal of shutting off the cooler every year by June 1st.

Review of active SWCD Cost Share Projects.

MST 1W1P Meeting

Funds will be spent by the end of the year for 2023 funds. Currently working on well sealings.

Swift Coulee Earthen Berm Project on HWY 75 should be done by September.

\$53,000 CCRP, \$135,000 to incentive CCRP not to exceed \$5000 per land. The landowner will seed then turn in the bill, SWCD then pays the incentive.

Chairman Larson made Motion of Approval to change wording for M/S/T 1W1P to change wording to mention that landowner must have documents approved at FSA then SWCD will make payment. Seconded by Secretary Miller. Motion carried.

BWSR Performance Review by Performance Review Assessment Coordinator, Don Bajumpaa

Every 10 years BWSR conducts a performance review of SWCD.

Action Items & Things to Implement

- Marshall SWCD was commended for existing involvement in 5 different Watershed plans. Participation develops stronger relationships with customers.
- Mid-Point review of TR 1W1P plan.
 - Marshall SWCD in compliance with 15 of 19 basic performance standards. 3 of 4 applicable high-performance standards.
- Required Action Items (required in 18mos unless noted)
 - Review/update policies
 - Delegate WCA decision making to staff

RCPP (Regional Conservation Partnership Program) discussion. No approved docket yet had to change some of years to meet NRCS codes. Review/edit docket and go over again at July SWCD Board Meeting.

SWCD Governance 101 Meeting in St. Cloud. Some staff to attend.

Area 1 Meeting

- Well water testing in Grygla/West Polk next Wednesday if anyone wants well water tested.

Other Discussion Items

- Calendars/Pens for 2026 will cost \$600. Motion of approval by Secretary Miller, seconded by Public Relations Price.

Next meeting on July 31st at 8am in SWCD Conference Room.

Meeting adjourned at 10:15am.

Signature:  Date: July 31st, 2025