



WHERE THE FOREST MEETS THE PRAIRIE

Todd County

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SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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Long Prairie, MN 56347

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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, October 8, 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	
1.1. Call to Order	Chairperson
1.2. Pledge of Allegiance	Chairperson
1.3. Call for Introductions	Chairperson
1.4. Act on Approving the Final Agenda	Chairperson
1.5. Act on Approving Minutes -September 10, 2026	Secretary
1.6. Act on Approving Program Summary Report—September 2026	Treasurer
1.7. Call for Conflict of Interest	Chairperson
1.8. Celebrations- Congratulations to everyone on another fun Envirofest!!! Happy Anniversary, Dale & Marie!	
2. Reports	
2.1. Commissioners' Report	Byers and Denny 5 min
2.2. Director Report	Ossefoort 2 min
2.3. SWCD Manager Report	Anton 1 min
2.4. Staff Update & Visual Report	Laura Kipf 5 min
2.5. Staff Accomplishment Report	Anton 2 min
2.6. NRCS Report	Thoma 10 min
2.7. FSA Report	Fellbaum 5 min
2.8. Watershed Updates/ Reminders: <i>October 28- 9:30-11:00am Crow Wing Policy Meeting 202 12th St NE Staples, MN</i>	All 5 min
2.9. BWSR Report	Arne 5 min
3. Decisions needed for encumbering cost-share funds	
3.1. HRZ LLC, #20261008-3.1 request for P23-2945 FY23 Long Prairie LCCMR in the amount of \$918 for forest stewardship plan	Scheve 1 min
3.2. Tentative: Goodwin, #202610.08-3.2 in the amount of \$23,586.75 from LP WBIF C23-3483, C25-0196, FY24- FY26 Riparian AID pending steering committee approval.	Anton 3 min
3.3 Tentative: Fletcher Streambank Restoration	
4. Decisions needed for cost-share contract amendments	
5. Decision needed for payment of cost-share funds	
5.1. Big Swan Lake Association request from C25-0169 Swan Phosphorus grant in the of \$6,885 (90%) for Alum Treatment	Anton 2 min
5.2. Tentative: Lenarz #2026.08.13-3.2 request from FY23 LCCMR in the amount of \$750 for a Woodland Stewardship Plan on 40 acres . Full cost = \$1000	Anton 1 min
5.3 Tentative: Kneisl Cover Crop	Scheve 1 min
5.4 Tentative: Baum Cover Crops	
5.5 Tentative: James Johnson Cover Crops	

5.6 Tentative: Wiese Cover Crop	Scheve 1 min
5.7 Tentative: Kohlhasse Cover Crops	Scheve 1 min
5.8 Tentative: Rach Cover Crops	Scheve 1 min
5.9 Tentative: Reiffer Exclusion Fencing	Moore 3 min
5.10 Tentative: Westerberg WASCOB Pay-out if producer gets invoices submitted on time	Anton 3 min

6. Decisions needed for operations

6.1. Approve newly acquired JAA for Staff

Technicians may be excused.

- 6.2.** Approve contract for services between Todd SWCD and Stearns SWCD for MAWQCP program. Effective January 1, 2026 -December 31, 2027. \$8,000 per year
- 6.3.** Request from Jacob May to terminate 2019 Forage and Biomass Planting and to determine cost-associated financial retribution/penalty.
- 6.4. November meeting:** Due to last minute project-button-up for WBIF grant closeouts, board may approve strictly an operational and budget meeting- no extras on agenda- with the potential to cancel if no urgent items come up. A Liaison Meeting with the Commissioner involving Wendel and Katterhagen will follow immediately.

7. Discussion items

- 7.1** 2026 MASWCD Resolution Review Summary – Resolutions mailed on 9/25/2026. Anton 10 min

8. Contracts and documents approved between meetings

- 8.1.** Kimber, C#20261008-3.2 request for C27-0107 Red Eye WBIF in the amount of \$745.50 for a cover crop project pending approval from Chairperson Katterhagen (09/30/2026)

9. Informational

- 9.1.** 2nd Friday of the month –Radio Show
- 9.2.** Awards Luncheon – October 8, 2026
- 9.3.** BWSR Academy for Staff (Anton- Day 1, Scheve, Christiansen) October 20-22, 2026, at Cragun's Conference center near Brainerd
- 9.4.** MASWCD Annual Convention November 30, 2026 – December 2, 2026 Please let Sarah know if you plan to attend.
- 9.5.** Berscheit cost share payment was for \$11,704.92, not \$13,745.79 – No amendment was received
- 9.6.** Todd SWCD asked fiscal agent of C24-0198 Mississippi Brainerd for extension until June 30, 2027 and this was approved by the Policy Committee on September 8, 2026
- 9.7.** P27-0539 2027 Buffer Allocation RFI submitted on 9/29/2026 in the amount of \$20,000
- 9.8.** P27-0327 2027 Soil Health Delivery RFI submitted on 9/29/2026 in the amount of \$40,000

Following the regular board meeting there will be an Awards Luncheon program held the Long Prairie Country Club located at 406 6th ST SE, Long Prairie, MN 56347. The awards luncheon program will be from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

The next regularly scheduled meeting for the Todd SWCD Board of Supervisors will be Thursday, December 10, 2026, at 8:30 a.m. at the Todd County Historic Courthouse, Commissioner's Board Room located at 215 1st Ave S, Long Prairie, MN 56347



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Minutes from September 10, 2026 Regular Board Meeting

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

Chairperson Katterhagen called the Thursday, September 10, 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), Deja Anton (District Manager), Sarah Katterhagen (Program Coordinator), Josh Votruba (Conservation Technician), Kasen Christiansen, (Conservation Technician), Jessica Moore (Conservation Technician), and Tim Denny (Todd County Commissioner).

Denny joined the meeting at 8:50 a.m.

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

- 3.1 Update funding sources for Becker's request
- 3.3 Update funding amount for Fairy Lake Lions' request
- 5.2 Update Zimmer total project costs and include pending filing of the affidavit of disclosure on deed and final engineer sign-off in the motion
- 7.3 Add discussion of change in formatting of the board packet

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

Approval of Minutes: James made a motion, seconded by Williamson, to approve the August 13, 2026 regular board meeting minutes as distributed.

Discussion: Wendel asked for confirmation that he abstained from approving the preliminary Todd SWCD 2027 financial budget. S. Katterhagen read the motion, votes, and reason for Wendel abstaining. Wendel confirmed the minutes were correct.

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

Financial Report: Wendel made a motion, seconded by Williamson, to accept the August 2026 Treasurer's Report with receipts totaling \$123,488 and disbursements totaling \$360,773.32.

Discussion: S. Katterhagen reviewed the revenues and disbursements.



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

Call for Conflict of Interest: No conflict of interest was reported.

Celebrations: Anton thanked Dale and Marie Katterhagen for hosting a non-Soil and Water event on their farm called the “Barnstorming Tour of America” concert for farmer mental health.

Director Report: Ossefoort reported he is working on three different ordinance updates, including shoreland cargo containers, the buffer law ordinance, and an ordinance on data centers. Ossefoort reported that soon there may be public meetings for educational purposes on data centers.

Anton asked what the buffer ordinance changes included. Ossefoort reported it will be adopting BWSR recommendations and formatting changes.

SWCD Manager Report: Anton presented her visual report and project report. The report highlights award submissions, summer outreach activities, projects and noted that following the meeting there will be a liaison meeting to discuss the future of Soil and Water. The report is available upon request.

Denny joined the meeting at 8:50 a.m.

Commissioner’s Report: Commissioner Denny reported that the County is reviewing the preliminary budget and that there is a hiring freeze on newly created positions. Denny also reported that the finance committee took a close look at mileage reimbursements, lodging, meals, and training budgets and requested departments to review staff training requests. Denny also reported that the liaison meeting that was scheduled for after the Soil and Water Board meeting will need to be rescheduled.

Staff Visual Report: Anton presented the Ducks Unlimited visual report for Petrehn, which included grazing projects and cover crop projects.

Report on Staff Accomplishments:

Anton reported:

- Scheve is at a manager training meeting. She has been working on the Goodwin project, did the onboarding training with the MPCA, is working on easements, project spots checks and completed the conservationist award article.
- Moore has lots of projects going on, has attended multiple training courses, and will be on the radio.
- Votruba attended the Lake Beauty meeting, completed Ob Well readings, and has complete project spot checks.
- Christiansen has completed the wetland delineation for the Hewitt Dam project.
- S. Katterhagen completed the 2nd quarter wage adjustment report, created a brief summer newsletter, is working on Enviro Fest, and has started sending out 2nd notice letters for feedlot registrations.

NRCS Report: No report.



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FSA Report: Fellbaum was unable to attend the meeting due to training out of town, but provided a written update from FSA. Anton read the update: “A brief FSA update includes that we’re working through the implementation of several program updates from the Working Families Tax Cut Act (also known as the One Big Beautiful Bill Act), along with now administering the Livestock Forage Program and CRP Emergency Grazing due to the drought conditions.”

1W1P Reports:

- **Sauk River Report:** Williamson reported that at the policy meeting they discussed budgets, funding, and projects.
- **Red Eye Report:** No update.
- **Long Prairie Report:** The FY27 work plan and agreement have been submitted and approved.
- **Crow Wing Report:** No update.
- **Mississippi Brainerd Report:** There was a policy meeting on September 8, 2026.

BWSR Report: Arne forwarded the BWSR Summer 2026 Updates for the report. The e-mail is available upon request.

Decisions needed for encumbering cost share funds

Wendel made a motion, seconded by Williamson, to approve encumbering P26-0856 Soil Health Delivery funds in the amount of \$771.27 and FY24 County Riparian Aid funds in the amount of \$1,990 for Becker, C#20260910-3.1, for a total of \$2,711.27 for a cover crop project. Affirmative: Katterhagen, James, Bebus, Williamson, and Wendel. Motion carried.

Wendel made a motion, seconded by James, to approve encumbering C25-0118 Red Eye WBIF funds for Schmidt, C#20260910-3.2 in the amount of \$16,979.27 for a diversion and roof water controls.

Discussion: The agenda and board presentation had different encumbering numbers. Moore reviewed the file and confirmed the board presentation wasn’t updated to reflect the new amount as listed on the agenda.

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

James made a motion, seconded by Bebus, to approve encumbering FY26 TNC 3951-001 funds for Fairy Lake Lions, C#20260910-3.3 in the amount of \$3,123.36 for a wetland restoration and invasive cattail control project. Affirmative: Katterhagen, James, Bebus, Williamson, and Wendel. Motion carried.

Bebus made a motion, seconded by Williamson, to approve encumbering FY26 TNC 3951-001 funds for Dockendorf, C#20260910-3.4 in the amount of \$8,711.25 for a wetland restoration project. Affirmative: Katterhagen, James, Bebus, Williamson, and Wendel. Motion carried.

Bebus made a motion, seconded by James, to approve encumbering Mississippi Brainerd River Phase 2 WBIF funds or FY26 Soil Health Delivery funds for Johnson, C#20260910-3.5 in the amount of \$1,437.21 for a cover crop project. Affirmative: Katterhagen, James, Bebus, Williamson, and Wendel. Motion carried.



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After the board meeting for tracking purposes Anton said to pull full cost share amount of \$1,437.21 from the Mississippi River Brainerd Phase 2 grant.

Decisions needed for cost share contract amendments

James made a motion, seconded by Williamson, to approve an amendment request for additional funding of FY26 TNC 3951-0001 in the amount of \$12,607.50 from Osakis Country Club, C#2024.07.11-3.2 for a new total cost share amount of \$18,607.50, which includes funding FY24 County Riparian Aid funds for a wetland project. Affirmative: Katterhagen, James, Bebus, Williamson, and Wendel. Motion carried.

Decision needed for payment of cost share funds

Wendel made a motion, seconded by Williamson, to approve payment of C25-0196 Long Prairie WBIF funds for Zimmer, C#06-122025-3.3X in the amount of \$4,875 for engineering fees. Affirmative: Katterhagen, James, Bebus, Williamson, and Wendel. Motion carried.

Wendel made a motion, seconded by James, to approve payment of C23-3483 Long Prairie WBIF funds in the amount of \$60,226.36, C25-0196 Long Prairie WBIF funds in the amount of \$101,082.08, FY24 County Riparian Aid funds in the amount of \$12,968.53, FY25 County Riparian Aid funds in the amount of \$8,082.08 and FY26-27 Conservation Contracts in the amount of \$8,752.03 for Zimmer, C#20260514-3.8 for a total of \$191,111.08 for a heavy use, stacking slab, and diversion livestock project pending the landowner affidavit of disclosure on the deed.

Discussion: The final engineering sign off was received.

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

Bebus made a motion, seconded by Williamson, to approve payment of C25-0169 Big Swan Alum funds for Big Swan Lake Improvement Association, C#08.14.2025-3.8 in the amount of \$1,215 for engineering assistance and contract oversight.

Discussion: Per policy for this grant, 90% cost share is allowed.

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

James made a motion, seconded by Bebus, to approve payment of P23-2945 Long Prairie LCCMR funds in the amount of \$600 and C25-0310 Crow Wing WBIF funds in the amount of \$600 for Swanson, C#2026.08.13-3.3 for a total \$1,200 for a forest stewardship plan. Affirmative: Katterhagen, James, Bebus, Williamson, and Wendel. Motion carried.

Bebus made a motion, seconded by James, to approve payment of C22-4860 Sauk River WBIF funds for John, C#2026.05.14-3.6 in the amount of \$22,102.50 for a shoreline project. Affirmative: Katterhagen, James, Bebus, Williamson, and Wendel. Motion carried.



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Bebus made a motion, seconded by James, to approve payment of C24-0198 Mississippi Brainerd WBIF funds for Zander, C#2025.07-10-3.2 in the amount of \$2,666 for the final payment for the shoreline project.

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

James made a motion, seconded by Bebus, to approve payment of C24-0088 Sauk River WBIF funds for Anderson, C#2025.08.14-3.7 in the amount of \$18,633.15 for a shoreline project pending landowner affidavit of disclosure on deed. Affirmative: Katterhagen, James, Bebus, Williamson, and Wendel. Motion carried.

Wendel made a motion, seconded by Williamson, to approve payment of FY24 County Riparian Aid funds for Rohde, C#77-1-5 in the amount of \$1,098 for a cover crop project that was completed in 2025. Affirmative: Katterhagen, James, Bebus, Williamson and Wendel. Motion carried.

Wendel made a motion, seconded by James, to approve payment of FY24 County Riparian Aid funds for Berscheit Farms, C#77-1-4 in the amount of \$13,745.79 for a cover crop project that was completed in 2025 pending final review by Anton, as the agenda and board presentation had different amounts.

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

After the board meeting, Anton reviewed the file and noted that the payment is only allowed at \$11,704.92 as there was no amendment for additional funding completed.

Katterhagen commented that staff should continue SWCD project signs are posted at projects.

Votruba, Christiansen, and Moore left the meeting at 9:53 a.m.

Chairperson Katterhagen called for a short recess at 9:53 a.m.

Chairperson Katterhagen reconvened the meeting at 9:57 a.m.

Decisions needed for operations

Wendel made a motion, seconded by Williamson, to approve the 2027 Tree price list which includes increasing bareroot tree costs from \$2.00 per tree to \$2.25 per tree. Affirmative: Katterhagen, James, Bebus, Williamson and Wendel. Motion carried.

Wendel made a motion, seconded by Bebus, to approve the C27-0107 Agreement for Services for Leaf Wing Redeye Watershed based implementation grant. Affirmative: Katterhagen, James, Bebus, Williamson and Wendel. Motion carried.

Bebus made a motion, seconded by James, to approve the draft Audit RFP. Affirmative: Katterhagen, James, Bebus, Williamson and Wendel. Motion carried.

Williamson made a motion, seconded by Bebus, to approve FY24 Sauk River WBIF grant period extension and grant agreement amendment.



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Discussion: The new deadline would be December 31 2027.

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

Discussion items

Awards Luncheon Location: Anton proposed Long Prairie Country Club and having a caterer. The Board recommended, if not available, to check out Charlotte's Tavern.

WCTSA Resolution: Discussed the WCTSA Resolution that may be at the MASWCD convention for future funding and current standing. Anton informed the board that WCTSA's financials are good for FY2027, but they need to find additional funding for FY2028. Anton will provide additional information when available.

Board Packet Formatting: Discussion was held on changing the formatting of board packets. The following motion was made.

Bebus made a motion, seconded by Wendel, to reduce packet size by only having the first page of the board presentation in the packet, but having the full presentation available at the meeting, and on the agenda group all the watershed updates into one line. Affirmative: Katterhagen, James, Bebus, Williamson, and Wendel. Motion carried.

Contracts and documents approved by the Chair

Wendel made a motion, seconded by Bebus, to acknowledge the following payments that were approved by Chairperson between board meetings:

- Rach, C#20260824-01 encumbering request P26-0856 Soil Health Delivery in the amount of \$702.23 for cover crop project. Approved by Katterhagen on 8/24/2026.
- Kneisl, C#20260824-02 encumbering request P26-0856 Soil Health Delivery in the amount of \$3,705 for cover crop project. Approved by Katterhagen on 8/24/2026.
- Goodwin, C#2025.11-13-3.2 payment request in the amount of \$94,272.12 for WASCOB project.
 - **Breakdown**
 - \$84,554.62 – C23-3483 Long Prairie WBIF
 - \$9,340.90 – FY24 County Riparian Aid
 - \$376.60 – Current County Riparian Aid
- Kyar, C#20260901-01 encumbering request P26-0856 Soil Health Delivery in the amount of \$2,465.63 for a cover crop project. Approved by Katterhagen on 9/1/2026.

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

Informational



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

Project Status Update: Report provided during Anton's staff report.

2026 Summer Update: The summer update was part of the board packet. Update was only distributed by e-mail.

Biochar Demo and Stormwater Management hosted by Great River Greening: Will be held on September 16, 2026.

AREA II Meeting: Will be held on September 17, 2026 in Paynesville. Williamson will be attending.

Enviro Fest: Will be held on September 17, 2026 at the Dale and Marie Katterhagen farm.

Awards Luncheon: The annual awards luncheon program will be held on October 8, 2026.

BWSR Academy: BWSR Academy for staff will be held October 20-22, 2026 at Cragun's Conference Center near Brainerd.

Annual work session: The annual work session will be held on November 12, 2026.

MASWCD Annual Convention: Will be held November 30, 2026 – December 2, 2026.

IRS Reporting System: Ossefoort will be entering the Todd SWCD 1099 reporting.

2026 MASWCD Award Nominations: The nominations for 2026 have been submitted.

Teacher Information for 2027 Nominations: A previous list will be available in the board folders as reminders.

C27-0133 Long Prairie WBIF Agreement: The grant agreement was executed on September 2, 2026.

The next regularly scheduled meeting for the Todd SWCD Board of Supervisors will be held on Thursday, October 8, 2026 at 8:30 a.m. The meeting location is to be determined.

Wendel made a motion, seconded by Bebus to adjourn the meeting at 10:28 a.m.

Sarah Katterhagen, Minute Preparer

Date

Deja Anton, SWCD District Manager

Date

Tom Williamson, Secretary

Date

10/1/2026

September's
Program Summary
will be available at
October 8, 2026
Board meeting

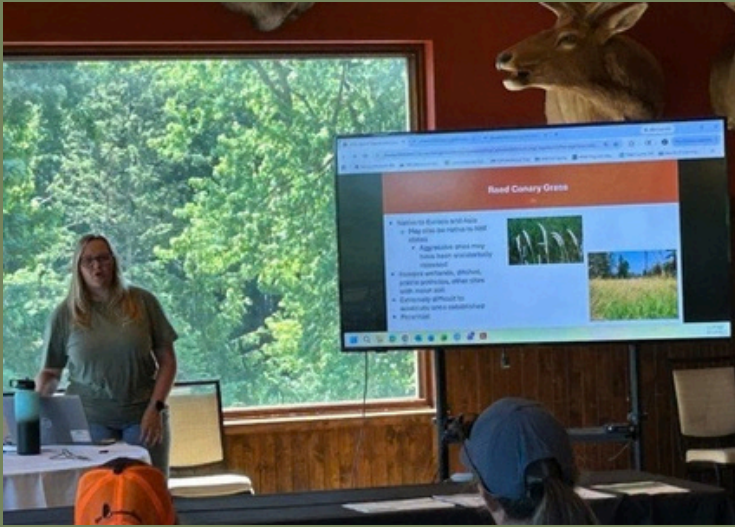
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SWCD Visual Report – Laura Kipf



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1. Presented at Feathers and Tweed on upland birds, habitat, programs and chapters.
2. Handed out informational slips, honey sticks and pollinator seeds at the Swanville Parade.
3. Completed RIM Inspections, all were compliant.
4. Presented at Envirofest about trees, using leaves to differentiate species, ecosystems, and what tree rings can tell us.
5. Put together a Plant ID training for conservation professionals focusing on grasses and forbs.
6. Fawn I came across while doing Wetland Reserve Easement Monitoring.
7. Status Review on CRP expiring in 2027. Majority have been completed, only 2 remaining.

HRZ LLC - WSP

Encumbering

Location Information		Project Information	
Parcel Number	13-0021800, 13-0021701	Project Type	Ecological
Township Name	Iona	Practice Types	Forest Management Plan
TWP, Range, Section	127-33-24	Project Codes	106
Major Watershed	Long Prairie	Field Technicians	Alyssa Scheve Kasen Christiansen
Minor Watershed	14049 Harris Creek		
Project Coordinates:			
46.051242	-94.942077		

POA Targeted Initiative:

Water Quality, Safety & Protection

Resource Concern and Project Purpose Description

The purpose of this project is to provide cost-share funding for a Woodland Stewardship Plan covering a total of 42 acres. In 2024, HRZ LLC was approved for cost-share funding to develop a Woodland Stewardship Plan for their original 59 acres. Since then, HRZ LLC has acquired an additional 42 adjoining acres. With the completion of the additional 42 acres, HRZ LLC will have Woodland Stewardship Plans for 101 acres total.

Alternative Conservation or Management Practice(s) Considered

Alternative solutions for not completing the Woodland Stewardship Plan include leaving the woods idle or future development of the property. Leaving the woods idle could have negative impacts on the woodland ecosystem and development of the area would completely alter the area. The landowner is willing to complete the Woodland Stewardship Plan for environmental, aesthetic, and recreational purposes.

Funding Information:

Estimate		% C/S	Encumber Amount
\$1,224.00	Northland Habitat, LLC Jaden Bjorklund	75%	\$918.00
Final Invoice (s)	TBD	Cost Share Payment Amount	TBD
Funding Source	FY23 LCCMR Forestry Grant	TBD	
	Landowner Amount	TBD	

Todd SWCD Mission Statement: Conservation, Protection, and Enhancement of Todd County's Natural Resources

HRZ LLC FSP - Encumbering, submitted 10/08/2026 by Scheve/Christiansen

Goodwin WASCOB Phase 2

Location Information		Project Information	
Parcel Number	05-0012900	Project Type	Engineered
Township Name	Burlene	Practice Types	638- WASCOB; 500 Obstruction Removal; 362 Diversion
TWP, Range, Section	130-35-18	Field Technicians	Christiansen, Scheve; Anton, Herkenhoff
Major Watershed	Long Prairie	Engineer: Ross Reiffenberger, P.E.	
Minor Watershed	14015 (Eagle Creek)		
Project Coordinates:			
	46.04'29.7"		-95.08'32.2"

POA Targeted Initiative:

Water Quality, Safety & Protection

Resource Concern and Project Purpose Description

During construction of Phase I, it was noted by the engineer that not all upland water sources had been calculated. Additional diversion lengths were added to divert clean water and a 6th WASCOB was needed to add storage capacity to fully address the erosion leading to the ditch, wetland and DNR water and south of the field. This project was causing structural issues to the public road and ROW.

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. The alternatives were to continue allowing the ditch to receive sediment deposition and accept current reductions. Not only does this not address the full issue, but sediment deposition will also continue to cost Public Works and the taxpayers unnecessary dollars with annual sediment removal and road overflow due to plugged culverts. Water quality will be addressed by Phase 2.

Funding Information:

WCTSA Estimate:	\$31,500	C/S 75%	Encumber Amount \$23,586.75
Final Invoice (s)	TBD	Cost Share Payment Amount	TBD
Funding Source	FY24-26 Riparian LPWBIF23-25	TBD TBD	

Todd SWCD Mission Statement: Conservation, Protection, and Enhancement of Todd County's Natural Resources

Goodwin Phase 2- Encumber Document, Submitted 10/8/026 by Deja C. Anton

Lenarz Woodland Stewardship Pay-out

Location Information		Project Information	
Parcel Number	24-035801	Project Type	Ecological
Township Name	Turtle Creek	Practice Types	FSP
TWP, Range, Section	131-32-32	Project Codes	106
Major Watershed	Long Prairie	Field Technicians	Anton
Minor Watershed	14038 Turtle Creek	Forester:	Erik Egan, Timberlane Forestry
Project Coordinates:			
46.109428	-94.739088		

POA Targeted Initiative: **Land Productivity through Soil Health Conservation**

Resource Concern and Project Purpose Description

Maintain soil and water storage integrity on a parcel of land between Thunder Lake and Pine Island Lake. This parcel is mainly covered in deciduous forests with a bog, seasonally flooded and wet meadows, shrub swamps and a small portion of deep marsh. It is extremely hilly with soils of 458C Menagha loamy and coarse sands. Failure to manage the forest or even worse development of this property could result in more available surface runoff to the lake with no roots to stabilize the soil. Or absorb water and nutrients to Thunder Lake and the surrounding wetlands.

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. While turning this property into a sand mining pit may be more profitable, our mission and, that of the landowners, is to protect the acres.

Funding Information:

Contractor	Low Estimate:	% C/S	Encumber Amount
Timberlane Forestry	\$1000	75%	\$750
Final Invoice (s)	\$750	Cost Share Payment	\$750
Funding Source	FY23 LCCMR What a Match!- Forestry Grant	Amount	
	Landowner Amount	\$750	
		\$250	

Reductions (FERN MODEL)

Nitrogen	89.1 lbs/yr
Sediment/TSS	.48 T/yr or ~1000 lbs.
Phosphorus	Negligible

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Lenarz WSP payment , submitted by Deja Anton, October 8, 2026

MASWCD Resolution Summary for Board

1-26 Request MASWCD to work with BWSR to gain additional funds for our Area Engineers like WCTSA so that the SWCD's can continue funding engineered practices.

2-26 BWSR gave us temporary funding for Soil Health Practitioners but it only lasted three years. Since then, we have lost that position. Now our staff has to absorb the extra work that soil health advocacy and practice installation carries with it. This proposal encourages MASWCD to support continued state funding for Soil Health Technical positions across MN.

3-6 RIM easements do require inspections and monitoring by staff. Some RIM easements do result in the state or federal agencies owning the land. This resolution says that on parcels owned by the state or Feds, they should conduct their own spot checks instead on relying on the SWCD staff to complete the work and offer mediation to State and Federal agencies.

4-26 references the Prevailing Wage Act affecting our contractors. The methods for determining prevailing wages do not follow good data collection practices which can result in inflated prevailing wages particularly in rural MN. Also, the project dollar amount in which prevailing wages kick-in has not changed since 1973. A project like a pit closure may have been less than \$2500 in 1973 **not** kicking in the prevailing wage. Now a well sealing cost can make the prevailing wage applicable. This resolution is asking that MASWCD work with lawmakers to update MN Statute 177.41- 177.44 to ensure transparent and authentic data collection is used and that the project dollar thresholds are updated to reflect current market realities.

5-26 This resolution is saying that the DNR public-facing documents and website have outdated information and is asking MASWCD to encourage the DNR to update its information to match current science, statutes, and new recommended practices. It also asks that all stakeholders share the same information statewide. (Common messaging)

6-26 Requests for more staff development and JAA certification opportunities in shoreline management and is basically asking the training to mimic what we are doing with the EARTH Program.

7-26- Similar to soil health cost-share delivery, this resolution is asking for designated funding pool for shoreline management projects, staff time, engineering, spot checks, etc.

8-26 There is a lot in here to support the three previous resolutions. One thing that stands out to me is that it is asking for a TEP panel, like we have for wetlands, to be in place for shoreline.

Manager's thoughts: While the unity across the state would be beneficial in consistent messaging and eventual adoption, it could slow down shoreline restoration projects (good or bad?) and make it more regulatory in nature.

Kimber Cover Crop

Location Information		Project Information	
Parcel Number	02-0015200 & 02-0014700	Project Type	Ecological
Township Name	Bertha	Practice Types	Cover Crop
TWP, Range, Section	T132N, R35W, Section 18	Project Codes	340
Major Watershed	Red Eye	Field Technicians	Jessica Moore
Minor Watershed	Wing River -13003		
Project Coordinates:	46.2526N -095.1258W		

POA Targeted Initiative: **Land Productivity through Soil Health Conservation**

Resource Concern and Project Purpose Description

Planting of winter cereal rye as a cover crop by broadcasting after corn harvest on 19 acres to suppress weeds and build soil health.

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
Ridgeview Ag	\$994.00	75%	\$745.50
Final Invoice (s)	TBD	Cost Share Payment Amount	TBD
Funding Source	Red Eye WBIF C27-0107		

	After	Reduction Notes
Nitrogen	37.40 lbs/yr (.02%) reduction	MPCA Watershed Pollutant Load Reduction Calculator
Sediment/TSS	0.2703 ton/yr (0.08%) reduction	
Phosphorus	2.41 lbs/yr (0.03%) Reduction	

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Kimber Cover Crop, Encumbering, submitted by Jessica Moore on 10/8/2026

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When?

October 8th, 2026- Beginning at 11:00 am

Where?

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