



WHERE THE FOREST MEETS THE PRAIRIE

Todd County

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SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

215 1st Avenue South, Suite 104

Long Prairie, MN 56347

Phone: 320-732-2644 Fax: 320-732-4803

Todd County Soil and Water Conservation District Board of Supervisors Agenda

The Todd SWCD Board of Supervisors will be holding a meeting of SWCD Board of Supervisors on Thursday, July 9, 2026, beginning at 8:30 am in person at the Historic Courthouse, Commissioners Board Room located at 215 1st Ave S, Long Prairie, MN 56347.

Agenda Item

Presenter

1. Routine Business

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| 1.1. Call to Order | Chairperson |
| 1.2. Pledge of Allegiance | Chairperson |
| 1.3. Call for Introductions | Chairperson |
| 1.4. Act on Approving the Agenda | Chairperson |
| 1.5. Act on Approving Minutes -June 11, 2026 | Secretary |
| 1.6. Act on Approving Program Summary Report—June 2026 | Treasurer |
| 1.7. Call for Conflict of Interest | Chairperson |
| 1.8. Celebrations – Darlene Drayna Retired from NRCS – Last Day June 30, 2026 | |
| Very well received Local Work Group Tour -Thank you to Barb, Larry, Tom, and Dale for hosting! | |
| Total of 45 people participating! | |

2. Reports

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| 2.1. Commissioners' Report | Byers and Denny | 5 min |
| 2.2. Director Report | Ossefoort | 2 min |
| 2.3. SWCD Manager Report | Anton | 5 min |
| 2.4. Staff Update & Visual Report | Scheve | 5 min |
| 2.5. Oral Report on Staff Accomplishments | Anton | 2 min |
| 2.6. NRCS Report | Thoma | 5 min |
| 2.7. FSA Report | Fellbaum | 5 min |
| 2.8. 1W1P – Sauk | Williamson | 2 min |
| 2.9. 1W1P – Red Eye | Wendel | 2 min |
| 2.10. 1W1P – Long Prairie - July 29, 2026, Pontoon Tour- Douglas SWCD | Katterhagen | 2 min |
| 2.11. 1W1P – Crow Wing | Wendel | 2 min |
| 2.12. 1W1P – Mississippi-Brainerd | Bebus | 2 min |
| 2.13. BWSR Report | Arne | 5 min |

3. Decisions needed for encumbering cost-share funds

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|---|--------|-------|
| 3.1. Joan and Gary Roering- from M-B WBIF C24-0129, contract #20260709-3.1. in the amount of \$23,728.31 for addressing field erosion - WASCOBS | Anton | 3 min |
| 3.2. John Berscheit- from M-B Brainerd C24-0129, contract # 20260709-3.2 in the amount of \$83,572.50 to address unstable soils in shoreline and stream turbidity- livestock crossing and exclusion fence | Scheve | 3 min |
| 3.3 <i>Tentative:</i> JCP Farm – cover crop | Scheve | 3 min |
| 3.4 <i>Tentative:</i> Wettstein- cover crop | Scheve | 3 min |
| 3.5 <i>Tentative:</i> P26-0058 Soil Health Practice Payments – Total of 6 Payments - <i>confidential</i> | Scheve | |

4. Decisions needed for cost-share contract amendments

- 4.1. Estrada request for amendment to contract # 20262514-3.7 for an increase of \$1,738.50 in cost-share amount for the removal of extra solid material due to the unknown volume of the manure pit. Original closure design plan called for an 8-foot depth. The pit was 12 feet in depth in actual. Contractor notified Moore of the increase on June 12, 2026. The change will affect the full cost-share amount increasing it from \$26,048.25 to \$27,786.75. In reviewing the minutes and technical presentation, the Board did approve \$28,653.08 (to include contingency at encumber). However, the original contract was not modified to match approval amounts. Thus, this amendment requests to do so.

Moore 3 min

5. Decision needed for payment of cost-share funds

- 5.1. Estrada, #20262514-3.7 in the amount of \$27,786.75 from FY26 Conservation Contracts in the Long Prairie watershed for a pit closure.

Moore 2 min

- 5.2. Renneberg Hardwoods LLC, #2026.03.12-3.10 in the amount of \$525 from FY23 LCCMR for an FSP in the Long Prairie Watershed on 40 acres. Total Cost= \$700.

Anton 1 min

- 5.3. Optional: Nominees for other awards in conservation MASWCD Awards:

- MASWCD/MPCA Community Conservationist Award
- MASWCD/Pheasants Forever Wildlife Habitat Steward Award
- MASWCD/DNR Forest Steward Award
- MASWCD Teacher of the Year Award

Technicians may be excused.

6. Discussion items

- 6.1. Discussion of non-contiguous FSP parcels and current FSP Policy of max of \$1,200
6.2. Discussion on project amendments (such as increase in fuel price)
6.3. Discussion on rock size and type of rock for shoreline projects
6.4. 2026 Plan of Action accomplishments to date

Anton

7. Informational

- 7.1. 2nd Friday of the month –Radio Show
7.2. Groundwater (DNR OB) Agreement was signed on 6/16/2026 by Deja Anton in the amount of \$6960.
From Felicia Barnes: Funds are available but FY27 budgets are not loaded. Per the Admin Policy 21-01 exception, funds will be encumbered as soon as possible but no later than 7/31/2026. Because of this the OSP has not signed the agreement. Slight hold up in the system.
7.3 Save the Date December 1 & 2, 2026 Annual MASWCD Convention
7.4 Deja and Sarah out for August Meeting
7.5 Project Status Report (in folders)

The next regularly scheduled meeting for the Todd SWCD Board of Supervisors will be Thursday, August 13, 2026, at 8:30 a.m. at the Historic Courthouse in the Commissioner's Board Room located at 215 1st Avenue South, Long Prairie, MN 56347.



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Minutes from June 11, 2026 Regular Board Meeting

The meeting was held in person at Todd County Historic Courthouse, Commissioner's Board Room, located at 215 1st Ave S, Long Prairie, MN 56347.

Chairperson Katterhagen called the Thursday, June 11, 2026 meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Call for Introductions.

Board members present were: Dale Katterhagen, Barb James, Tom Williamson, Larry Bebus and Wayne Wendel.

Others present were: Adam Ossefoort (Division Director), Sarah Katterhagen (Program Coordinator), Josh Votruba (Conservation Technician), Kasen Christiansen (Conservation Technician), Luke Thoma (NRCS), Alex Fellbaum (FSA), Tim Denny (Todd County Commissioner), and Brett Arne (BWSR).

Approval of Agenda: Katterhagen asked if there were any additions or corrections to the agenda. Wendel made a motion, seconded by James, to accept the revised agenda with the following items removed:

- 4.1 Goodwin amendment request
- 5.1 Renneberg Hardwoods LLC payment request
- 5.3 Goodwin payment request
- 5.11 Soil Health Payment requests

Affirmative: Katterhagen, James, Williamson, Bebus and Wendel. Motion Carried.

Approval of Minutes: Bebus made a motion, seconded by Wendel to approve the May 14, 2026 regular board meeting minutes as distributed. Affirmative: Katterhagen, James, Williamson, Bebus and Wendel. Motion Carried.

Financial Report: James made a motion, seconded by Williamson, to accept May 2026 Treasurer's Report with receipts totaling \$11,642.78 and disbursements totaling \$96,650.27.

Discussion: S. Katterhagen reviewed the revenues and disbursements.

Affirmative: Katterhagen, James, Williamson, Bebus and Wendel. Motion Carried.

Call for Conflict of Interest: Katterhagen declared conflict of interest on item 5.2 – Katterhagen request for cost share payment for tree establishment.

Celebration:



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Katterhagen, James and Jason Kreemer have filed for elections for SWCD Supervisor positions.

Commissioner's Report: Commissioner Denny reported the County is getting a jump start on the 2027 Budgets. He noted controversy on the Solar panel request and the County is looking at opening up the Solar ordinance for review. The County is making improvements to the Fairgrounds.

Director Report: Ossefoort reported the County Comprehensive plan update is completed. The cannabis ordinance has been updated, working on 2027 budgets and discussions about data centers and establishing a moratorium.

SWCD Manager Report: No report.

Staff Visual Report: Votruba presented his visual report. The report included photos of the current shoreline projects, project fixes and tree pick up.

Report on Staff Accomplishments:

Ossefoort reported:

- Scheve attended a youth education event at Battle Point Park and has shifted into the feedlot position.
- Christiansen has been working on notice of decisions and attended a youth educational event at Battle Point Park.
- S. Katterhagen worked on financials, received well sealing inquiries, assisted in grant reconciliation for MDA Drinking Water grant and has assisted in budgets for the County.
- No report for Moore.

NRCS Report: Thoma reported the NRCS office will be closed on June 19th and July 3rd. The office has been receiving calls about buckthorn control and parsnip; and staff is working on the open contracts.

FSA Report: Fellbaum provided an update from the FSA office.

- Todd County FSA is down one employee; staffing is 3 Program Analysts and the County Executive Director.
- The acreage reporting deadline is July 15. Due to staffing, FSA highly encourages appointments. Walk-in appointments are limited.
- This year's Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) enrollments include 29 Continuous CRP contracts; (which include 2 Farmable Wetlands Program (FWP) contracts and 6 State Acres for Wildlife Enhancement (SAFE) Initiative contracts) and 21 General CRP contracts. The Primary Nesting Season started on June 1 and goes through August 1, so any CRP participants that have concerns with noxious weeds, pests, etc. must inform FSA and request approval for spot mowing or spot spraying. FSA has also been working with Kasen on acreage with an easement and CRP contract.
- On July 4, 2025, the Working Families Tax Cuts Act, also known as the One Big Beautiful Bill Act, passed, providing landowners with the opportunity to increase base acres. The base acre update is in preparation for enrollment in the Agriculture Risk Coverage (ARC) and Price Loss Coverage (PLC) programs for 2026 and future years. The enrollment period will be announced at a later date.



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Landowner's Base Allocation Summary will be available on June 1, 2026, and can be accessed at fsa.usda.gov/arc-plc using a Login.gov account. If landowners do not have a Login.gov account, they can contact their local Farm Service Agency office to receive the summary.

- Todd County FSA will be seeking nominations for the County Committee (COC) Election starting June 15, 2026. Local Administrative Area (LAA) #1 will be up for election and includes the Todd County townships of Stowe Prairie, Bartlett, Staples, Villard, Bertha, Germania, Moran, Fawn Lake, Ward, and Turtle Creek.

1W1P Reports:

- **Sauk River Report:** At the May 21, 2026 meeting discussion of new fiscal agent agreement. Working on phase three for funding
- **Red Eye Report:** No meetings. Working on phase three for funding
- **Long Prairie Report:** No meetings. Working on phase three for funding.
- **Crow Wing Report:** No meetings. Realigning the budgets.
- **Mississippi Brainerd Report:** Bebus attended a meeting. Phase two of funding has been approved.

BWSR Report: Arne provided the Board a handout on 2026 Legislative updates. There will be changes for fraud control and updates to the RFP process which will align more with other state agencies. The Office of Grant Management (OGM) will post reviewed grants on their website.

Fellbaum and Thoma left the meeting at 9:00 a.m.

Decisions needed for encumbering cost share funds

Bebus made a motion, seconded by James to approve encumbering C24-0198 Mississippi Brainerd WBIF for Rieffer, #2026.06.11-3.1 in the amount of \$28,965.90 for livestock access control project. Affirmative: Katterhagen, James, Williamson, Bebus and Wendel. Motion Carried.

Williamson made a motion, seconded by Bebus to approve encumbering FY23 LCCMR funds for Beste, #2026.06.11-3.2 in the amount of \$1,200 for a forest stewardship plan. Affirmative: Katterhagen, James, Williamson, Bebus and Wendel. Motion Carried.

James made a motion, seconded by Williamson to approve encumbering FY23 LCCMR funds for Rice Lake Properties, 2026.06.11-3.3 in the amounts of \$1,200, \$353.25 and \$1,200, respectively for three large acreage non-contiguous acres for a contract total of \$2,753.25. Affirmative: Katterhagen, James, Williamson, Bebus and Wendel. Motion Carried.

Decisions needed for cost share contract amendments

Goodwin request for amendment was removed. Board discussion to bring discussion of amendments to the next board meeting.



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James made a motion, seconded by Bebus to approve amendment request of additional cost share funds from Muehlbauer, #2026.03.12-3.9 in the amount of \$750 for new cost share amount of \$12,195 to stabilize the base of road culvert into the channel per the recommendation of District Manager, Anton. Affirmative: Katterhagen, James, Williamson, Bebus and Wendel. Motion Carried.

Decision needed for payment of cost share funds

Renneberg request for payment was removed.

Bebus made a motion, seconded by Williamson to approve payment of P26-0856 Soil Health Delivery funds for Katterhagen, #2026.03.12-3.5 in the amount of \$905.78 for tree establishment. Affirmative: James, Williamson, Bebus and Wendel. Abstained: Katterhagen. Motion Carried.

Goodwin request for payment was removed from the agenda.

James made a motion, seconded by Wendel to approve payment of FY26 County Riparian funds to Muehlbauer, 2026.03.12-3.9 in the amount of \$12,195 for a waterway and diversion project pending to receiving recording document from the recorder's office.

Discussion: Bebus asked if projects should be using granite and Katterhagen questioned the size of rocks to be used. Board would like staff to follow up with engineers regarding type of rocks and size.

Affirmative: Katterhagen, James, Williamson, Bebus and Wendel. Motion Carried.

Wendel made a motion, seconded by Bebus to approve payment of FY26 County Riparian funds to Hanson, #2026.03.12-3.3 in the amount of \$716.90 for a stormwater control project. Affirmative: Katterhagen, James, Williamson, Bebus and Wendel. Motion Carried.

Wendel made a motion, seconded by James to approve payment of FY26 County Riparian funds to Alstead, #2026.03.12-3.2 in the amount of \$1,413.42 for tree establishment project. Affirmative: Katterhagen, James, Williamson, Bebus and Wendel. Motion Carried.

James made a motion, seconded by Bebus to approve payment C24-0198 Mississippi-Brainerd WBIF for Ager, #20260409-3.3 in the amount of \$1,132.50 for a forest stewardship plan. Affirmative: Katterhagen, James, Williamson, Bebus and Wendel. Motion Carried.

Bebus made a motion, seconded by Williamson to approve payment of C25-0310 Crow Wing WBIF for Pipek, #20260409-3.2 in the amount of \$1,050 for a forest stewardship plan. Affirmative: Katterhagen, James, Williamson, Bebus and Wendel. Motion Carried.

James made a motion, seconded by Williamson to approve payment of C24-0198 Mississippi River WBIF for John Hanowski/Bebejo Ranch, LLC, #20260514-3.5 in the amount of \$1,200 for a forest stewardship plan. Affirmative: Katterhagen, James, Williamson, Bebus and Wendel. Motion Carried.



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Wendel made a motion, seconded by Williamson to approve payment of C22-4860 Sauk River WBIF for Padua Prairie Partnership, #20260108-3.3 in the amount of \$103,860 for a grade stabilization project pending to receiving the recording document from the recorder's office. Affirmative: Katterhagen, James, Williamson, Bebus and Wendel. Motion Carried.

Request for P26-0058 Soil Health practice payments was removed from the agenda.

Christiansen, Votruba and Arne left the meeting at 9:30 a.m.

Decisions needed for operations

Wendel made a motion, seconded by James to approve Sauk River Watershed Collaborative Amendment to Fiscal Agreement of transition of Fiscal Agent from Stearn's County to Stearns Conservation District. Affirmative: Katterhagen, James, Williamson, Bebus and Wendel. Motion Carried.

Discussion items

2027 Financial Budget meeting date with Bebus and Wendel

Ossefoort notes Anton would like to meet in July. Wendel requested that Anton contact him with a date and time for the meeting.

Large Acreage Forest Stewardship Plans by contiguous acreage

Board discussed the current policy and discussed having a cap for contiguous acres. Bebus discussed splitting the parcels out and setting minimum acre amounts. Board consensus to continue to discussion and bring back to discussion in July.

Contracts and documents approved by the Chair

W. Sobiech request for payment of FY23 LCCMR funding, C#20260312-3.6 in the amount of \$1,125 was approve for a Forest Stewardship plan on May 14, 2026 by Katterhagen.

G. Sobiech request for payment of FY23 LCCMR funding, C#20260312-3.8 in the amount of \$525 was approved for a Forest Stewardship plan on May 14, 2026 by Katterhagen.

Informational

Radio Show: Broadcasts continue every second Friday of the month.

Area II Meeting: Scheduled for June 17, 2026. Anton, Votruba, Moore, Williamson and Bebus attending.

Local Work Group Meeting and Tour: Scheduled for June 18, 2026. Meeting location is Battle Point Park.



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Office Closure: The SWCD office will be closed on June 19, 2026.

Zimmer Update: Zimmer request for Long Prairie WBIF was approved at the June 5, 2026 Long Prairie Steering Committee meeting.

Host Update: Host request for Sauk River WBIF was approved by Sauk River Steering Committee on May 27, 2026.

Peters Update: Peter request for Sauk River WBIF was approved by Sauk River Steering Committee on May 27, 2026.

John Update: John request for Sauk River WBIF was approved by Sauk River Steering Committee on May 27, 2026.

Pheasants Forever Update: The Cooperative Agreement was approved on May 19, 2026 by Todd County Commissioners.

Feedlot Funding Update: The feedlot funds grant agreement that expired received grant amendment for extension. The balance will be used to compensate Todd County to purchase a new vehicle and staff wages.

AIS Inspection Services: Contract with Waterguards has been rescinded on June 3, 2026. More updates at July meeting as ongoing updates and changes.

Project State Update: No update was provided.

Manager Update: Manager Anton will not be at August's board meeting.

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Chairperson Katterhagen adjourned the meeting at 9:43 a.m.

Sarah Katterhagen, Minute Preparer

Date

Deja Anton, SWCD District Manager

Date

Tom Williamson, Secretary

Date

6/30/2026

June Program Summary
will be available at the
Board Meeting due
timing of Month end.



TODD COUNTY SOIL & WATER



VISUAL REPORT



2026 EDITION



PREPARED FOR: Todd County SWCD Board of Supervisors
Alyssa Scheve -Resource Technician-Farm/CFO



KEEP CALM & GO ON A PONTTOON RIDE

Join the Douglas SWCD on a pontoon tour of Lake Carlos! We will be talking about the Long Prairie River Watershed, shoreline maintenance, water quality and look at the head of the Long Prairie River. Lunch will be served as part of the tour.

When: July 29TH

Launch Time: 9:30 AM

Where: Rotary Beach

Space is limited so reservations are required!

danielle.anderson@mn.nacdnet.net

or

320-763-3191 x3

Roering WASCOPS

Location Information		Project Information	
Parcel Number	11-001700	Project Type	Choose an item.
Township Name	Grey Eagle	Practice Types	Enter name
TWP, Range, Section	127-32-9	Project Codes	Code
Major Watershed	Mississippi-Brainerd	Field Technicians	Enter name
Minor Watershed	10133 Big Swan Lake	Forester:	enter name
Project Coordinates:			
45.829804	-94.718856		

POA Targeted Initiative:

Water Quality, Safety & Protection

Resource Concern and Project Purpose Description

This is one of the erosion projects we had planned within the minor watershed of Big Swan Lake and an upland phosphorous reduction project aligned with the long-term goals of the Alum Treatment in Big Swan. This project lies in the feeder are of all the lakes that feed Big Swan through drainage and natural hydrology. The immediate waters of concern include Type 3 and seasonal wetlands along with Slough Lake (77000800). A series of three water and sediment control basins (WASCOBS) will be installed to reduce soil loss and nutrient loading via gully erosion on 34 acres and though a small feedlot area.

Alternative Conservation or Management Practice(s) Considered

Alternative solutions were weighed regarding cost analysis, practicality of install, material availability, longevity, maintenance requirements, and effective resolution of cause. Older landowner runs typical soybean- corn rotation on this field and does not have implements, desire, or knowledge at this time for alternative conservations covers. Also, field acreage is limited. After reviewing several options, WASCOBS rose to the top for the most efficient applicable practice that will actually be followed through on by the landowner concerning operation and maintenance. The other option as to do nothing and allow soil to continue to erode. Education will continue between the SCD and landowners.

Funding Information:

High Bid:	Low Bid:	% C/S	Encumber Amount
Dave Gerards Construction	Maciej Construction		
\$44,430.15	\$31,637.75		
	Enter L Bid.	75% of low bid	\$23,728.31
Final Invoice (s)	TBD	Cost Share Payment Amount	TBD

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Roerig WASCOBS Encumber Request submitted by Deja Anton for July 9, 2026

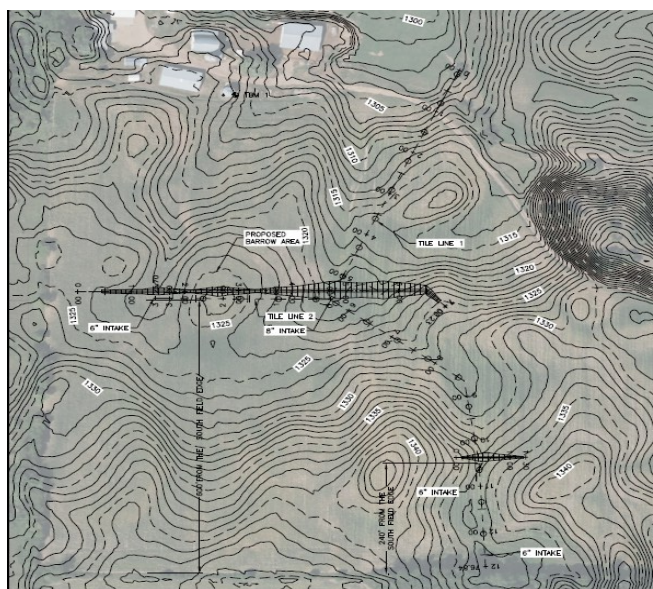
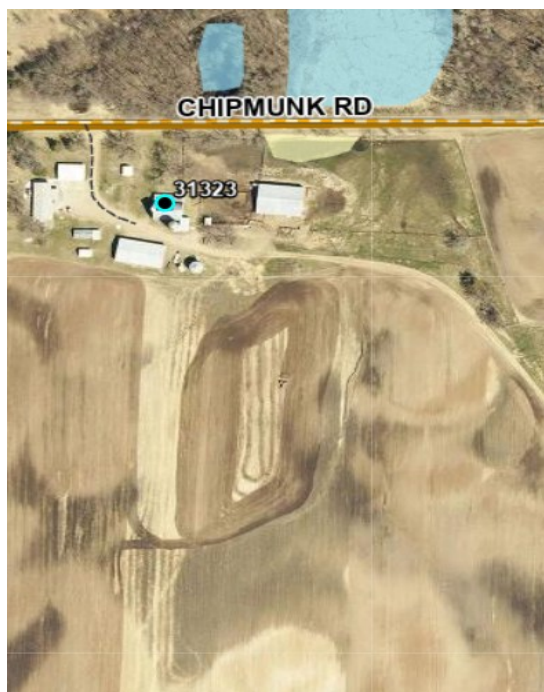
Funding Source	M-B WBIF C24-0129	TBD
	Landowner Amount	TBD

Add notes if needed.

	After	Reduction Notes
COD	NA	BWSR Gully Stabilization and BEET
Nitrogen	41.1 lbs./ yr.	for nitrogen values
Fecal Coliform	NA	
BOD	NA	
Sediment/TSS	25.2 Tons/yr	
Phosphorus	28.98 lbs./yr.	

GIS Aerial Image:

Engineer Design for WASCOBs:



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Roerig WASCOBS Encumber Request submitted by Deja Anton for July 9, 2026



Berscheit Cattle Crossing Encumbering

Location Information

Parcel Number 06-0028200
Township Name Burhamville

TWP, Range, Section 128/32/19
Major Watershed Mississippi-Brainerd
Minor Watershed 10133 – Big Swan

Project Coordinates:
45.883338, -94.764926

Project Information

Project Type Engineered
Practice Types Fence, Stream
Crossing, Heavy Use
Area Protection,
Livestock Pipeline,
Watering Facility
Project Codes 382, 578, 561, 516,
614
Field Technicians Scheve
Engineer: Ross Reiffenberger,
P.E., WCTSA

POA Targeted Initiative:**Water Quality, Safety & Protection****Resource Concern and Project Purpose Description**

Project to address unstable soils in shoreline and stream turbidity with livestock crossing and exclusion fencing in Burnhamville Township.

Alternative Conservation or Management Practice(s) Considered

Alternative solutions were weighed regarding cost analysis, practicality of install, material availability, longevity, maintenance requirements, and effective resolution of cause.

Funding Information:

Contractor	Low Estimate:	% C/S	Encumber Amount
Minnesota Pro Fence	\$10,770.00	75%	\$8,077.50
Geise Excavating, Inc			
\$90,530.00 75% C/S -			Total Encumber
\$67,897.50			Amount with 10%
High Estimate: Ilgen			contingency:
Excavating \$144,967.49			\$83, 572.00

Final Invoice (s)	TBD	Cost Share Payment Amount	TBD
Funding Source	M-B Brainerd C24-0129	TBD	
	Landowner Amount	TBD	

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Berscheit Cattle Crossing/Exclusion Fencing, Encumbering, Submitted on 7/2/2026

Add notes if needed.

	Before	After	Reduction Notes
COD	NA	NA	MPCA Watershed Pollutant Load
Nitrogen	.32	# or NA.	Reduction Calculator
Fecal Coliform	NA	# or NA.	
BOD	NA	# or NA	
Sediment/TSS	.003	#or NA	
Phosphorus	.33	# or NA.	



Estrada Earthen LMSA Closure - Payout

Location Information		Project Information	
Parcel Number	18-0031800	Project Type	Engineered
Township Name	Long Prairie	Practice Types	Waste Facility Closure
TWP, Range, Section	T129, R33, 27	Project Codes	360
Major Watershed	Long Prairie	Field Technicians	Moore/Anton
Minor Watershed	14056 – Turtle Creek	Engineering Assistance:	Anton
Project Coordinates:			
45.950697	-94.825175		

POA Targeted Initiative:

Water Quality, Safety & Protection

Resource Concern and Project Purpose Description

The property contains a rectangular earthen liquid manure storage area full of ag waste that is no longer in use and has not been in use for quite some time. This earthen LMSA is roughly 1,520 feet from Turtle Creek and this creek is part of the Long Prairie River Watershed. There is also a wetland area within roughly 850 feet from the earthen LMSA, which could be a potential conduit to Turtle Creek and the Long Prairie River Watershed. This LMSA is a concern for both ground and surface water quality, as well as being a safety hazard. There is no historical record of engineered design or specifications, therefore making it an unpermitted LMSA.

Due to the unknown depth and volume of the earthen LMSA, there was more material removed than originally built in the bid. An amendment is needed in the amount of cost share by \$1,738.50 for the removal of the additional material. This earthen LMSA was estimated at 1,000,000 gallons after excavation and very close to groundwater table with minimal clay lining.

Alternative Conservation or Management Practice(s) Considered

Alternative solutions were weighed regarding cost analysis, practicality of install, material availability, longevity, maintenance requirements, and effective resolution of cause.

Funding Information:

Contractor	Low Estimate:	% C/S	Encumber Amount
Statema Backhoe Service	\$34,731.00	75%	\$26,048.25
Final Invoice (s):	\$37,049.00	Cost Share Payment Amount	\$27,786.75
Landowner portion:	\$9,262.25		**Amended**

Funding Source: FY26 Conservation Contracts P26-0379

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Estrada Pit Closure Payout submitted by Deja Anton for technician Jessica Moore on July 9, 2026

Annual Reductions:

E. Coli and Nitrogen Reduction Calculator after Closing a Pit

Downgradient length	Distance from water*	Factor	Per Year	E. Coli Reductions in CFU	CFU = colony for
196	300	1.71E+08	365	3.67E+15	

Nitrogen	Distance from water
6 lbs./yr.	0-300 ft.
11 mg/L (negligible-report at zero)	300 ft or more

Pre-construction:



Mid-construction:



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Post-construction:



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Estrada Pit Closure Payout submitted by Deja Anton for technician Jessica Moore on July 9, 2026

Renneberg FSP

Location Information		Project Information	
Parcel Number	07-0027901	Project Type	Ecological
Township Name	Eagle Valley	Practice Types	FSP
TWP, Range, Section	131-34-24	Project Codes	106
Major Watershed	Long Prairie	Field Technicians	Anton
Minor Watershed	14047 Eagle Creek	Forester:	Erik Eggen
Project Coordinates:			
46.298117	-94.765962		

POA Targeted Initiative:

Water Quality, Safety & Protection

Resource Concern and Project Purpose Description

40 acre FSP bordering County Ditch 29, a tributary to Eagle Creek, an impaired creek. The forests on this 40 -ac parcel are critical for water storage and nutrient uptake and protection of ground and surface water. In the middle of this parcel is a wetland, the lowest spot in the area, receiving waters from hundreds of acres of conventionally tilled agricultural land. This hardwood forest is important in up taking nutrients, acts as a nutrient sponge for the watershed in that area. In an ideal world there would be this type of buffer along the entire ditch corridor.

Alternative Conservation or Management Practice(s) Considered

Alternative solutions were weighed regarding cost analysis, practicality of install, material availability, longevity, maintenance requirements, and effective resolution of cause.

Funding Information:

Contractor	Low Estimate:	% C/S	Encumber Amount
Timberlane Forestry	\$700	75%	\$525

Final Invoice (s)	700	Cost Share Payment Amount	525
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Funding Source	FY23 LCCMR- P23-2945	\$525
	Landowner Amount	\$175

Add notes if needed.

	After	Reduction Notes
Nitrogen	49.4 lbs	FERN
Sediment/TSS	.08 Tons	
Phosphorus	3.73 lbs	

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Renneberg Hardwoods, LLC pay-out request submitted by Deja Anton- June 11, 2026



Quote:

The negative side to clear cutting tree stands is the risk of “flooding out” the surrounding stands or acreage because the water table rises. Selectively harvesting the mature ash trees would prevent water table fluctuations.

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FOREST STEWARD AWARD

Sponsored by

*Minnesota Department of Natural Resources - Division of Forestry
& Minnesota Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts (MASWCD)*

DEADLINE: FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 4

Purpose:

- The Minnesota Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts (MASWCD) and the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) - Division of Forestry are cosponsoring the Minnesota Outstanding Forest Steward award to honor landowners who have implemented innovative forestry conservation activities, demonstrated leadership and achieved significant results in the protection of Minnesota's forestry resources.

Eligibility:

- All SWCDs that are members of MASWCD are eligible to participate.
- Entries must be typed and received via e-mail (sheila.vanney@maswcd.org) by the deadline.
- All materials should be 8½" x 11" in Microsoft Word or pdf format.
- Letters of recommendation (up to two) are accepted but not required.
- Recognition will be given for efforts undertaken at any time during **2025** or **2026**.
- Greater consideration will be given to applications which effectively highlight extensive cooperation between the nominee and the SWCD, and utilization of the SWCD services and programs by the nominee.

Deadline:

- Nominations and supporting material must be sent to MASWCD by: **September 4**.
- All nominations and supporting material should be submitted via e-mail to: sheila.vanney@maswcd.org.

Recognition:

- Applications will be judged by the MASWCD Awards Committee and DNR Forestry.
- The winner and nominating district will be notified in writing following the committee meeting.
- The winner will be recognized at the MASWCD Annual Convention in December. The nominating SWCD may be asked to designate one of their board members or staff to make the award presentation comments.



Minnesota Association of Soil & Water Conservation Districts

TEACHER OF THE YEAR AWARD

Application Information

Purpose

The Minnesota Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts (MASWCD) Teacher Award honors a K-12 educator/professional teacher who has created innovative conservation education activities for reaching students.

Eligibility

All teachers in public, parochial and private schools in Minnesota are eligible to be nominated. To be eligible for the contest:

- The Educator must be teaching full-time in the classroom and be personally responsible for developing a conservation education program.
- Teachers who are conservation district officials cannot compete.
- Team teachers are eligible, but awards will only be made to the designated leader.
- Entries that are submitted and do not win a state award may be resubmitted the following year.

Requirements

Any teacher who meets the eligibility requirements may be entered in the contest. Teachers cannot nominate themselves. Applications must be submitted by a Soil & Water Conservation District (SWCD). To enter the contest, the SWCD should:

- Fill out the entry form on the following page. (Optional: have it signed by the SWCD chairperson.)
- Submit a typewritten narrative which addresses the five items under "Content of Narrative."
- Attach supporting materials, including no more than two letters of recommendation (optional).
- **All materials need to be in 8½ x 11 format.**

Content of Narrative

Narratives must be typewritten on 8½" x 11" paper, and should address the following five items:

1. Teacher's program for involving students in the betterment of natural resources
2. Areas of study incorporated into the conservation education program, including involvement of the SWCD
3. Any assistance received from community organizations or resource specialists from local, state or federal agencies or organizations
4. Ways the program is being extended to other grades, other areas and to people in the community
5. Ways the students have applied their knowledge of natural resource conservation to individuals, groups, schools and community projects

Judging Criteria

Applications will be judged by the MASWCD Awards Committee. The committee's decisions are final. Judging is based on data provided in response to items under "Content of Narrative" and supporting materials. All materials should support the following question:

- How has the teacher shown concern and originality in incorporating the **SWCD** and natural resource conservation into his or her curricula?

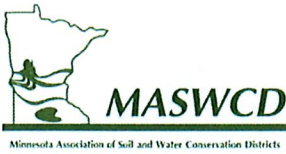
Applications that effectively highlight extensive cooperation between the nominee and the SWCD, and the utilization of SWCD services and programs by the nominee, will be given greater consideration.

Deadline – SEPTEMBER 4

Nominations must be received by **September 4** via email in Microsoft Word or pdf format to: sheila.vanney@maswcd.org.

Recognition

The winner and nominating district will be notified in writing following the MASWCD Awards Committee meeting. The winning teacher will be recognized at the MASWCD Annual Convention in December.



WILDLIFE HABITAT STEWARD AWARD

Sponsored by Pheasants Forever Inc (PF) and
the Minnesota Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts (MASWCD)

DEADLINE: FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 4

Purpose:

- The Minnesota Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts (MASWCD) and Pheasants Forever (PF) are cosponsoring the Minnesota Wildlife Habitat Steward award to honor landowners who have implemented extensive wildlife habitat management practices that result in the highest quality habitat and promote biodiversity. This award honors landowners that consistently go above and beyond to maximize wildlife habitat value on their land.

Eligibility:

- All SWCDs that are members of MASWCD are eligible to participate.
- Entries must be typed and received via email to: sheila.vanney@maswcd.org by the deadline.
- All materials should be in Microsoft Word or pdf format.
- Letters of recommendation (up to two) are accepted but not required.
- Recognition will be given for efforts showing dedication to long-term habitat quality and sustainability.
- Greater consideration will be given to applications that effectively highlight extensive cooperation between the nominee and the SWCD, and the utilization of SWCD services and programs by the nominee.

Deadline:

- Nominations and supporting material must be received no later than **September 4**.
- All nominations and supporting material must be emailed to: sheila.vanney@maswcd.org.

Recognition:

- Applications will be judged by the MASWCD Awards Committee and Pheasants Forever.
- The nominating district will be notified via email and the winner will be notified in writing following the committee meeting.
- The winner will be recognized at the MASWCD Annual Convention and at Pheasants Forever State Convention.



MINNESOTA'S COMMUNITY CONSERVATIONIST AWARD

*Sponsored by the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) and
the Minnesota Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts (MASWCD)*

DEADLINE – FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 4

PURPOSE: The purpose of this award is to provide SWCDs with the opportunity to nominate an individual, business, company, municipality, or organization for their concern, cooperation, and/or implementation of conservation practices in a community environment.

ELIGIBILITY: All SWCDs that are members of MASWCD are eligible to participate.

REQUIREMENTS: Entries must be typed. Supporting materials, news clippings or other information may accompany the nomination in Microsoft Word or pdf format and be printable on 8 ½ by 11" paper.

TO QUALIFY: The SWCD's nominee should exhibit superior performance in one or more of the following:

1. Erosion and sediment control during land use changes.
2. Stormwater management.
3. Land use conservation planning in a community environment.
4. Leadership and positive reputation relating to community conservation practices.
5. Climate change adaptation and resiliency.
6. Environmental justice efforts, to ensure disadvantaged communities are not disproportionately impacted by water quality problems, and receive equitable environmental benefits.
7. Improving impaired waters and/or protecting unimpaired waters.

Preference will be given to nominees with involvement in MPCA programs and services. Greater consideration will be given to applications that effectively highlight extensive cooperation between the nominee and the SWCD, and utilization of the SWCD services and programs by the nominee.

In addition, all entries submitted must meet the following criteria:

1. The conservation practice or program must be completed within the nominating SWCD.
2. The nominee must meet all relevant regulatory permits and obligations throughout the duration of the project.
3. Recognition will be given for efforts undertaken any time during 2025 or 2026.

RECOGNITION: Applications will be judged by the MASWCD Awards Committee and MPCA. The winner and nominating district will be notified in writing following the committee meeting. The winner will be recognized at the MASWCD Annual Convention in December.

DEADLINE: Nomination forms must be sent to MASWCD by **SEPT. 4** to: sheila.vanney@maswcd.org. Nominations received after that date will not be accepted. Please do not send nomination materials via postal mail.

SWCD: On the following page, please type-in detailed information about your nominee. Additional pages can be used as necessary.